



Church of St. Matthew

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COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES.

— MARK 6:31 —

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 21, 2024 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

- Saturday at 4:15 PM
- Sunday at 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

Reconciliation

- Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 PM
- Sundays after Mass upon request or by appointment, by calling the parish office

Please contact the parish office regarding Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick.

Church

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Parish Center (Mailing Address)

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

On Sunday, March 10, I was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Shortly thereafter, I began a series of chemotherapy and radiation cycles. Two weeks ago, I had a CT scan and an MRI.

The results: Favorable treatment response of left lower lobe cancer and scattered metastases involving thoracic lymph nodes, left pleura, liver and upper abdominal peritoneum. No new sites of metastasis. Brain now cancer free.

I am a realist and try not to jump to conclusions. I know that I have a chronic illness for which there is no cure. The treatments are meant to shrink the cancer cells and contain the cancer so it does not spread.

I am delighted to know that after four months of treatment, there is evidence that the treatments have had a positive effect.

I am thankful for all those who prepared such delicious meals over the past four months and those who donated cash. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. My speech has not returned, although Cristina has put me in touch with some singing coaches who might be able to assist me.

Mostly, I am so thankful for the myriad of prayers who lift me up daily in heartfelt praise and thanksgiving. You are my church family and Saint Matthew's is my home parish—we share so much together. I rejoice that along with you, I am a parish member.

I remember you in prayer daily.

With gratitude,

Father Steve Adrian

P.S. If you want to connect with me, you can send me a note via snail mail to the parish office:

Stephen Adrian
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Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8

Offertory Gifts: Would you like to bring the bread and wine forward at the offertory? Would you prefer to know in advance when that might happen? Perhaps do this as a family. Would you like to be included in the ministry schedule for this ministry? If so, contact the Parish Center, 651-224-9793 or speak to a sacristan or a greeter at Mass.

Catholic Tutor Corps is looking for volunteers to help students with reading lessons next fall. The tutoring would take place during the school day. Two schools that are looking for volunteers are our own parish school, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School in West Saint Paul and Holy Trinity Catholic School in South Saint Paul. Tutoring would begin when school resumes in September. If you, or someone you know, would like to take part in this mission, contact **Richard McGuire**, ctutorcorps@gmail.com or **612-360-0677**.

Thank You: To **Ron** and **Tim** who have volunteered to bring their trucks and help load items that need to be taken to the park for Mass and then bring everything back to the church.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at 651-224-9793 by 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jim & Betty Boeckman, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Holly Casillas, Sue Derringer, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, Roberta Otte, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., Chris Stevens, Patricia Weisman, and Thomas & Kasi Wright.

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

Parish Administrator's Note

Finance Matters

St. Matt's Finance Council met on Thursday, July 11. Members approved a **Capitalization Policy** and our **budget** for Fiscal Year 2025 (F25), which began on July 1. (F25 concludes on June 30, 2025.)

We adopted the Capitalization Policy as a matter of good financial practice. Our chosen threshold is \$5,000. That means that items costing more than \$5,000 will be treated as capital assets. They'll be depreciated for financial statement purposes. Anything less than \$5,000 will be considered an expense, paid for out of a given year's budget.

As for our new budget for F25, we project revenue of \$950,000 and expenses of \$946,000.

If you're familiar with parish budgets, you're aware that budgets rapidly become obsolete. Still, they're essential for planning, managing, and reporting. I'll have more to say over the coming months.

And if you're interested in finance matters, please consider joining the Council. We could use one or two additional members.

Nametags - I'm a fan.

I've mentioned that I attend Danebod Family Camp every summer. One of the things I first noticed back in 1981—my first year at Danebod—was that everyone was expected to wear nametags. That helped all members of the camp community know who belonged—and it really helped to get to know people more quickly.

In the early 1990s, I was having lunch with an old friend, Fr. Thomas Kommers. He was the founding pastor for St. Thomas Becket in Eagan, and he told me how helpful nametags had been in forming Becket as a vibrant new parish.

I encourage everyone to put their first name down on a nametag when coming to Mass. I get that it might feel awkward at first. Still, they help the people around you get to know you a little more quickly. If you already know everyone around you (because you're all sitting in the same chairs every week?), try saying hello to someone new. We are seeing an influx of visitors all the time, and a nametag is a nice way to be hospitable.

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator
Safe Environment Coordinator
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St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) at the parish office.



News and Events

New Ministry Schedule

We will be writing the new ministry schedule the week of August 5. This schedule will begin the weekend of September 7 & 8 and run through Sunday, November 24. Please let Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) know by **Monday, August 5** as to what Masses you **would be available**, and/or which Masses you **cannot** serve. Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthew's Parish!

Parish Database Clean-up

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is asking all parishes to clean up their database in an effort to streamline record keeping. As a part of this effort, all adult children over the age of 25 will be removed from the records of their parents household.

If you were previously registered under your parents household and would like to be a registered member of St. Matthew as your own household, please turn in a parish registration form. The form is on our website and in the back of the church.

If you have questions about the status of your parish registration, contact Angela at the parish office.

Neighborhood House Donations

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date

St. Matthew's annual Mass and Picnic in the Park will be on **Saturday, August 10 at 4:30 PM** at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. We hope to see you there!



Confession Day and Time

Confessions are offered **every Saturday before Mass from 3:00 - 3:30 PM**. Confessions can also be heard on Sundays after Mass upon request or by appointment, by calling the parish office.

Parish Leadership

Rev. Antony Skaria, Parochial Administrator

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Parish Council Members

Ralph Brown	Maggie Lee
Isaac Garcia	Tara Perron
Kathy Goldenstein	Ellen Schneider
Terry Grundtner	Katie Shetka
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Tony Postiglione
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 AM** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of July 21, 2024

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 20

4:15 PM Mass
+Leona Jenniges
+Don Leibl

Sunday, July 21

10:15 AM Mass
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe

Monday, July 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 27

4:15 PM Mass
+Arthur Geis
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, July 28

10:15 AM Mass
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Virgil Roethler
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

Monday, July 22

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Tuesday, July 23

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Thursday, July 25

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Crafting Group
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, July 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 27

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, July 28

10:15 AM Mass

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