

# Church of St. Matthew

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



BUT WHO DO  
YOU SAY THAT  
**I AM?**

MARK 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**September 15, 2024**  
**24th 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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#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

In Saint Mark's gospel, Peter comes across as being impetuous and brash. Yet in the gospel for this Sunday, Peter quickly proclaims his faith that Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus then says that the Messiah must undergo suffering; and that suffering is intrinsic to the life of the Messiah.

Suffering is the inevitable cost that the Messiah must pay in fulfillment of his mission.

Jesus later goes on to say that his disciples must also embrace suffering for the truth; and that suffering can come from one's own family and friends.

Suffering is not a value on its own, but suffering can be the outcome of standing one's ground and proclaiming one's faith and speaking the truth. Professions of faith can be a mere substitute for concrete action.

Proclamations of faith have more to do with how I act than with what I say. Remember, Jesus calls his disciples to "do faith." Faith, in this context, is not a noun; it is a verb.

How do I do faith in my daily life? How do I proclaim faith when I find myself in a situation that involves dishonesty? Remember, faith is a verb! How do I do my faith in situations of prejudice? It is not in creeds, but it is in the doing of faith that one articulates the Church's identity.

The challenge is not only personal, it is also institutional; it is a challenge to the Church. So often, the Church speaks boldly but then does not carry the words into action. Without action, the words of faith are simply pious platitudes. As Texans say, "big hat, no cows." Sometimes those big hats are not only Stetsons; they can also be miters.

*Father Steve Adrian*



**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, 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*

**Lectors:** We now have two lectors serving at each Mass. One lector processes to the sanctuary carrying the lectionary and reads the first reading. The second lector reads the second reading and the Prayers of the Faithful. Lectors must be at least 14 years of age. If interested in serving as lectors, please contact the Parish Center at **651-224-9793** or Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) for further information.

**Front Desk Receptionist:** We are in need of a volunteer to serve as the receptionist on Thursday mornings. 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**.

**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 there are 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. Curriculum and training, are provided. 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).

**Thank You:** To all the **liturgical ministers** who attended the workshop last weekend. A great deal of information was shared concerning changes in some of the ministries. If you were unable to attend, be sure to see the sacristan at your scheduled Mass before your next time to minister. There are changes of which you need to be aware.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

Mary Leibl  
Volunteer 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](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)) at the parish office.



## Parish Administrator's Note

### Who Ya Gonna Call?

Over the past several weeks, staff and volunteers have noticed more persons on our campus who seem like they might be unhoused. We've talked to several of these folks, leading us to ask how we can help them. Who might we call?

To improve our ability to respond—especially regarding the unhoused—we recently reached out to the city. That led to a meeting that Angela and I had with Chris Michels. She's the administrator for a St. Paul program called "The Familiar Faces Initiative". She's working on **two ways** that could help us help people needing shelter and other services.

**One way** is to improve coordination among first responders, such as:

- COAST: Community Outreach and Stabilization Unit, which draws on the Police Department and the Office of Neighborhood Safety;
- CARES: Community Alternative Response Emergency Services, which involves the Fire Department;
- HART: Homeless Assistance Response Team, which is a group from the Department of Safety and Inspections.

Chris also shared a list of community providers who provide essential services. They include:

- Catholic Charities – Higher Ground
- Emma Norton Services
- Listening House
- Lighthouse Way Emergency Shelter
- Safe Space Shelter – Model Cities
- St. Paul Opportunity Center
- Union Gospel Mission

**The second way, *Familiar Faces***, works to provide "a targeted approach to assist individuals who frequently use emergency services." That means doing more than just finding a bed for the night. Familiar Faces is working to ensure access to stable (longer-term) housing and personalized support for people's unique needs.

Please let me know if you're familiar with any of these groups, or would like to know more. I'd like to see us improve our ability to respond—to know who to call.

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment 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.

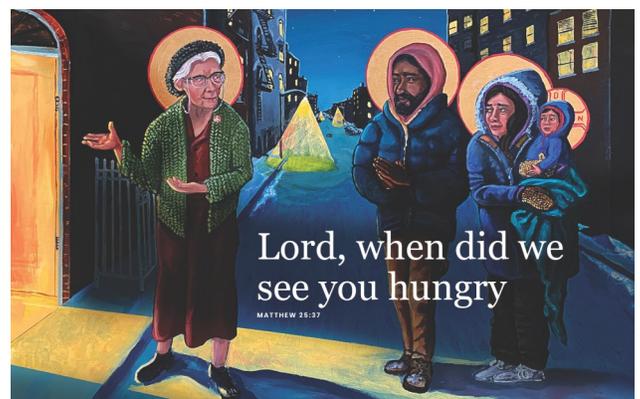
## Faith Formation News

### 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. Mark your calendars for September 25, the first evening of classes held in the Parish Center starting at 6:30 PM. Parents, plan to attend a parent meeting in church at 7:00 PM. Questions? Email [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org).

### Catechetical Sunday

St. Matthew catechists and youth leaders will be recognized on Saturday, September 14, and Sunday, September 15, during Mass. Thanks to these volunteers for serving our parish children and families. Please pray for a faith-filled school year of learning and growing for all involved in early childhood education, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation (religious education/CCD), and Youth Group.



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Catechetical Sunday  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



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

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## Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
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Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
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### **Readings for the week of September 15, 2024**

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, September 14**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Arthur Geis  
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

### **Sunday, September 15**

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

### **Saturday, September 21**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Bill Brengman  
+Don Leibl  
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.

### **Sunday, September 22**

10:15 AM Mass  
+Leona Jenniges  
+Nancy Maloney

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, September 16 - Friday, September 20**

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

### **Monday, September 16**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM ECFFF Advisory Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 17**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 18**

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

### **Thursday, September 19**

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

### **Friday, September 20**

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

### **Saturday, September 21**

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Mass

### **Sunday, September 22**

10:15 AM Mass  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

### **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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