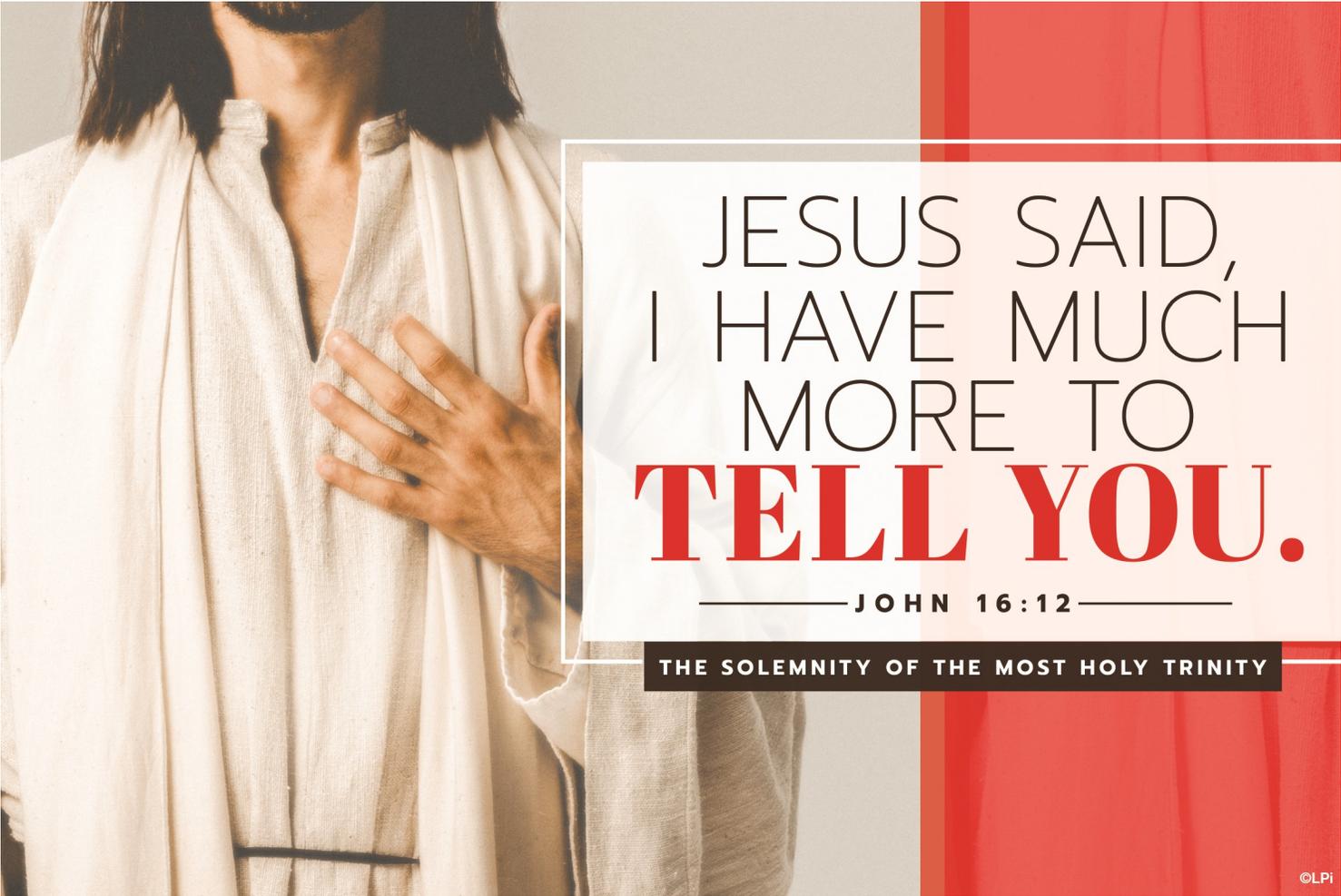




St. Matthew's

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Matthew's Catholic Community exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love.



JESUS SAID,
I HAVE MUCH
MORE TO
TELL YOU.

— JOHN 16:12 —

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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June 15, 2025

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Mass Times

- **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

Gospel Meditation

I am amazed at how my four siblings teach their many kids in age-appropriate ways. For example, now that my nephew Brandon is 24 years of age, they give him insights and freedoms that would have been positively confounding or even dangerous when he was a toddler. Imagine if they had taught him at age four how to drive a car, use a credit card online, or handle power tools. But eventually, they did, and he is a high functioning young man, I'm proud to say. They are good teachers.

This week we learn that Jesus teaches us in a similar way. He says to his Apostles, **"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now" (John 16:12)**. How disappointing for them. But imagine at that moment, before his resurrection and ascension, if the Lord had started telling them about synods and sacraments, popes and parishes, martyrs and monasteries, rosaries and relics, catechisms and crucifixes? They would have been absolutely overwhelmed, confused, and discouraged. He tells them what they need to know, when it is time for them to know it.

