



# Church of St. Matthew

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## TAKE COURAGE

# ... JESUS IS CALLING YOU.

— MARK 10:49 —

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**October 27, 2024**  
**30th 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

Thursday is Halloween. This annual autumnal observance is anticipated by children of all ages. I have personal traditions connected with holidays. I spend an hour rereading The Legend of Sleepy Hollow on the day before Halloween.

The celebration and costuming of Halloween used to be associated with the November 1<sup>st</sup> Feast of All Saints. It was the celebration attached to First Vespers of the feast—the eve of All Saints, All Hallows Eve, Halloween.

In some cultures, people would dress in costume and gather in the city square. They would sing and dance and eat and drink! At midnight, Death would enter the city square, in black shroud carrying a reaper's scythe.

This was the conclusion of the celebration. Everyone - women, men and children - would take turns dancing with Death. For it is said, "once you have danced with Death, you have nothing to fear."

The next morning, people would gather for All Saints Mass, the solemn commemoration of all those heroic men and women who lived their ordinary lives with extraordinary charity—all those, who by the mercy of God, now share eternal life in the presence of the Lamb.

*Father Steve Adrian*

P.S. I do so enjoy answering the doorbell on Halloween night and seeing creative genius in the costumes the Trick or Treaters wear.



**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, Janette Koegel, 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.*



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

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

*In a recent homily, Fr. Thomas said, "...You can expect God to place before you, ... (no matter your age or life circumstances), numerous opportunities for you to create positive actions in the lives of others, our parish and our world." And that you "will do this through... your generous sharing of your time... and your God-given talents and abilities..."*

Six and half years ago, our pastor, Fr. Bob Kelly, suggested that we become a volunteer parish. Although saving money was one reason, the other reason was that volunteers tend to take ownership in their parish. They give their time and talent to help the parish succeed. We see this happen in countless ways at St. Matthews. Often a parishioner will mention a door sticking or a lock not working properly and say, "I'll come down during the week and get that fixed." We are also fortunate to have our "Three Amigos" - Bob, Tom and Tony - who are always ready to investigate any maintenance problems on our campus. If they can't fix it, they will find someone who can! Our office receptionists, Linda, Josie, Chris, and Joanne are all volunteers! Our choir consists of volunteers. The parishioners who lead our parish - trustees, Parish Council and Finance Council members are all volunteers. And yes, the Volunteer Director is also a volunteer. Our parish is strong and successful because of our volunteers. If you see an area where you would like to volunteer, contact Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793.

**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.** If interested, contact the Parish Center at **651-224-9793** or Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) for further information.

**Thank You:** The Prayer for Peace, which is said at the end of each Mass, can now be found inside the back cover of the Gather song book. We thank the following volunteers who gathered on a weekday morning to attach the prayer to each book: **Kathy G., Kathy S., Mooreen S., Linda S., Isaac C. and Cristina C.**

***WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!***

*Mary Leibl*  
*Volunteer Coordinator*  
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## Parish Administrator's Note

### On Beggars

"Let's make it easier to be good."

That was one of my main takeaways from a recent talk at Assumption, our neighboring parish just across the river. I was there to hear Dr. Kelly Johnson of the University of Dayton. She gave two talks on "Love of Neighbor and the Fear of Beggars."

I'm curious, you see. I occasionally encounter beggars at our parish office and other spots on our campus. I often see them at street corners. I've long wondered what's the best way to respond.

Dr. Johnson didn't provide a "one size fits all" way to respond. Rather, she started with church and economic history. She focused in particular on the Catholic Worker movement and its founders, Peter Maurin and Dorothy Day. Among other things, they focused on authentic relationships.

After the talk, there was a question and answer session. I liked how Assumption's pastor, Fr. Paul Treacy, answered a question about his policy regarding beggars:

- He has no specific policy.
- When you meet someone, ask for their name.
- Listen for stories.
- Acknowledge their dignity.
- Efficient systems don't necessarily lead to relationships.

Note how these points work well for **anyone** we meet. Take children, for example. As Dr. Johnson said, children often beg us: for attention, for things, for a relationship. In my roles as an uncle, a teacher, and a parent, I had to figure out how to respond to the children in my life. In classrooms and with family and friends, I wanted to make it easy for the children in my life to be good. I learned names, heard stories, and acknowledged their dignity. (Efficiency wasn't the point.) It all helped.

Fr. Paul's points seem like a helpful guide for responding to the strangers we meet, no matter what they're asking for. (I think they're also a good guide to voting: which candidates, if elected, will make it easier for us to be good?)

Have a great week!

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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](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)) in the parish office.



## Faith Formation News

### Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation students **have class this Wednesday, October 30**, in the St Matthew Parish Center. Grades K to 5 meet from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, and Grades 6 to 12 meet from 6:45 to 7:50 PM. Parents, please note that on November 6, only Faith Formation students preparing for First Communion have class. Students who have already made their First Communion, as well as children in first grade, do NOT have class on November 6.

### 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 plan to attend a meeting with their child on Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 to 7:45 PM in St Matthew church.

## News and Events

### Finance Overview Meeting

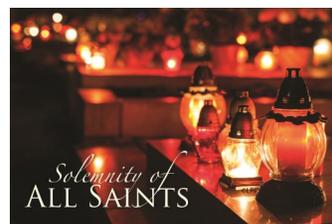
Please join members of the Finance Council after Mass in the Social Hall this weekend, **October 26 or 27**, to review the Annual Financial Report that was mailed to you. It's an opportunity to ask questions that you may have about our financial operations. Thank you for your support of our parish.

### Attention Lectors

There will be a Lector Refresh after Mass on **November 2 and 3**. If you are a lector and you were not able to attend Liturgy Training in September, please plan to attend this 15-minute overview.

### Turkey Bingo

Mark your calendar for Men's Club's annual Turkey Bingo on **Saturday, November 9, 2024** in the Social Hall after the 4:15 PM Mass. For more information, check out the bulletin insert.



### All Saints Day Mass

**Friday**  
**November 1, 2024**  
**5:30 PM**

## 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 27, 2024**

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

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **Friday, November 1**

5:30 PM Mass  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Mary Ann Roscoe

### **Saturday, November 2**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Helen and Leonard Lang  
+Marie Scanlan  
+Jason Skogseth

### **Sunday, November 3**

10:15 AM Mass  
+Agnes C. and Gordon B. Roscoe  
+Robert A. and Jeanne M. Stadt

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, October 28- Friday, November 1**

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

### **Monday, October 28**

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

### **Tuesday, October 29**

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

### **Wednesday, October 30**

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 31**

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

### **Friday, November 1**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed  
5:30 PM All Saints Day Mass  
6:30 PM St. Matthew Community Band

### **Saturday, November 2**

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Mass  
After Mass Lector Refresh

### **Sunday, November 3**

10:15 AM Mass  
After Mass Lector Refresh

### **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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