



Church of St. Matthew

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ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE
FOR GOD.

— MARK 10:27 —

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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October 13, 2024

28th 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

Wednesday of this week, October 16, marks the 46th anniversary of the Papal election of Karol Wojtyla, known as Pope John Paul II.

He was 58 years old and the first Slav to be elected Pope and youngest elected Pope in a century.

In 26 years, he visited 129 countries, which included seven visits to the United States.

He was the first Pope of modern times to focus on the duty to conserve creation. *"The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."*

He reminded leaders of the world that creation is a gift to be stewarded. The earth is "our common home" and we are to tend it with care.

Human beings, beginning with the dawn of the Industrial Age, have abused creation and used it as if humans owned it.

Pope Francis has taken up the environmental teaching of John Paul II and has made it his own as he challenges all of us to do our part in stemming climate change. We are called to embrace the way of "simple living." We are to reject a "throw away society" in which people seek only what is new and fresh.

Nations are called to initiate efforts at responsible farming that respects the land and sees the produce of the land not as commodities to be bought and sold, but as gifts meant for the sustenance of all people.

What OPEC is to oil, the Twin Cities are to grain. Just as OPEC decides who gets the oil, so we decide who gets the bread.

Pillsbury, Cargill, International Multi Foods, and others are located in Minneapolis, the milling capital of the world.

As a young priest, I participated in a yearlong series of conversations with representatives of these milling empires. The effort was called "The Joseph Project." The aim of the conversations was to build some understanding about the need to undertake a broader distribution system to use grain to feed the all world.

The discussions were going nowhere; we were not talking the same language. Fr. John McRaith, a priest of the New Ulm diocese, was part of the discussions. John later became the bishop of Owensboro, Kentucky.

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One day John came to the meeting and announced: "I now understand! The representatives from the milling companies did not learn their prayers from my mother. She taught us 'Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts...' not 'Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy commodities.'"

In caring for creation and the use of the produce of the land, none of us can do everything, but all of us can do something.

Father Steve Adrian

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 will read the welcome and the first reading. The second lector will process to the sanctuary carrying the lectionary and placing it on the ambo. The second lector will read the second reading and the Prayers of the Faithful. **Lectors must be at least in 7th grade.** Please note the age requirement change. We invite those interested in serving as lectors to contact the Parish Center at **651-224-9793** or Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org for further information.

Cross Bearer: The entrance procession is now led by a volunteer carrying the Processional Cross. Youth (12 years and older) and adults (male and female) are invited to join this ministry. If you would like to carry the cross at weekend Masses, call the Parish Center. You may also talk to the sacristan at the weekend Masses.

Communion to Homebound: For many years, Sister Anne Becker would take the Eucharist to our parishioners who were unable to attend Mass. This ceased with COVID. We now have volunteers who bring Communion to some residents at Cerenity. We would like to have volunteers who would bring Communion to some of our parishioners, still living in their homes, but unable to attend Mass. If you would be able to minister to these parishioners, please contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the Parish Center.

Thank You: To **Linda, Josie, Chris W. and Joanne** who volunteer to answer phones, greet visitors and help with any clerical duties when needed. They are the voice and face of St. Matthew parish to all visitors who call or come to the Parish Center!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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Parish Administrator's Note

Who's Everybody?

"Everybody knows them," said the school librarian to me. I had just asked her what the school library hours were.

This was in 1996, when I had just begun teaching high school religion at Chapel, a Catholic international school in São Paulo, Brazil. I was still learning my way around campus, and I wanted to check out the library, to see what resources it offered. The first time I tried the library, it was closed—and the hours weren't posted. I was disappointed.

When the librarian said, "Everybody knows them," I immediately had a couple of negative reactions. The first was that I was apparently not part of "everybody", i.e., the insiders.

My second reaction was that I was apparently not very bright, since I didn't know the hours.

Perhaps you've experienced similar reactions, when you've been a newcomer somewhere. It could have been here at St. Matt's, another parish, or anywhere, really. It's very easy for any group to tend towards "insiderism." (Recall Fr. Thomas's recent homily on "the Ins and the Outs".)

In a situation like I had at Chapel, what are some options? Feelings are important. It's also important to be careful about taking things personally. In Brazil, I sensed the librarian wasn't really trying to exclude or demean me. My feelings informed me; they didn't control me.

After I analyzed my feelings, I went back to the librarian. I didn't criticize her. I simply said that I thought it would be a good idea to post the hours. It would be helpful to all new teachers and students. It would show hospitality to everyone.

My story has a happy ending. The Chapel librarian posted the hours a couple of days after I talked to her. I noticed an opportunity to boost hospitality, and I spoke up. (Tactfully, of course.)

If you've noticed opportunities to improve hospitality—or other things—here at St. Matt's, please let me know.

Thanks, and have a great week!

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Holly Casillas, Sue Derringer, Mike Giefer, Philip Heitzinger, 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.*

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Fall Break

Faith Formation students do NOT have class this Wednesday, October 16, due to the Education Minnesota fall break. Weekly classes resume on October 23. Parents of Confirmation candidates should mark their calendar for **Sunday, October 27, 10:00 AM to noon**, for Mass and a meeting that are required for Confirmation families to attend. Registration for public school students for the 2024-25 school year is closing. Parents/guardians who have not yet registered must do so this week; contact Janelle Rohr by email janelle@st-matts.org or text 651-242-6004.

Confirmation for COS Students

Community of Saints students in Grade 8 who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are welcome in the St Matthew program. Parents/guardians should complete a one-page registration form that can be downloaded from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ and plan on bringing the 8th grader to class in the St Matthew Parish Center on **Wednesday, October 23, at 6:45 PM**. Confirmation families should also plan on attending the **Confirmation launch on Sunday, October 27, from 10 to noon in church**.

First Communion for COS Students

Community of Saints students in Grades 2 and up who would like to make their First Communion may do so through the Church of St Matthew. Parents/guardians should complete a one-page registration form (downloadable from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/) and mark their calendars for **Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 PM**, when parents and children have a meeting and class in St Matthew church.



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

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Readings for the week of October 13, 2024

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 12

4:15 PM Mass
+Don Leibl
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe

Sunday, October 13

10:15 AM Mass
+Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe
+Mary Lou Shields
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Saturday, October 19

4:15 PM Mass
+Arthur Geis
+Nancy Maloney
+Jim and Greg Thompson

Sunday, October 20

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

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 15 - Friday, October 18

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

Loaves and Fishes Meal Site is closed on Monday, October 14, in observance of Indigenous People's day.

Monday, October 14

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Mobile Dental Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Tuesday, October 15

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Scripture Study - Gospel of Luke
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM Baptism Preparation Meeting
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, October 20

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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