



# Church of St. Matthew

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



BEGGED HIM  
TO LAY  
**HIS HAND.**

— MARK 7:32 —

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**September 8, 2024**  
**23rd 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

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, is Grandparents Day!

Central to our understanding of who Jesus Christ is believing that he is true God and truly human. St Paul tells us that:

<sup>6</sup> though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Jesus is fully human and as any human being, he is understood in terms of his relationships. He had parents, neighbors, friends and grandparents—Joachim and Anne.

Grandparents have a special role in the family. Pope Francis says: “Grandparents are the firm foundation of the future.”

They are the people who hold the family stories, the family wisdom. They are those who have lived the family history as no one else has. They are the people whose task is to connect the new generation with their origins.

Grandparents have a special relationship with a grandchild. Often, they are the encouragers, those who inspire. They are the rooting section for their grandchild. Grandparents often have the time, which parents do not, to spend with their grandchild.

All of these special qualities of the relationship between grandparents and grandchild were shared by Jesus.

Today, remember your own grandparents. They may have gone before us and now live in perfect union with God. As they were so concerned about us in life, so they remain concerned about us. They are some of our own family saints.

*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*

**Lectors:** Beginning the weekend of September 7 and 8, there will be two lectors serving at each Mass. One lector will process to the sanctuary carrying the lectionary and read the first reading. The second lector will read 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.

**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, including ready-made lesson plans, supplies, and training, are provided. 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).

**Thank You:** To everyone who gathered each morning to clean the strawberries. Thank you to **Kathy, Al, Tim** and **Mary** who arrived at 5:00 AM each morning to unload the berries from the truck, washed the berries and put them into the colanders so that they were ready for the volunteers to clean. Thank you to **Paul** who came each day after the strawberry cleaning was completed, and swept and mopped the Social Hall floor. Berry cleaning was a fun way to socialize with fellow parishioners while also making money for our parish. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 20, 2025 to take part in the next Great St. Matthew Get-Together!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

## Parish Administrator's Note

### ***We Are Only Saved Together***

I was inspired by a recent book reading at the Church of the Assumption in downtown St. Paul.

Author Colin Miller read excerpts from his new book, *We Are Only Saved Together: Living the Revolutionary Vision of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement*.

A little background:

Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin founded the Catholic Worker movement in the 1930s. Basics of the movement include houses of hospitality, growing food together, and newspapers. (St. Matt's regularly receives a copy of *The Catholic Worker*, the newspaper Day and Maurin founded. We currently place it in the reception area of the Parish Center. You're welcome to stop by and check it out.)

I learned that Miller converted to Catholicism in large part because he was attracted by a Catholic Worker house. It was a community filled with joy, fun, and people who take the Gospel very seriously. House members shared work, meals, prayer and fellowship. They included all sorts of folks, including the poor, who are "the first citizens of the Kingdom of God."

As Miller talked about the joy of being together with other people—including the poor—I couldn't help but think of the Loves & Fishes ministry we house at St. Matt's. It's a way to share meals and conversation with all sorts of folks, including the poor.

I was especially struck by his thoughts about the Good Samaritan story in the Gospel. Miller noted that the Samaritan—despised and rejected by all the good people—is the person *Jesus* identifies with. That means that "The despised and rejected minister to *us*." So, with Jesus ministering to us, Miller's conclusion is that:

"... I am the man in the ditch, I am the one in desperate need of salvation. Do I believe it? Can I realize it?"

*Colin Miller is Assumption's Director of Pastoral Care & Outreach, in addition to serving as Director of the Center for Catholic Social Thought.*

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, 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.*

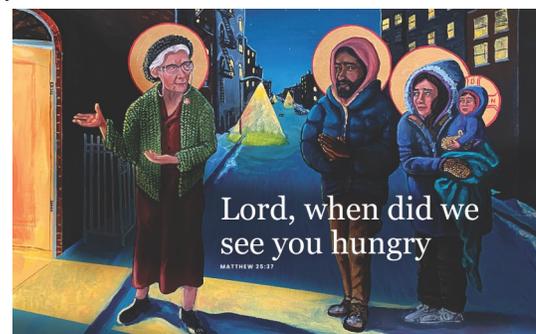
## Faith Formation News

### **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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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 September 8, 2024**

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

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **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

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, September 9 - Friday, September 13**

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

### **Monday, September 9**

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

### **Tuesday, September 10**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting  
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 11**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

### **Thursday, September 12**

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, September 13**

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

### **Saturday, September 14**

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

### **Sunday, September 15**

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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