

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

January 19, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Fr. Steve Adrian's Family

Words cannot fully express the depth of our gratitude to St. Matthew's and Community of Saints School for the extraordinary compassion, gracious service, and unwavering support shown during Fr. Steve's illness and passing. Every aspect of the care you provided was imbued with such love and thoughtfulness, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts that we will treasure forever.

We were profoundly touched by the stories you shared, each one a beautiful testament to the life Steve lived and the joy he brought to so many. Your heartfelt sentiments, the genuine tears you shed, and the depth of your love spoke volumes about the profound impact he had on this community. The shared memories and reflections reminded us of how deeply Steve was cherished—not only by his family but by the communities he served and loved so dearly.

Steve was more than a brother to us; he was someone truly special, irreplaceable, and full of grace. To witness how profoundly he touched your lives, the ways in which he inspired you, and the enduring love you carry for him has been a source of both comfort and inspiration for us. It reaffirmed what we already knew: Steve's presence was a gift to all who knew him.

Your acts of kindness, the support you have given, and the sense of shared grief have been a light for us during this difficult time. You honored Steve's life with such dignity, respect, and love, and for that, we are eternally grateful. The warmth and compassion you extended to us will never be forgotten.

Thank you for being there for Steve and for us, and for ensuring that his legacy of faith, love, and service will live on in the hearts of everyone he touched. Your love and care mean more to us than words could ever convey.

Ann Koves, Mary Adrian, Sam & Gloria Adrian, and Fr. Martin Warren

Monthly Scripture Study - Gospel of Luke

St. Matthew is offering a monthly Scripture Study, centering on the Gospel of Luke, facilitated by Zach Czaia. The fourth meeting is on **Tuesday, January 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Community Room** (first floor).

You do not have to have attended the prior meetings to join. Let Zach know if you're planning to come, or if you have any questions at zczaia@hotmail.com.

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Neighborhood House Collection

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation.

During the month of December 2024, St. Matthew donated **60 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



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Funeral Mass for **Sandra Reding** was held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Funeral Mass for **Dorothy Williams** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Please remember Sandra, Dorothy, and their families in your prayers.

Contribution Statements

If you would like an **annual contribution statement for 2024**, call the parish office. We send these statements out upon request. (According to the IRS, it is the donor's responsibility to ask for such statements.)

Regardless of how you contribute, thank you! We could not sustain our service to our community without your generous support.



Lost and Found

The Lost and Found basket in the church is filling up! Check to see if any found items are yours. The basket is located by the Welcome Table at the church entrance.

Volunteer Needs at St. Mary's Health Clinic

We are in need of volunteers for our clinics, including at St. Matt's. We especially need registered nurses but welcome physicians, Spanish interpreters and admitting/receptionist personnel. You do not have to speak Spanish except for the interpreter role.

Clinic sessions are held mornings or afternoons (half day sessions) on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday in the Twin Cities metro area. St. Matt's sees patients on Wednesday morning and afternoon. For more information, contact tmason@stmarysclinics.org (Talesha Mason).

The Center for Catholic Social Thought Spring 2025 Speaker Series

Land and Labor, City and Homestead: Working Towards a Local Economy

How can small farms, urban homesteads, crafts, gardens, chickens, good work, and local economies help us build stronger communities and be better Christians?

Thursdays, February 20 - March 13, 6:30 PM
Assumption Church, St. Paul

February 20 - *What is a Local Economy and Why Does It Matter?*

- Colin Miller, Director of the Center for Catholic Social Thought

February 27 - *Reflections on the Preferential Option for Localism*

- Professor Christopher Thompson, Dean of Saint Paul Seminary and author of *The Joyful Mystery: Field Notes Towards a Green Thomism*

March 6 - *Catholic Land Movements*

- Tim Strieff, Catholic Rural Life

March 13 - *Localism and Catholic Social Teaching*

- Dale Ahlquist, Speaker and author/editor of many books, including, *Localism: Coming Home to Catholic Social Teaching*

Register online at catholicsocialthought.org

THANK YOU!

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Thank you to everyone who helped with Fr. Steve's Celebration of Life on December 21, 2024.

