



Church of St. Matthew

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WHAT GOD
HAS JOINED
TOGETHER.

— MARK 10:9 —

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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October 6, 2024
27th 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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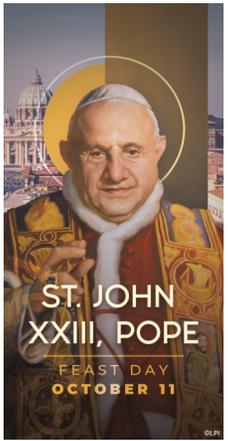
Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve



On Friday of this week the whole Church observes the Feast of Saint John XXIII.

This man, in the five short years he served as Pope, put into motion the most consequential event for the Church of the 20th century and the first half of the 21st century.

He saw the world changing and he was committed to see the Church renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit in a new Pentecost.

He called us to return in spirit to the early centuries of Church life and rediscover the very meaning of what it is to be Church.

He called us to open the Word of God, to search the scriptures. He found in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles a description of life in that early Church.

They were a community, they shared what they had with each other, no one had too much and no one had too little.

They committed themselves to the teaching of the Apostles—that is, to the teaching of Jesus coming through those who were witnesses to all that Jesus did and said.

They were people of the Eucharist. The “Breaking of the Bread” was the ultimate sign of the life of the early Church. As Jesus is broken for the salvation of the world, for the good of all people, so that the compassion and mercy of the Father might descend as dewfall upon the earth.

That early Church community prayed together, they came to be as one in the daily prayer.

The definition of those who threw their lot in with Jesus Christ is that they embraced the service of the common good, they surrendered any selfishness or arrogance and knew that to throw their lot in with Jesus was to throw their lot in with each other.

Pope John said: “They were a community—People of the Book and People of the Cup.”

The work John started is ongoing; it is in our hands—the community of the 21st century. Pray to John this week. Ask his intercession with God that the fire and thunder and gale of a New Pentecost may touch each of us.

Father Steve Adrian

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...”

Below are some of those possibilities! If you feel you are being called to help your parish in any way, please contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org.

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 14 years of age. 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 **Rose, Chuck, Anita, Chris W., Kathy, Chris M., Angela** and **Mary** who prepared the parish mailing which was sent out last week.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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Parish Administrator's Note

Participate

A few weeks ago, Fr. Thomas made these points in a homily: we are called to be more than just pious observers. Everyone has gifts to share. Never underestimate our power to help—at St. Matt's and beyond. For example:

- At our September Parish Council meeting, we learned about a local program to help families. It's called "Faithful Hospitality", and its goal is to empower the newly arrived with stable, short-term shelter and connections to employment and other resources.

(If that reminds you of Casa Guadalupana, one of our parish ministry partners, I'm with you. Both programs focus on immigrants seeking asylum. Both programs offer more than a bed for a night. And both programs rely heavily on participating volunteers who share their gifts.)

(Faithful Hospitality is a program of Interfaith Action. We first connected with them at August's Festival of Rights.)

Council members were impressed with Faithful Hospitality's volunteer coordinator, Annessa Ihde, who spoke about the program. If you feel called to learn more, or to help, call Annessa at 651-364-7489.

- We're improving our parish community's ability to help the homeless and unsheltered who visit us more frequently these days. I recently wrote about what the City of St. Paul is doing, and how we're learning about more options for people needing a bed for the night. Our front office now has an expanded roster of such possibilities.

- I believe a call to share gifts also applies to our role as citizens. I recently received a letter from the Minnesota Catholic Conference. In it, bishops throughout Minnesota urge us to participate in our civic life—by voting in elections at all levels, advocating for policies that promote the common good, and continuing our efforts to build a just society.

I agree. Self-government definitely calls for participation—not just observation.

In sum, we improve our power to help by learning about possibilities, discerning which of them call to us, and then participating actively. Our parish is strong because of our many volunteers, and yet there are possibilities to do more—at St. Matt's and beyond. *What are we called to do now?*

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, 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, First Communion, Confirmation Classes: Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for public school students have begun, and registration closes soon. Download the two-page registration form from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ or complete a hard copy registration form when you bring your students to class on Wednesday, October 9. Students in grades K to 5 begin class at 6:30 PM and students in grades 6 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. Parents who missed the parent meeting on September 25 should please attend the make-up parent meeting on October 9. There are NO Faith Formation classes on October 16, due to the Education Minnesota fall break.

News and Events

Rosary Society September Meeting

All women of the community are invited to the **October 8th** Rosary Society meeting, which will be from **12:30 to 2:00 pm** in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please note the time change. The program for this meeting will be learning more about Mary Magdalene from Marge Blenkush, who has done a lot of research about her. Come and enjoy the refreshments, spend time with one another and learn more about Mary Magdalene. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend this meeting.

Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

This weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!



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

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Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 5

4:15 PM Mass
+Lee F. Maruska
+Agnes C. and Gordon B. Roscoe

Sunday, October 6

10:15 AM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Veronica Roethler
+Robert A. and Jeanne M. Stadt

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 7 - Friday, October 11

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

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

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, October 9

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Faith Formation Classes
6:30 PM Faith Formation Parent Meeting
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, October 10

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, October 11

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

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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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