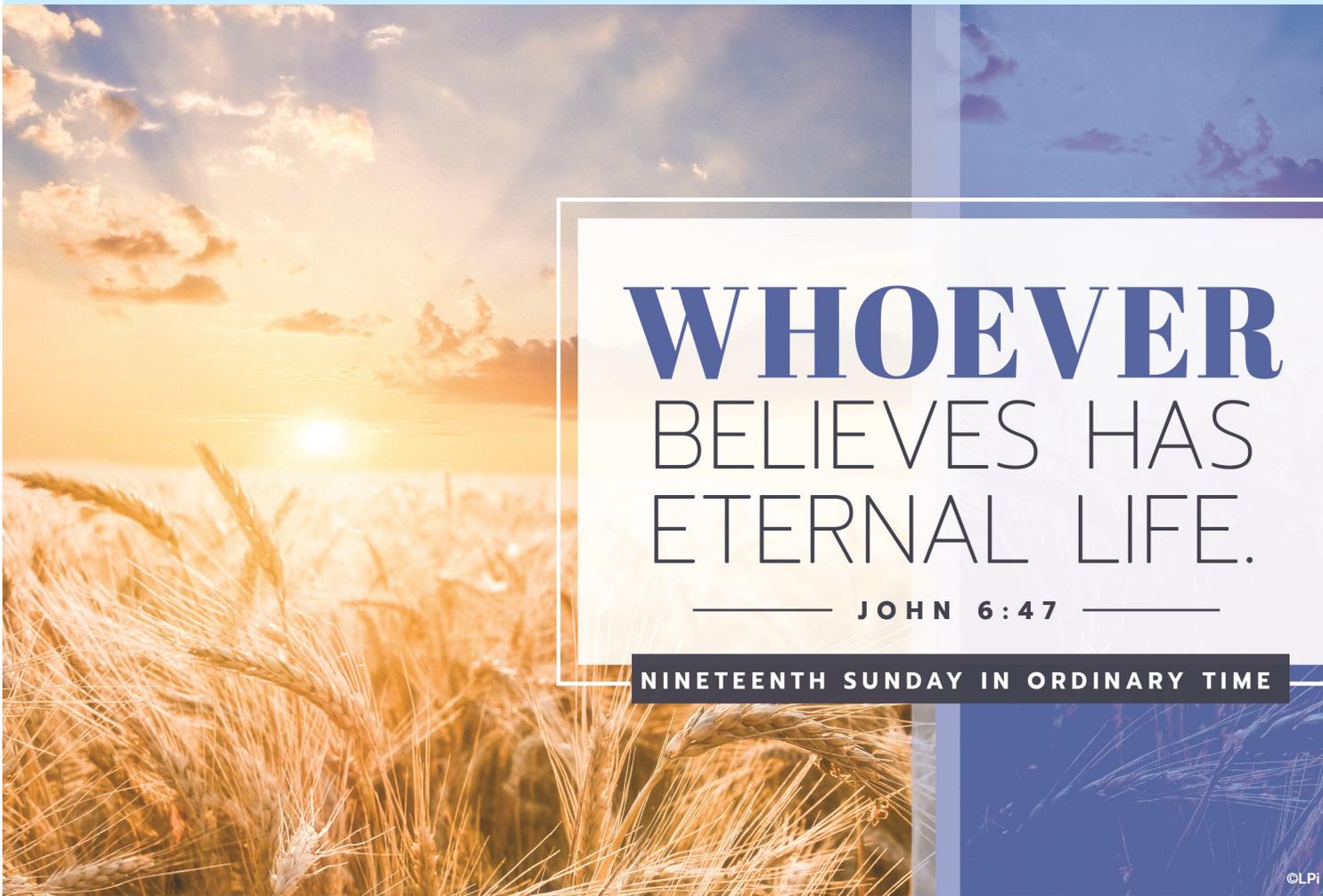


Church of St. Matthew

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WHOEVER BELIEVES HAS ETERNAL LIFE.

— JOHN 6:47 —

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 11, 2024
19th 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

Over the past two weeks, I have binge watched much of the Paris Olympics. I continue to be amazed by the disciplined art of the athletes.

These young people prepared for years for this opportunity. They honed their skills by rigorous practice many hours every day in and out of season.

I was impressed by interviews with the Ukrainian athletes. They spoke of the bombed out condition of many of their practice venues. They told of how they were offered the opportunity to train outside their country; and yet many of them insisted to train in their country as a statement of solidarity with those defending the Ukraine.

Saint Paul speaks of the Christian life in terms of Olympic competition.

He writes: ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Paul emphasizes that Christian living is not a spectator sport; it is the very work of winning the race.

The final act of preparation before the athlete enters the arena was known as the "agonia," the ultimate test. This word is not found in the Gospels, although we have come to refer to the suffering of Jesus in the Mount of Olives as "the Agony in the Garden." This agonia of Jesus is his final preparation before entering into the work of His passion and death. He prays that He may overcome the snares of Satan and remain faithful to his calling.

Take some time to reflect on what the Paris Olympics meant for you. Do you faithfully and daily exercise virtues as a preparation of the challenges the race might offer?