Everything came together in a short amount of time thanks to everyone's efforts. Thank you to our amazing volunteers!

Outside Volunteers:

Bob Bejblik, John Del Vecchio, Dave Haley, Jack Katzmark, Tom Kegler, Dave Longbehm, Bob Pavlak, Dave Pavlak, Tony Postiglione, Lorenzo Puente, Mark Reding, Allen Schowalter, Tom Smith, St. Paul Police Reserves

Ushers and Greeters:

Greg Baker, Vicky Baker, Joe Bieza, Tim Dalzell, Gloria Deziel, Scott Goldenstein, Anita Hottinger, Sr. Adair Lassonde, Pat Sekevitch, Dave Sunday, Chris Sorensen, Dean Steinbrenner, Alan Sticha, Joe Wenker, Christine Wilfahrt

Liturgical Ministers:

Marge Blenkush, Jerald Dosch, Miles Dunn, Isaac Garcia, Kathy Goldenstein, Terry Gruntner, Paul Heitzinger, Bridget Kramer, Autum Koch, Sr. Adaire Lassonde, Patrick Leahy, Maggie Lee, Mary Leibl, Jeanne Maanum, Josie Mike, Becky Montgomery, Ginny Roethler, Janelle Rohr, Kathy Schowalter, Ellen Schneider, Mooreen Sunday, Kathleen Thompson

Musicians and Instrumentalists:

John Becker, Cristina Czaia, Brian DeYoung, John deCausemaker, Leni Ertel, Jackie Graham, Bea Grant, Phil Grant, Rose Kennealy Karas, Shelly McMonigal, Anthony Minus, Isabel Minus, John Riehle, Andy Scheiber, Linda Sellars, Chris Stevens, Eryn Tvete, Mike White, Jeanne Zimmer, Pete Zimmer

Pallbearers:

Patrick Leahy, Steve Mike, Tony Moran

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Luncheon at Community of Saints School:

Audrey Moorhouse, Jeanne and Bill Kaupan, Meghan and Keira Moore, Maia Sierra and Sergio, Michelle Youness, Leo, and Max Anderson, Sean O'Connor and Denise Quinlan, Danielle and Joaquin Yanez, Gloria Romo and Brielle Muhummad, Sue Maher, Jean Jones, Josie Neveu and Wyatt Cohen, Felipe, Isaura, Christopher Nunez, Heriberto, Jessi, Nico, Simon, James and Tori Cortez-Orme, Beth, Brad, Mari and Jenna Tressell, Ellen and Niko Schneider, Maggie Lee, Peggy, Rich, Miles, and Freddy Dunn

Others:

Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Michael Izen, Bishop Kevin Kenney, Fr. Michael Joncas, Fr. Thomas Margevičius, Fr. Antony Skaria, Deacon Gregg Sroder, Josh Oxendale & Bob Westrup (Klecatsky & Sons Funeral Home), Community of Saints Boy Scouts Troop, Church of the Assumption, Church of St. Stanislaus, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, Confirmation candidates, Faith Formation students

Business Partners:

Drake Bank, Casa Guadalupana, Joseph's Grill, Tony Moran, Neighborhood Development Alliance, Simple Tradition by Bradshaw Funeral Home, Tender Child Care, Wellington Property Management

Our apologies if we inadvertently missed your name. Please let us know so you can be recognized.

Soup and Stories:

Remembering Fr. Steve Adrian



Saturday, January 25, 2025
after 4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, January 26, 2025
after 10:15 AM Mass

Send your memories of Fr. Steve to Angela in our office (arakow@st-matts.org). You may also submit photos to her. We're planning to read some stories aloud. There'll also be an opportunity for people to speak.

At the same time, we'll be hosting a meal of soup (Fr. Steve's favorite soups), salad, and bread (gluten-free available). There is no charge.

Soups Served:

Chicken Wild Rice

Vegetarian Wild Rice

Chicken Noodle

Broccoli Cheddar

Potato

Tomato

Vegetable

Come help celebrate the extraordinary life of our longtime pastor, mentor and friend. Thank you.