So he does for us. Jesus has unceasingly taught the Church as she matures through the centuries, just as he teaches you and me through our lives in ways we can understand. Our task should be to learn what he is teaching us now, knowing that (although revelation per se is complete in him and his Apostles), he never ceases to teach us as we spiritually mature. Be confident: he knows what you are ready to learn now.

— Father John Muir

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Prayer Requests

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Johnny Edwards, Philip Heitzinger, Sean Kane, Bernie Klein, Nicole Liskiewicz, Diane McFarland, Geriann Raway, and Doris Schillinger.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

Greeter: We are in need of another volunteer to serve as a Greeter at the **Saturday 4:15 pm Mass**. Duties include welcoming those attending the Mass and offering a hymnal, worship aid and a bulletin. Any student or adult who may be interested in serving the parish in this way may contact the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 or speak to a greeter or sacristan at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass.

Confirmation Students: Will you or a member of your family be a Confirmation candidate next year? It is not too early to begin working on "Service Hours" needed for Confirmation. The two requests above would be opportunities to get a start on your preparation for Confirmation. If you attend a school that requires "Service Hours" as a requirement for graduation, think about volunteering some time to serve your parish. If interested, you may email Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org, or call the Parish Center.

Thank You: Last week, we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. This feast reminds us of the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles and breathing into them, "a new life"! We thank all our volunteers who experience the Ministry of the Mass by taking on the Ministry of Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans or Music Ministry. If others are ready to experience the Mass in a "new way", email Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org, call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 or drop a note in the collection basket and address it to: **Volunteer Director**.

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 Rakow (arakow@st-matts.org) in the parish office.



Parish Administrator's Note

Entering Heaven

Jesus said, "Sooner will a camel pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man enter heaven." (Matthew 19:24)

That quote's been on my mind lately, as I watch billionaires argue. Apparently, their perspective is that they're the only people who matter—just because they're super rich.

What's your perspective? I imagine it's a lot like mine: based on Christ's teachings, as in the Matthew quote above. Great wealth, far from being desirable, can be an obstacle to entering heaven. Indeed, it can be an obstacle to a good, happy life here on earth.

At a recent supper with friends, we discussed wealth. My friend Emma was at the table, and she graduated from Harvard 20 years ago. With current federal government attacks on Harvard, I was curious to hear what she thought about her alma mater.

Her answer was unexpected. As she put it, "I was raised to believe that my family was extremely wealthy. My parents regularly pointed out that we had a house, a warm bed, and plenty of food. Many people in the world don't have these things. We did. That made us wealthy."

Emma continued, "And then I got to Harvard and learned that my middle-class family's wealth couldn't even begin to compare to the super rich who attended Harvard. It was a real culture shock."

Talk about differing perspectives! I know that by Scriptural standards, Emma and her family are indeed super rich, in terms of friends, careers and community. Indeed, their life is based on Scripture.

As for me, I'm enriched by our St. Matt's faith community. I have meaningful work, great friends, and enjoyable hobbies. I feel very blessed.

How about you? What's your perspective?

God bless you. Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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News and Events

Neighborhood House Donations

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. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

Contribution Envelopes

If you have not received your April/May/June contribution envelopes in the mail, please call the parish office and let Angela know. We are aware some parishioners have not received their envelopes, and we are working to figure out the issue. If you are missing your envelopes, please use a regular envelope to send in your contribution via mail or during plate collection. Thank you for your patience.

Baptism Preparation Meeting - age 6 and younger

Preparation meetings are required for parents and guardians with children aged six or younger for baptism. The next meeting is on:

- **Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 AM**

Registration is required, at least one week in advance. To register — or for more information — please contact **Cristina Czaia** (cczaia@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

Gifted and Belonging at the Park

Gifted and Belonging will meet at Harmon Park (230 Bernard St West in West St Paul) during the summer months. The dates are:

- **June 13, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**
- **July 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**
- **August 8, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

The group meets at the **corner of Bidwell and Bernard Sts.** Bring chairs, outdoor games, snacks, water or a beverage for yourself.

For more information about the group, check out their website: <https://www.giftedbelonging.com/>



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Wednesday, June 18 in memory of **Parky**

Rodriguez.

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.

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Richard Dunn	Tony Postiglione
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 14

4:15 PM +George Beran
+Leo Kegler
+John Leibl

Sunday, June 15

10:15 AM +Joseph Savard
+James Stanger, Sr.

Saturday, June 21

4:15 PM +Don Leibl
+Mary Ellen Wegner (Schmidt)

Sunday, June 22

10:15 AM +Margaret Mortenson
+Dorothy Williams

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, June 16-18, and 20

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

Loaves and Fishes closed on Thursday, June 19.

Monday, June 16

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

Tuesday, June 17

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

Wednesday, June 18

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic

Thursday, June 19

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

Friday, June 20

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

Saturday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 15

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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