Father Steve Adrian

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.



Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

Strawberry Cleaning: In just 10 days (**Wednesday, August 21**), we will begin cleaning strawberries for the Minnesota State Fair. In past years, we have been fortunate to have volunteers ready to help each day. Cleaning begins each day at about 8:00 AM and we are usually finished about noon. The amount of berries to be cleaned depends on the weather and crowd size at the fair. Many of our volunteers look forward to this project and enjoy being together and socializing with fellow parishioners! If you have helped in previous years, you know how enjoyable it can be to clean berries while visiting with fellow volunteers. If you prefer to work alone, there is room for that, too. Everyone is invited to take part in this fundraising project. Reserve at least one day on your calendar and see if you too might find the experience enjoyable. **The Social Hall will be open by 7:30 AM each day.** Come to our own Great St. Matthew Get-Together!

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 interested, call the parish office at **651-224-9793**.

Thank You: To **Donis** and **Chris** who take care of the flowers inside the church and outside in the parish gardens.

Thank you: To **Tom** and **Tony** who smoothed the cement at the front entrance of the church and made it safer for all using that door.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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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, 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

About Our Budget - 2

I wrote a couple of weeks ago that our Finance Council approved our budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (F25), which began July 1. Last week, I wrote about our revenues. Today, I'll explore our expenses.

One major expense is monthly payments of \$10,000 on our million-dollar loan from Catholic Finance Corporation (CFC). We took that loan out in 2016, to install an elevator in the school building (\$800,000) and redo the boilers (\$200,000). **Capital needs** are expensive!

And they're necessary . . . we're also paying CFC about \$2000 interest per month on our line of credit, which we used to replace school and Parish Center roofs last year.

(Fortunately, our monthly rent from Quantum STEAM Academy more than covers those combined monthly payments of \$12,000.)

Capital Needs (aka the Building Fund). Last year, the focus was on replacing our main electric panel. This year, we're concentrating on renewing our parking lot. I have wonderful preliminary news as of last week: we've already raised approximately \$66,000 in cash and pledges! That's two thirds of the way towards our goal!

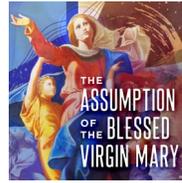
I greatly appreciate your pledges for and contributions towards the parking lot fund. See the table in the back of the church for Capital Needs envelopes and pledge forms. Let me know if you have any questions.

For operational purposes, we project F25 expenses will be \$946,000. Out of that total, we budgeted \$209,330 (22%) for wages, \$117,100 (12%) for utilities, and \$163,408 (17%) for payments to the Archdiocese.

We're experiencing a one-year bump of about 5% in our Archdiocesan payments. That reflects the assessment on the Harry Selken bequest (\$562,000) we received a couple of years ago. Other parts of that 17% include assessments for insurance, operations, and benefits—including those paid to pension funds that support past employees of St. Matt's.

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

Phil Grant, Administrator
Safe Environment Coordinator
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Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15, 2024
5:30 PM

News and Events

Rosary in the Park

The last Rosary in the Park hosted by the Rosary Society will be **Tuesday, August 13 at 10:00 AM**. All women, men, youth and children are invited to participate in the praying of the rosary. We will convene in or near the large picnic shelter in Cherokee Park.



Election Day- August 13, 2024

Once again, St. Matthew Parish Center is a polling site on Tuesday, August 13. Please keep this in mind when coming to the Parish Center, as parking may be limited.

Neighborhood House Collection

Next 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. During the month of July 2024, St. Matthew donated **186 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

Baptism Preparation Meeting

Parents looking to have a child under eight years of age baptized, please join Cristina Czaia for a baptism preparation meeting in the church. A baptism preparation meeting is required if you have not had a child baptized at St. Matthew's in the last five years.

- **Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, August 24 at 10:30 AM**

Baptisms will be scheduled the second full weekend of each month. For questions, contact **Cristina Czaia** (cczaia@st-matts.org).

Liturgy Training Workshop

The workshop will take place on **Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 AM** in the church. Please consider joining a liturgical ministry. Because the best way to learn is to do. Ministers new and old are invited to participate. We will hone our crafts as:

- Lectors
- Eucharistic ministers
- Cantors
- Greeters

Individuals age 12+ are welcome to lector. Eucharistic ministers must be confirmed. For questions, contact **Cristina Czaia** (cczaia@st-matts.org).



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

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Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

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Richard Dunn	Tony Postiglione
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 10

4:30 PM Mass
+Leo Kegler
+Kevin Kleman
+Don Leibl

Sunday, August 11

10:15 AM Mass
+Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe
+Robert A. and Jeanne M. Stadt

Thursday, August 15

5:30 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman

Saturday, August 17

4:15 PM Mass
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Mary Ann Roscoe
+Marie Scanlan

Sunday, August 18

10:15 AM Mass
+Connie Grundei
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16

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

Monday, August 12

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary Mobile Dental Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Tuesday, August 13

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
10:00 AM Rosary in the Park at Cherokee Park
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
5:30 PM Mass
After Mass Crafting Group
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 18

10:15 AM Mass

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.*

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