



Church of St. Matthew

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WHOEVER EATS THIS
BREAD WILL LIVE
FOREVER.

— JOHN 6:58 —

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 18, 2024 **20th 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

The quadrennial race for the White House has begun, so you and I will be barraged by whatever it takes to buy our vote.

John Ireland (1838-1918), the first Archbishop of Saint Paul, had a strong and unyielding commitment to the proposition that a free and open democracy was the finest way of governance.

The Vatican found his proposition scandalous. The Vatican was, to say the least, suspicious of democracy and preferred monarchy as the best form of governance. Ireland's thoughts were identified, by the Vatican, as the heresy of Americanism.

Ireland believed that human beings, given the correct information, could be trusted to make decisions for the common good.

He believed that a free, democratic society and Catholic faith were compatible. In his strong commitment to education, he believed that a well-educated citizenry was the guarantee of a strong democratic society.

There has always been a fair amount of carnival sideshow connected with political campaigns. You and I are called to sidestep the carnival and focus on the values and principles we hold as support for a fair and free, inclusive and unprejudiced way of life.

John Ireland still looms large in the life of the Minnesota Catholic Church; as does the principle that being both a good Catholic and a good citizen are necessary if we are to remain free.

Father Steve Adrian



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, Ken Kasheimer, 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.*

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

Strawberry Cleaning: In just 3 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!

Thank You: To all who helped to make the Mass in the Park an enjoyable experience for the **many parishioners and friends** who attended. To **Cristina, Phil, and Fr. Kommers** who planned the Mass and picnic. To **Tim, Ron, Tom and Mark** who loaded trucks with all that were needed from the church to the park and back again to the church. To **Choir Members** who not only moved the sound equipment and everything needed for the music at Mass, but also provided beautiful singing to celebrate the Mass. To the sacristans, **Ginny, Kathy and Mary** who prepared the area and the table/altar. To the **Men's Club** who grilled the meat for the picnic and to all who brought food to share. We heard many positive comments, not only from parishioners but also from friends of parishioners who attended. One person even said, "I've never come to the Mass in the Park before, but I will be back next year!"

We again proved that we are blest with dedicated volunteers!!

Mary Leibl
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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.



Parish Administrator's Note

Adventures in Scheduling

We've recently had a couple of scheduling meetings, in order to plan our calendar for the next 12 months or so. It's very useful to bring together staff members, key volunteers, and Fr. Thomas. We find out who's doing what, when, and in which space. It's important to budget our time, space and people for maximum community benefit.

Several examples come to mind. For instance, Faith Formation programs are often on Wednesday evenings. That's also when choir rehearsals occur.

Another example involves Loaves & Fishes (L&F), one of our ministry partners. To feed hundreds of people every Monday-Friday from 5:00 - 6:00 pm, L&F uses our Social Hall. Meanwhile, our craft group starts at 6:00 pm on Thursdays, using the west end of the Social Hall. There's no conflict, but awareness is helpful.

Occasionally, we schedule meetings in the Social Hall, choosing a time so people can have an L&F supper before or after the meeting.

If you're interested in scheduling something at St. Matt's, email or call Angela in the parish office. She manages our master schedule.

Finance Council

Our Finance Council met on August 8. We reviewed current facilities projects, e.g., renewing the parking lot and installing solar panels. We also discussed possible goals for our November calendar fundraiser. If you have suggestions, please send them to a Council member. They include Richard Dunn, Jackie Lackner, Becky Montgomery, Tony Postiglione, and trustees John Del Vecchio and Karen Thompson.

I'm grateful to all our Council members for their advice and support. If you'd like to know more about its work, talk to any member.

Capital Needs. 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.

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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See the insert for additional news and events happening at the Church of Saint Matthew.



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew rang on August 15, 2024 in memory of **Bill Brengman**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew rang on August 15, 2024 in honor of **Rosary Society Members**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on August 18, 2024 in memory of **Brian Eldridge**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on August 23, 2024 in memory of **Eileen Norton**.

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.

News and Events

The Third Annual Festival of Rights

Beautiful Laundrette is hosting its third annual Festival of Rights on **Saturday, August 24, 2:00 - 8:00 PM**. Come check out the resource fair and stay for family fun, community picnic and music. Beautiful Laundrette is located at **625 Stryker Ave in St. Paul**. See the insert for more information.

Neighborhood House Collection

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. 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!

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation, First Communion, Confirmation Registration Now Open

Families with students in grades K-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2024-2025 school year. The registration form is available at www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ and at the Parish Center front desk.

This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in winter and spring 2025; public school students use the two-page Faith Formation registration form to sign up for those sacraments. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes, which run from **September 25 through April 30**.

Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. Community of Saints parents can sign up their children at the sacraments table at the COS Back to School Night on August 29.

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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	

Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, August 24

4:15 PM Mass
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, August 25

10:15 AM Mass
+Leona Jenniges
+Jim Lannon
+Eileen Norton

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 19 - Friday, August 23

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

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

8:00 AM - Noon Strawberry Cleaning
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, August 23

8:00 AM - Noon Strawberry Cleaning
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 24

8:00 AM - Noon Strawberry Cleaning
10:30 AM Baptism Preparation Meeting
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, August 25

8:00 AM - Noon Strawberry Cleaning
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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