



# Church of St. Matthew

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



WHOEVER WISHES TO  
BE GREAT WILL BE  
**YOUR SERVANT.**

MARK 10:43

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## October 20, 2024 29th 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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YouTube [www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew](http://www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew)

Twitter [twitter.com/stmattswestside](http://twitter.com/stmattswestside)

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

In a little over two weeks, we go to the polls. I don't think I have ever missed the opportunity to vote. An early pastor of Saint Matthew, Msgr. James Cecka (my history teacher), instilled in his students the priority of voting, "even if the only contest is for dog catcher."

As an elementary school child, dad took me with him into the voting booth on Election Day and showed me the names on the slate and the levels to pull to cast your vote. This was a regular outing on the first Tuesday of November.

My ability to get around is somewhat compromised by cancer and the treatments I am taking. A number of people have suggested that I do "early voting" or "vote by mail." I have declined those invitations.

You see, I need to walk into the polling place and stand in line on Election Day. I need to stand with my neighbors—old and young—those whose names I know and those whom I have never met. Voting in person on Election Day, along with neighbors, meeting and visiting while we wait—this is a kind of "civic sacrament" of what it is to be a citizen. Voting is a community experience; citizenship is a community experience.

Maybe all we have in common is that we are all here to vote and in so doing taking responsibility for choosing those who will lead us in fostering the common good of all.

When you go to vote, remember, it is not a chore to be done. Stand tall, rub elbows with your neighbors, visit with each other and know that you are publicly demonstrating your right and responsibility of citizenship—be proud and grateful.

*Father Steve Adrian*



**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.*

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Center.

**Thank You:** To **Donis** who keeps the flowers and plants by the windows watered, as well as those in the sanctuary. We also thank **Mary** and **Bob** who change the altar cloth and banners to coincide with the liturgical season.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

## Parish Administrator's Note

### Annual Representation Letter (APR)

A few days ago, I submitted our **F24** (Fiscal Year 2024) **APR** to our Archdiocesan Chief Financial Officer, Tom Mertens. The APR affirms that we do indeed have a parish Finance Council; that the Council meets and discusses our finances at least quarterly; and that we report our finances to the parish. Recall that we mailed out a parish financial report a few weeks ago. More recently, we posted our **FY25** budget on our website. Hard copies are available by request of the office.

Parish financial matters are often invisible to the wider world, but they're essential to the smooth operations of any parish. I'm grateful to the members of our St. Matt's Finance Council, as their wisdom helps steward our financial resources. *We have an opening on the Council; would you consider serving for a year or two?*

Let me know if you have any questions about our finances, or talk to any member of the Finance Council: Becky Montgomery, Richard Dunn, Tony Postiglione, Jackie Lackner, and trustees Karen Thompson and John Del Vecchio.

### APP (Archdiocesan Parish Planning)

Every year or so, I have a long talk with one or two members of an Archdiocesan advisory group called the APP. This year, it was Phil Paquette, a long-time volunteer member of the APP.

The purpose of our talk each year is to provide general information about our parish:

- Are we paying our bills? *Yes, we are.*
- How are we serving our community? *Through Mass and the sacraments, Faith Formation programs, Loaves & Fishes, Casa Guadalupana, St. Mary's Health Clinic, Raíces Sagradas Community Mental Health, and more.*
- Who's our sacramental minister? *Fr. Thomas Kommers*

Phil will send his report to the full APP at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center (ACC). (I'll see it before he submits it.) My impression again this year is that the folks at the ACC will be reassured that St. Matt's is just fine. Archdiocesan leadership values us.

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment 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? Consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) in the parish office.



## Faith Formation News

### Faith Formation Classes Resume

Faith Formation students have class this Wednesday, October 23, in the St Matthew Parish Center. Grades K to 5 have class from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM, and Grades 6 to 12 have class from 6:45 PM to 7:50 PM.

### Confirmation Students and Families

Public school students in grades 8 and above who are registered in the St Matthew Faith Formation program and Community of Saints 8th grade students who would like to be confirmed have class in the St Matthew Parish Center on Wednesday, October 23, from 6:45 PM to 7:50 PM. Only students need to attend that evening. Confirmation students plus families need to attend the Confirmation launch from 10:00 AM to noon on Sunday, October 27. Plan to attend the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass that day and then stay after Mass for a meeting about the Confirmation preparation program.

### 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/](http://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.

## News and Events

### The Seniors Blue Book: Resources for Aging Well

The Rosary Society has obtained free copies of **The Seniors Blue Book: Resources for Aging Well** and is offering them to parishioners at Masses starting the weekend of October 19 and 20. Please take one for yourself and/or a friend or family member who may be caring for an older person. They can be found on tables at the back of Church and also in the Parish Center.

### Parish Mailing

We recently mailed our **Annual Financial Report** and **November fundraising information**. If you did not receive it and would like to be on our parish mailing list, please notify Angela in the parish office (651-224-9793 or arakow@st-matts.org). We want to make sure everyone's address is up to date.

## Parish Leadership

Rev. Antony Skaria, Parochial Administrator

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## Parish Council Members

Ralph Brown	Maggie Lee
Isaac Garcia	Tara Perron
Kathy Goldenstein	Ellen Schneider
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 October 20, 2024**

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **Saturday, October 26**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Leona Jenniges  
+Nathan Stevens  
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.

### **Sunday, October 27**

10:15 AM Mass  
+Nancy Fee Compton  
+Nanette Sobaski

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, October 21- Friday, October 25**

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

### **Monday, October 21**

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

### **Tuesday, October 22**

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

### **Wednesday, October 23**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:30 PM Faith Formation

### **Thursday, October 24**

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, October 25**

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

### **Saturday, October 26**

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

### **Sunday, October 27**

10:15 AM Mass  
After Mass Confirmation Preparation Meeting  
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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