



St. Matthew's

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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.

Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Gospel Meditation

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— *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.

Offertory Gifts: At each Mass, we would like two members of the congregation to carry forward the Offertory Gifts. Families are welcome to come forward together. This is a good chance for our younger members to realize that they too can have a role in the Mass. You may call the Parish Center for more information or speak to a Sacristan or Greeter at your Mass.

Thank You: To **Fr. Kommers** who honored the men and women of the parish with special Mother's Day flowers and Father's Day pins.

Thank You: A book titled ***In Everything, Give Thanks*** is a history book containing stories and pictures of all the Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. There are also pictures and stories pertaining to all of the Catholic schools, (elementary, high schools and colleges) in the Archdiocese. This book is now being sold in the back of the church after all Masses. Copies may also be purchased at the Parish Center. We thank **Karen**, who has been coming to both weekend Masses to sell the book to all who are interested! Thank you also, to the many parishioners who have already purchased the book!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

*Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of St. Matthew rang on Tuesday, June 17 in memory of **Marie Scanlan**.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit June 21-27, 2025 in memory of **Dick Hicks**.

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.

Parish Administrator's Note

Family Camp – June 23-27

I'll be out of the office this week*, attending Danebod Family Camp in Tyler, Minnesota. I've enjoyed this camp for many years, as it features many of my favorite things: friends, food, conversation, singing, dancing, games and crafts.

I've been attending Danebod since 1981, and I can't help but compare my experience there with life at St. Matt's. What do they have in common? To start with, we live in community at Danebod; we're in a faith community here at St. Matt's.

Both Danebod and St. Matt's are very intergenerational. That's different from many places in our society. In the larger world, people are often sorted by age. At camp and here at St. Matt's, we include infants to seniors—in the same place, at the same time.

Another commonality: extensive volunteerism. Danebod's not a resort. Everyone's a volunteer. Danebod guards against a "consumer mentality", where you pay for services or goods.

And just as Danebod is a volunteer community, St. Matt's is a volunteer parish community. We expect people to engage with each other and with the parish at large. A consumer mentality? Not for us.

Lately, I've run across the word companion in my reading. One author even used the term "companioning" to refer to how we can support each other in good times and bad.

I think that's why I was struck by what Fr. Thomas said in a recent homily. When we gather around the altar, we embrace **companionship**. We're in place to worship, not to fix things. It is a different mindset.

Fr. Thomas went on to remind us that "we exist to transform all human life into companionship with God." Towards that end, God—and our faith community—are always and ever at our side.

**For assistance during the week, please email or call Angela in the office.*

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

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News and Events

Miesville Mudhens Trip

The Men's Club has reserved a bus to attend a Miesville Mudhens baseball game on **Wednesday, July 9**. The bus leaves St. Matthew's at 6:00 pm, arrives in Miesville by 7:00 pm, game starts at 8:00 pm and returns after the game. Food is available for purchase at the ballpark, at King's Place Bar & Grill, and Wiederholt's Supper Club. Ballpark admission is \$5 for 18 and older. Under 18 are free. The Men's Club is paying for the bus and refreshments on the bus. Anyone is welcome to ride the bus with us! Space is limited. Reserve your seat on the bus via Tim Nowak at 612-269-9471 or email at timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.

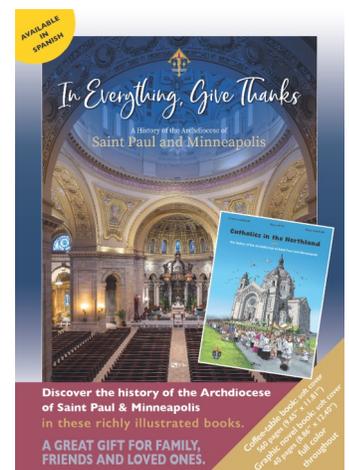


In Everything Give Thanks - A History of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

It's the name of a beautiful new book commissioned by Archbishop Hebda introducing each parish in the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese. It includes photos of St. Matthew's church campus, including our murals, stained-glass windows and a brief statement about the leadership of Father Steve Adrian. Additionally, there is a smaller book called *Catholics in the Northland*. It is a graphic novel history of our Archdiocese. These books celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese.

They will be available for purchase at the back of the church this weekend. The price for the coffee table book is \$35.00 and the price for the graphic novel is \$15.00.

You may order in advance and either bring your payment to church the following week or pick up the book in the Parish Office. The Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We accept cash or a check made out to 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 Rakow (arakow@st-matts.org) in the parish office.



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John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Tony Postiglione
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

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

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17/Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/
Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19/Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 23

10:15 AM +Margaret Mortenson
+Dorothy Williams

Saturday, June 28

4:15 PM +Suzanne Ahern

Sunday, June 29

10:15 AM +Arthur Geis

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, June 23 - 27

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

Monday, June 23

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

Tuesday, June 24

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

Wednesday, June 25

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

Thursday, June 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Crafting Group
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Friday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 28

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

Sunday, June 29

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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