



Church of St. Matthew

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THE LORD

OUR GOD IS
LORD ALONE.

— MARK 12:29 —

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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November 3, 2024
31st 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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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day.

In a democracy, every citizen, regardless of his interest in politics, “holds office.” Every one of us is in a position of responsibility, and, in the final analysis, the kind of government we get depends on how we fulfill those responsibilities.

John F. Kennedy

Our trouble is that we do not demand enough of the people who represent us.... We must spur them to more imagination and enterprise in making a push into the unknown; we must make clear that we intend to have responsible and courageous leadership.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The biggest threat to our democracy is indifference. The biggest threat to our democracy is cynicism—a cynicism that has led too many people to turn away from politics.... If you don't like what's going on right now—and you shouldn't—do not complain. Don't hash tag. Don't get anxious. Don't retreat. Don't binge on whatever it is you are binging on. Don't lose yourself in ironic detachment. Don't put your head in the sand. Don't boo. Vote. You've got to vote.

Barack Obama

At the bottom of all the tributes paid to democracy is the little fellow, walking into the little booth, with a little pencil, making a little cross on a little piece of paper—no amount of rhetoric or voluminous discussion can possibly diminish the overwhelming importance of that point.

Winston Churchill

The philosopher Aristotle says: “The most noble expression of the human spirit is the art of politics.”

Father Steve Adrian
Pastor Emeritus

**See the insert for a letter from Fr. Steve on the update on his health.*

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, Joe Maidl, Diane McFarland, John Saldivar, Doris Schillinger, 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

Cross Bearer: The entrance procession now is 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 all who have supported our **Giving Thanks in November fundraiser!** Your generosity will help with improvements on our parish campus! A special thanks to **Karen** and members of the Finance Council who stayed after the Masses each weekend to sell tickets.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer 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.



Parish Administrator's Note

Election Tuesday

I'm happy that St. Matt's is again serving as a polling place this Tuesday. Our country's democratic system depends on thousands of churches, schools and other locations providing places for voting.

St. Matt's provides this service for free. It's one way we contribute to the common good.

"Common good" is a term often used in Catholic social teaching. It refers to good things that are possible with others. In many cases, they're *only* possible with others.

For example, consider public infrastructure such as roads, parks, and schools. Or, think of choirs, bands and friendships. You can't do these things by yourself.

Talking about the common good reminds me of Colin Miller's recent book, *We Are Only Saved Together*. (Miller directs the Center for Catholic Social Thought at the Church of the Assumption. I've written about talks there, including last week's column about beggars.)

Miller's book title comes from basic church teaching. Our Catholic faith emphasizes togetherness: let us come together, worship together, and do good together.

Perhaps you've heard a theological term for togetherness: **solidarity**. Along with **dignity** and **subsidiarity**, solidarity is a core principle of **Catholic social teaching**. (Subsidiarity is a principle of social organization that states that issues should be addressed at the most local level possible.)

And then there's Biblical language: we're all members of the Body of Christ.

Tuesday's election challenges all citizens of voting age to participate in self-governance. I encourage you to do so. Choose candidates who will promote human dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity. And as I asked last week, which candidates will make it easier for us to be good?

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.



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at 651-224-9793 by 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday.

Faith Formation News

First Communion Class for Students Plus Parent Meeting

Faith Formation students in grades 2 and up preparing for First Communion plus Community of Saints students in Grades 2 and up who would like to make their First Communion are invited to class in St Matthew church on **Wednesday, November 6, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM**. Parents should also attend that evening for a talk by Father Kommers plus information on the First Communion program and upcoming dates. If you have your child's proof of baptism, please bring it with you to the church on November 6.

Faith Formation Update

Only Faith Formation students preparing for First Communion have class this Wednesday, November 6 (see above). All other Faith Formation students do NOT have class on November 6. Regular Faith Formation classes for all students resume on November 13.

News and Events

Attention Lectors

There will be a Lector Refresh after Mass **this weekend**. 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.

Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **November 10, 2024**, after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



Isacc's Blessing Bags

Isaac Garcia and Isaac's Blessing Bags will once again be collecting donations. Please put your donations in large bins located in the back of the church through **Sunday, December 1**. Check the insert for more information.

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Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

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

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4

Mass Intentions

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

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 4- Friday, November 8

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

Monday, November 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

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 First Communion Class and Parent Meeting
7:30 PM Men's Club Boarding Meeting

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass
5:00 PM Turkey Bingo

Sunday, November 10

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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