



# Church of St. Matthew

*A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love*



**THE THINGS THAT  
COME FROM WITHIN  
ARE WHAT DEFILE.**

— MARK 7:15 —

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**September 1, 2024**  
**22nd 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

Labor Day—the beginning of a new year. In so many ways, Labor Day marks both endings and beginnings—summer's end, beginning of school year, cabin's closure for the winter season, harvest, and the plentitude of fresh produce.

In a time gone by, this was the day on which men put aside the straw hat and white shoes and returned to brown or black shoes and felt hats.

This is the day on which we remember the ennobling quality of human work and the dignity of workers.

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued a letter to all Catholics on the condition of human labor and the dignity of work. This was the inaugural moment of what is now known as the "Church's Social Teaching".

The letter articulates the Church's teaching on the rights and duties of labor and management. It calls for a level playing field to foster the rights of workers to seek redress from management and the rights of management to the fruits of capital investment.

It calls for the establishment and promotion of labor unions and the workers right to collective bargaining. It deploras unbridled capitalism and the encroachment of socialism and communism.

John A. Ryan, a priest of the Twin Cities from Vermillion, Minnesota, is the one who, in promoting the teachings on labor, influenced the establishment of many principles of the Catholic social teaching in the "New Deal" of the Roosevelt Administration.

Out of the reflection on and commitment to the principles of Leo's letter and the fostering of labor unions, there was established: the 40-hour work week, child labor legislation, the National Labor Relations Act, Social Security, the living wage, the right to strike, etc.

So much of what we take for granted in the work place is the fruit of the teaching of Leo XIII, the work of John A. Ryan and the fruit of labor unions. Labor Day is time to remember and give thanks for the work of the labor movement.

*Father Steve Adrian*

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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.



## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**State Fair Strawberry:** Strawberry cleaning is going strong! Since August 21, 30 to 40 volunteers have gathered daily in the Social Hall to clean strawberries for the Minnesota State Fair. Sunday, September 1 will be the last day to clean berries for this year. Cleaning is generally completed by noon each day, sometimes even earlier! The amount of berries to be cleaned depends on the weather and crowd size at the fair. Depending on when you read this bulletin, there is only one or two more days to take part in this fundraising event. **The Social Hall will be open by 7:30 AM each day.** Come to our own Great St. Matthew Get-Together!

**Front Desk Receptionist:** We are in need of a volunteer to serve as the receptionist on Thursday mornings. In addition to answering phones and greeting visitors, the Thursday receptionist also puts the inserts into the weekly bulletin and prepare bulletins to be mailed to our homebound parishioners. (A chance to read the bulletin before anyone else.) If you are able to help for a few hours between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, please contact the parish office (651) 224-9793.

**Thank You:** To the 42 parishioners and friends of the parish who have gathered each morning to clean the strawberries.

**Thank You:** To **Paul** who came each day after the strawberry cleaning was completed, and swept and mopped the strawberry juice off the Social Hall floor!

**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, Mike Giefer, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Ken Kasheimer, Bernie Klein, Floro Luque, Joe Maidl, Diane McFarland, John Saldivar, 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

### Vatican II, aka the Second Vatican Council

Last week, I wrote about what my daughter Bea noticed about our liturgies, especially the homilies of Fr. Steve and Fr. Thomas. She's appreciated them very much, as this summer she was playing piano at another parish in our Archdiocese. There, she noticed that the homilies were long, yet light on substance. Often, they evoked a pre-Vatican II mentality that Catholics are better than other faiths.

Speaking of Vatican II, I was recently asked about it. Why do we bring it up so much? Fr. Steve preached on it and writes columns about it. Fr. Thomas considers himself a "Vatican II" priest.

For my part, I look at the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) as the most significant event in Roman Catholic church history in the last 150 years. My sense is that many people of my age (or older) also consider the Council as highly significant.

I've come to realize, however, that many people use "Vatican II" as a shorthand reference to many changes in our church. Younger folks may take these changes for granted:

- Mass in English instead of Latin.
- Changes in church architecture—our building is a great example. We have no pews (they were a Protestant innovation).
- Renewal of our liturgy: the goal is full, conscious and active participation by everyone, not just the priest-presider.
- An emphasis on care for the poor.
- A shift from a culture of clericalism to one that recognizes the importance of everyone's baptism.

What I'm concerned about are the observations by my daughter and others that some parishes are, well, less attentive to the teachings of Vatican II. It feels to me sometimes as if some folks want to return to pre-Vatican II days in all respects.

Let's not do that. Rather, let's continue to keep the best of those old days. Let's continue to benefit from the teachings of Vatican II. Let's continue to renew our church, following the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
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**Labor Day Mass**  
**Monday, September 2, 2024**  
**9:00 AM**

## 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/](http://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](mailto: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.

### Faith Formation Teachers/Assistants Needed

The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades K to 10 will resume on September 25, and we have openings for assistants and teachers for the 2024-25 school year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM.

Volunteers should enjoy helping children learn more about their Catholic faith; they do not need to be experienced teachers. We provide a curriculum that includes ready-made lesson plans, supplies, and training. Most classes have 3 to 8 students. If a weekly commitment is too much, consider being a substitute teacher, a Spanish language interpreter on certain evenings, or helping with specific events such as registration and parent meetings. To find out more, call or text Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004 or send an email to [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org).



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

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### Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas  
1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk  
4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-  
14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-  
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Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/  
Mk 7:31-37

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 31

4:15 PM Mass  
+Arthur Geis  
+Don Leibl  
+Nanette Sobaski

### Sunday, September 1

10:15 AM Mass  
+Lee F. Maruska  
+Agnes C. and Gordon B. Roscoe  
+Jason Skogseth

### Monday, September 2

Mass  
+Robert A. and Jeanne M. Stadt  
+Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe

### Saturday, September 7

4:15 PM Mass  
+Kathy Blair  
+Eileen Norton

### Sunday, September 8

10:15 AM Mass  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Mary Ann Roscoe  
+Nanette Sobaski

## Calendar of Events

### Tuesday, September 3 - Friday, September 6

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

**Loaves and Fishes is closed on Monday, September 2.**

### Monday, September 2

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

### Tuesday, September 3

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
5:30 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, September 4

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

### Thursday, September 5

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

### Friday, September 6

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Community Band

### Saturday, September 7

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Liturgy Training Workshop  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Mass

### Sunday, September 8

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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