



# Church of St. Matthew

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**MY WORDS**  
WILL NOT  
PASS AWAY.

— MARK 13:31 —

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**November 17, 2024**  
**33rd 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

A number of people have asked me, "What are you reading?" I have the time to do a lot of reading and these are some of the books I have been reading over the past few months.

### ***The Mole of Vatican Council II, Richard A. Zmuda***

During the four sessions of Vatican II (1962-1965), a Redemptorist priest, Fr. Francis Murphy, wrote regular columns for the *New Yorker* detailing the activity of the council. (I have donated my four-volume copy of those articles to the parish library). He wrote under the pseudonym of Xavier Rynne. This historical novel details the escapades of Xavier Rynne.

### ***We are Only Saved Together, Colin Miller***

Colin Miller is the Director of the Center for Catholic Social Thought at the Church of the Assumption in St. Paul, MN. This book outlines how the principles of the Catholic Worker Movement are fitting for any person, family or community seeking to follow the Gospel in the 21st century.

### ***Is This All There Is?, Gerhard Lohfink***

This German theologian reflects on the resurrection and eternal life, a book I have read slowly with much enthusiasm as I prepare for the ultimate and crowning moment of the Christian life.

### ***Finding Sanctuary, Abbot Christopher Jamison***

This popular read takes the 1,500 year old tradition of Saint Benedict, found in the Benedictine Rule, and applies it to the busy life of the Christian seeking a path to prayer and a balance in life.

### ***Saul Alinsky and The Dilemmas of Race, Mark Santow***

I met Alinsky in the late 60's at a lunch at the President Café on Lake Street, Minneapolis. I was involved with his work through the Industrial Areas Foundation, and took the ten-day training from the IAF shortly after coming to Saint Matts. This book describes the foundational work Alinsky undertook in Chicago. Barak Obama was an organizer in the Alinsky style of organizing through the IAF.

### ***From the Stone Age to Christianity, William Foxwell Albright***

I first read this book for scripture class in the mid 60's and have recently gone back to so many reads of long ago. W. F. Albright is the premier ancient world archeologist. He lectured at the seminary in the mid 60's and I heard his lecture on the excavations of Troy. Archeology, along with language, geography, and history are tools for unlocking the scriptures. Pius XII told us to "go back wholly in spirit to the ancient Middle East to discover the meaning of the scriptures."

*Father Steve Adrian*  
*Pastor Emeritus*

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**Thank You:** To the members of the Men's Club who sponsored the Turkey Bingo last Saturday evening. Thanks to those worked in the kitchen, behind the bar, sold bingo cards, called numbers and double checked winning cards. **The event was well attended!** Everyone, even those who didn't leave with a turkey or extra money in their pocket, commented on how much they enjoyed the evening.

**Ofrenda:** Most people have now seen the Ofrenda in the back corner of the church. Many parishioners have already brought pictures of their family members or friends. Thank you to those who have placed pictures at this "altar". Each picture holds a memory or a story. One stand holds a picture of two men. One picture is a young man's graduation picture and the other is of an older gentleman on his wedding day. Actually, these two men are the same age. They grew up in the same neighborhood and both attended St. Matthew School and then Hill High School. They played ball together on a West Side Street with other boys and girls from the neighborhood. One man died young in his 20's; the other in his 70's. Today, they play ball on "streets of gold" with other friends from their youth. Death isn't the end; it is just the beginning. If you have pictures of family or friends who have died, consider honoring them by placing those pictures on the Ofrenda for the month of November.

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

*Mary Leibl*  
*Volunteer Coordinator*  
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## Prayer Requests

**Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Holly Casillas, Sue Derringer, Philip Heitzinger, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Ken Kasheimer, Bernie Klein, Janette Koegel, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, John Saldivar, Doris Schillinger, Richard Smith, 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.*

## Parish Administrator's Note

### Remembering

I've been enjoying La Ofrenda, the table with photos at the back of our church this month. I can't say I recognize many people, as my memories before 2021 are of other parishes. (I do recognize one photo, of a much younger Fr. Thomas, shown with his late mother. I remember meeting her many years ago. Can you identify that particular photo?)

I just added photos of my late mother Vera, father Harold, and sister Carol to our Ofrenda. My brother Don lent them to me after our recent road trip to Mitchell, South Dakota. Here's the story.

We drove to Mitchell to attend the funeral of Adelaide Mayer, my mom's best friend for many years. Adelaide was a lifelong Catholic and a brilliant, accomplished woman. She was 106 years old when she died in September. I'm sure she's now a saint in heaven.

The funeral was at Holy Family, my home parish in Mitchell. I was baptized, confirmed, and received First Eucharist there, and I attended Holy Family School for eight years. So did my five brothers and sisters, as well as all eight of the Mayer kids. There was a lot of overlap between our families.

Going out, Don and I reviewed our connections with Adelaide's family. There was more remembering at the lovely funeral and luncheon, where dozens of Adelaide's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered, along with many friends of the Mayers.

One of the reasons I enjoy St. Matt's is because of the small town feel of this neighborhood. It reminds me of Mitchell. I like hearing stories of our parishioners, as people remember things. If you get a chance, please introduce me to your people on the Ofrenda table, preferably with a favorite memory.

Remembering. As members of the Communion of Saints, it's something we do--especially each November.

May all the saints from St. Matt's, Holy Family—and all other parishes we're connected to—intercede in heaven for us.

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
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See the insert for additional events and news happening at the Church of Saint Matthew.

## 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 Update

Faith Formation students have class this Wednesday, November 20, 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. Note that there will be no Faith Formation classes on November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Parents/guardians, mark your calendars for December 4, when Faith Formation families (students and parents) have Mass in church instead of regular classes.

## News and Events

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

#### Monthly Scripture Study - Gospel of Luke

The next Scripture Study, centering on the Gospel of Luke, is on **Tuesday, November 19 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Community Room** (first floor).

It is facilitated by Zach Czaia and he is in touch with Fr. Steve Adrian for reflections. He will work to incorporate those into the prayer and conversations together. You do not have to have attended the first meeting to join. Let Zach know if you're planning to come, or if you have any questions at [zczaia@hotmail.com](mailto:zczaia@hotmail.com).



#### WANTED - Crafters, Artists and Sewers

We are looking for Crafters, Artists and Sewers for the Rosary Society Bake Sale, Boutique and Craft Sale. The event will be **Saturday, December 14 from 12:00 to 5:30 PM** and **Sunday, December 15 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** in Saint Matt's Social Hall. Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday during the same hours as the Bake Sale, Boutique and Craft Fair.

The cost is \$30 for just Saturday, and \$50 for both Saturday and Sunday. Two tables and two chairs are provided. For more information, please contact Becky at [montgomery\\_bec@hotmail.com](mailto:montgomery_bec@hotmail.com).

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## Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
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Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
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### **Readings for the week of November 17, 2024**

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **Saturday, November 23**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Don Leibl  
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.

### **Sunday, November 24**

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

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, November 18- Friday, November 22**

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

### **Monday, November 18**

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

### **Tuesday, November 19**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Scripture Study - Gospel of Luke

### **Wednesday, November 20**

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  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice

### **Thursday, November 21**

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

### **Friday, November 22**

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

### **Saturday, November 23**

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

### **Sunday, November 24**

10:15 AM Mass  
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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