



Church of St. Matthew

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WHAT KIND OF WISDOM HAS BEEN
GIVEN HIM?

MARK 6:2

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 7, 2024
14th 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.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

We find the bits and pieces of the story of our patron saint, Matthew, in Chapter 9 of the Gospel and we find him listed as “Matthew, the tax collector” in Chapter 10 where the Twelve Apostles are listed. In Hebrew, the name “Matthew” means “gift of God.”

The city of Capernaum, Matthew’s place of work, was built on the side of the Lake of Galilee and had about 1,500 residents. Among those residents were Peter and his family. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishermen in Capernaum. Jesus “adopted” Capernaum as his city, “leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum.” (Matthew 4:13)

Capernaum enjoyed a privileged economic position, its resources being fishing, agriculture, industry, and trade. Capernaum was commercially linked in a prominent way with the northern regions, i.e. upper Galilee, Golan, Syria, Phoenicia, Asia Minor and Cyprus. The presence of a detachment of Roman soldiers at Capernaum (Lc 7: 1-10; Mt 8: 5-13) stresses the importance of the city as a crossroad for many travelers leaving and entering the region.

This cosmopolitan community attracted many visitors and business people. It was a center of not only commerce, but also education and the arts. People from other areas needed to change their currency into local currency to do business – this was one of the functions of the “money changer” and “tax collector.” Capernaum was a border town provided with a customs agent (Mc 2:13-15) along the main imperial highway leading to Damascus.

Custom agents also served as tax collectors and money changers and were considered non-observant Jews because they made their living dealing in and touching foreign money, and thus rendered themselves “impure.”

Matthew did this work and had a tax booth on this major road on the outskirts of the city. It was at this spot that Jesus saw Matthew and said to him, “Follow me.” Matthew immediately left his custom station and followed Jesus.

The ministry of Jesus announces the inclusive love of God – and thus he is often in the presence of “tax collectors and sinners” as a way of dramatizing this inclusive love and acceptance. Jesus dines at the table of Matthew and among his invited friends – tax collectors – to the chagrin of the Pharisees.

It is ironic that this outcast and “impure” Jew should be named “gift of God.” This name is but another way to teach that the inclusive love of God touches all – even those we might regard as disposable or unimportant.

May we see in our patron the invitation to be witnesses to the universal love and mercy of God.

Father Steve Adrian

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

Church Library: We have many donated books for our future church library. We need volunteers to sort these books and to put library card envelopes and cards into the back of the books. There is much work to be done! You may set your own hours. Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. If interested, please contact the parish office at **651-224-9793**.

Greeter: We have an opening for one or two greeters at the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass. Duties include: greeting people as they enter from the Robie Street door, offering a book and a worship aid, and answering any questions people may have. Duties would be from 3:50 PM until Mass begins at 4:15 PM. If you enjoy making people feel welcome, please call the parish office at **651-224-9793**.

Mass in the Park: On Saturday, August 10, we will gather at Cherokee Park at 4:30 PM to celebrate our annual Mass in the Park. This will be followed by a potluck dinner. Many items need to be moved from the church to the park on that Saturday afternoon, and moved back to the church after the picnic. We will need a truck or two to help with the moving as well as volunteers to help load those trucks with the items from church and back. Everything needs to be back in place for the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass. If you will be able to help with any of this “loading & moving”, please call the parish office, **651-224-9793**.

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**.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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See the insert for additional news and events happening at the Church of Saint Matthew.

Parish Administrator's Note

PACE & PRISM (P&P)

One of my business administrator colleagues recently commented that the many abbreviations used in our work remind her of growing up as an Army brat. Apparently, our Archdiocese rivals the military in the sheer quantity of abbreviations. As you read on, be warned.

So, what's P&P, you might ask? And you might add, don't tell me it's short for PACE & PRISM.

I answer: PACE stands for Protecting All Church Employees. PRISM stands for Property Responsibility in Service to Mission. These are programs offered by our insurance company, Catholic Mutual (CM). When we follow CM guidelines and document our work, we can qualify for up to 20% off our annual insurance costs.

In everyday English, PACE deals with personnel matters. Are we up to date with our employee handbook, job descriptions, and evaluations, for example? Are all staff and volunteers up to date with their CM training, as well as their Safe Environment* (VIRTUS) training?

PRISM deals with facilities matters. Where do we stand with regard to the condition of our properties? Also, are we vetting all vendors and contractors, to make sure we're not exposing our parish to undue risk?

P&P is a continuing process, with a principal report to CM due August 1. I'll dig into details in the next few weeks.

**I recently submitted our parish's Safe Environment SAR. That's the Spring Audit Report required by the Archdiocesan OPCY (Office for the Protection of Children and Youth).*

Annual Missioner Visit

Next weekend, St. Matt's hosts a member of PIME—the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions. Fr. George Berendt will speak at both Masses, sharing stories of his mission work and asking for your support.

For more information, see this week's insert.

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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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, Jose Luis Martinez Paltazar, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., 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.*

News and Events

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!



Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Teachers Needed: The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades K to 10 will resume in the fall, and we have openings for teachers for the 2024-25 school year. **Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM between late September and early May.** Volunteers should enjoy helping children learn more about their Catholic faith and do not need to be experienced teachers. We provide supplies, a curriculum that includes a ready-made lesson plan for each week, plus training and support. Most classes have 3 to 8 students. If a weekly commitment is too much, consider being a substitute or helping with specific events such as parent meetings or sacrament meetings. To find out more, please call/text Janelle Rohr, **651-242-6004** or send an email to **janelle@st-matts.org**.



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on July 12, 2024 for the 62nd wedding anniversary of **Gerald and Louise Breidel.**

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.

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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 7, 2024

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6

4:15 PM Mass
+Kathy Blair
+Marie Scanlan
+Leticia Maria Vasquez

Sunday, July 7

10:15 AM Mass
+Marguerite Sanbeck

Monday, July 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 13

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, July 14

10:15 AM Mass
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12

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

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
10:00 AM Rosary in the Park (Cherokee Park)
5:30 PM Facilities Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Men's Club Trip to Miesville Mudhens

Thursday, July 11

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
6:00 PM Crafting Group
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, July 12

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

Saturday, July 13

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

Sunday, July 14

10:15 AM Mass

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