



# Church of St. Matthew

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WIDOW ALSO  
**CAME.**

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## November 10, 2024 32nd 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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Twitter [twitter.com/stmattswestside](http://twitter.com/stmattswestside)

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

### November 11, 1940 - The Armistice Day Blizzard

The Armistice Day Blizzard ranks #2 on the Minnesota Top Five weather events of the 20th century. Ask any Minnesotan born before 1940 and they can tell you where they were during the Armistice Day Blizzard.

The weather was relatively benign the morning of the November 11, 1940. At 7:00 am, the temperature was 55 degrees. Many people were outdoors, taking advantage of the mild November weather.

The weather forecast that morning was for colder temperatures and a few flurries. Few people were prepared for what was to come. Hundreds of duck hunters were overtaken by the storm. Winds came suddenly then masses of ducks arrived flying low to the ground. Hunters, awed by the unending flocks of birds, failed to recognize the weather signs that change was in process. The storm started with rain. However, the rain quickly turned to snow. By the time the blizzard tapered off on the 12th, the Twin Cities had received 16.7 inches of snow.

Armistice Day was a holiday and there was no school. School Sisters of Notre Dame, teaching at Saint Matthew's School, left the convent and walked to downtown Saint Paul after breakfast. They did some shopping. As they left Saint Paul Book and Stationery, the weather had changed and the wind and snow made it impossible to see. The Sisters found their way to the Saint Paul Hotel and sought shelter there. That night they, along with many others, slept on the floor of the hotel lobby. In the morning, the storm tapered off and a Good Samaritan offered the Sisters a ride back to the convent on the West Side.

The Armistice Day Blizzard, along with Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox, and the Halloween Storm of 1991, etc. are among the legends Minnesotans retell with great gusto.

Enjoy Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> — it should be a Minnesota holiday.

*Father Steve Adrian*  
*Pastor Emeritus*

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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.



## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**Lectors:** We now have two lectors reading at each Mass. One lector will read the Welcome and also the First Reading. The second lector, at the entrance procession, will process to the sanctuary carrying the Lectionary. 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.

**Pictures and Mementos:** You are invited to bring pictures and mementos of family and friends who have died. These can be placed on the Ofrenda in the back of the church. They are only "on loan" and you may take them home at the end of November.

**Thank You:** To **Cristina, Mary B.,** and **Kathy** who put together the Ofrenda in the SE corner of the church. In Spanish and Latin cultures, the Ofrenda is the traditional altar constructed to honor departed family members. It symbolizes the connection between the living and the dead. It is comforting to look at the Ofrenda and see pictures of family, friends and parishioners who at one time may have sat next to you at Mass and have now entered into eternal life. Seeing these pictures and mementos reminds us that death is not the end. It is only the beginning!

**Thank You: Mary L.** who prepared the two large decorated boxes in the back of the church. Your donations for Isaac's Blessing Bags may be put into these boxes. We will collect donations until **Sunday, December 1.**

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
*Volunteer Coordinator*  
[mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)

## Faith Formation News

### Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes

Faith Formation students have class this Wednesday, November 13, in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Grades K to 5 meet from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, and Grades 6 to 10 meet from 6:45 to 7:50 PM. Confirmation candidates from Community of Saints Regional Catholic School also meet for class on November 13 in the St. Matthew Parish Center from 6:45 to 7:50 PM.

## Parish Administrator's Note

### Recent Finance Questions (and Answers)

#### ***"Are we solvent?"***

The answer is yes, we are solvent. Your regular contributions play a major role in assuring we continue to be solvent. They make our regular operations possible. Thank you for your support!

#### ***"How's the charter school doing?"***

Another major budget role is played by our school building's tenant, Quantum STEAM Academy. QSA's regular monthly rent payments go towards paying off the school's elevator, our boilers, and other building maintenance.

#### ***"Where are we with the parking lot renewal project?"***

We've raised over \$70,000 in cash and pledges so far. That's more than half of what we need, and we continue to receive donations. For example, some parishioners earmark their contributions for Capital Needs each month through the special envelopes we use. Others set up their Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) to include Capital Needs as well as operational support. *For more information about EFTs, please call me.*

Note: the original estimate to renew our lot came in at about \$90,000. The latest bid was for \$130,000. That's because we expanded the scope of the project to include the area occupied by the play structure on the north end of the parking lot. We anticipate that paving that area will improve drainage. We don't want water getting into the school building.

#### **November Fundraiser**

Thank you for your support of our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving Thanks Fundraiser! To date, we've raised \$9,960. You may still donate if you wish, though it's too late to be entered in the drawing. All funds raised are designated for replacement of our skylights next year.

One of my tasks each November is to call each day's winner. I enjoy the opportunity to congratulate the winners, thank them for their support, and have a little chat. Winners' names are published in the insert each week.

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
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## Prayer Requests

**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, Diane McFarland, John Saldivar, Doris Schillinger, Chris Stevens, Patricia Weisman, and Thomas & Kasi Wright.**

*A name will remain on the prayer list for two months after which time it will be removed unless you ask to keep the name on the list. Please contact the parish office (651-224-9793) or email Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) to keep the list current.*

*We kindly ask you to obtain the individual's permission for bulletin publication and inclusion in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful.*

*We are strong as a community praying together.*

## News and Events

### **Turkey Bingo**

Men's Club's annual Turkey Bingo is **this Saturday, November 9** in the Social Hall after the 4:15 PM Mass. For more information, check out the bulletin insert.

### **Coffee Sunday**

Our next Coffee Sunday is **this Sunday, November 10** after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!

### **Rosary Society November 12th Meeting**

All women of the community are invited to the November 12th Rosary Society meeting, which will be from **12:30 to 2:00 pm** in the lower level of the Parish Center. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Rosary will be our program. All are invited to come and pray this special rosary together and stay for refreshments. Our business meeting will be held after the Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Rosary.



Join us on **November 16 and 17** for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul are welcome to come forward and take part.



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

## Parish Leadership

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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 November 10, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 9

4:15 PM Mass  
+Bill Brengman  
+George Lackner  
+Sam, Dorothy and Kevin Robinette

### Sunday, November 10

10:15 AM Mass  
+Dan D. Roscoe  
+Sam S. Roscoe  
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

### Saturday, November 16

4:15 PM Mass  
+Arthur Geis  
+Leona Jenniges  
+Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe

### Sunday, November 17

10:15 AM Mass  
+Eleanor Bisciglia  
+Nancy Maloney  
+Lee. F maruska

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, November 11- Friday, November 15

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

### Monday, November 11

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
5:30 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, November 12

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  
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting

### Wednesday, November 13

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

### Thursday, November 14

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

### Friday, November 15

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

### Saturday, November 16

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

### Sunday, November 17

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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