



# St. Matthew's

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



GO AND DO  
**LIKEWISE.**

— LUKE 10:37 —

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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### **July 13, 2025** **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Mass Times**

- **Saturday, 4:15 PM**
- **Sunday, 10:15 AM**

#### **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

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— *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*

**Faith Formation Teachers Needed:** The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades K to 10 will resume in the fall, and we have openings for teachers for the 2025-26 school year. **Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM between late September and early May.**

Volunteers should enjoy helping children learn more about their Catholic faith and do not need to be experienced teachers. We provide supplies, a curriculum that includes a ready-made lesson plan for each week, plus training and support. Most classes have 3 to 8 students. We also need assistants, including bilingual Spanish-English helpers.

If a weekly commitment is too much, consider being a substitute or helping with specific events such as parent meetings or sacrament meetings. To find out more, please call or text **JanelleRohr**, 651-242-6004 or send an email to [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org).

**Strawberries:** In just 5½ weeks, we will begin our annual strawberry cleaning for a booth at the State Fair. Cleaning will begin on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and the last day to clean will be Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Cleaning is usually done by noon and even earlier if many people volunteer! Watch the bulletin for more information as we get closer to the State Fair.

**Thank You:** To **Cristina**, our Director of Music and Liturgy, and to all musicians, cantors and choir members who bring beautiful music to our liturgical celebrations. Thank you to all, who when attending our liturgies, join in the singing and lift up their voices to the Lord!

**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](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)) in the parish office.



## Parish Administrator's Note

### Service and Community

On Saturday, June 28, the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis hosted the double funeral of Melissa and Mark Hortman. Recall that they were killed just two weeks previously.

Fr. Dan Griffin, the Basilica's pastor, presided at the funeral liturgy and preached an excellent homily. Indeed, it's the best statement on current affairs I've yet heard from a Catholic leader in our Archdiocese.

Among the high points:

- The Hortmans greatly valued **service** and **community**. They lived their lives actively promoting those values.
- As Catholics, they lived out our faith's teachings on social justice. One of the main concepts is "the public good". This is the opposite of the current emphasis on individualism and autonomy.
- Our current political reality is dystopian—the opposite of utopian. Our nation is increasingly divided. Our nation needs healing.
- Minnesota was Ground Zero for police brutality in 2020, with the killing of George Floyd. Now in 2025, Minnesota is Ground Zero for political violence, with the killing of the Hortmans and the attempted killing of others.

Griffin concluded by calling all of us to work together to make Minnesota Ground Zero for the restoration of good government that promotes the public good.

I was impressed by the entire liturgy, sad as it was. Even as I grieved the loss of a dedicated public servant and her supportive husband, I was consoled by the readings, music and prayers.

*I wish I could say more, but my notes are incomplete. That's because I was driving back from Danebod summer camp. I could only scribble a few words as I listened to the Mass on the radio.*

*As for summer camp, I'm heading back to Danebod for the July session (July 13-19). I anticipate another great week. Should you need anything from the office, please call or email Angela.*

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
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## Save the Date

St. Matthew's annual Mass and Picnic in the Park will be on **Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 AM** at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. We hope to see you there!



## News and Events

### Save the Date - 2025 Unite the Night

St. Matthew will host National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. A good time for fellowship with other parishioners and people living in our parish neighborhood. Come join us!

### Archdiocesan Passport Adventure: We are 175 years strong

Catholics around the world are marking 2025 as a Year of Jubilee, while at the same time we as an Archdiocese celebrate 175 years since our founding on July 19, 1850. Archbishop Hebda invites you to become an Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrim:

- This summer through October 12, visit seven or more parishes.
- Include our Jubilee co-cathedrals: the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the Basilica of Saint Mary, and look for the Jubilee Cross in each of them.
- Visit one of our oldest, newest and/or newly renovated churches.
- Participate in a Mass that expands your liturgical experience.
- Come together on October 12 for Mass followed by an ice cream social on the lawn of the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Visit [archspm.org/passport](http://archspm.org/passport) to download and print your passport, and to learn more information.



### The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of St. Matthew rang on Thursday, July 10 in memory of **Francisco Hernandez**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Saturday, July 12 for **the 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary of Louise and Gerald Breidel and Louise's Birthday**.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit July 12-18, in memory of **Shirley Smith**.

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 Leadership

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Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

## Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
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Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

### **Readings for the week of July 13, 2025**

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, July 12**

4:15 PM +Bob Creamer  
+Mary Ann Roscoe

### **Sunday, July 13**

10:15 AM +Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe  
+Eleanor Verdeja

### **Saturday, July 19**

4:15 PM +Bill Brengman  
+Don Leibl

### **Sunday, July 20**

10:15 AM +Arthur Geis  
+Jim Russell

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday - Friday, July 14 - 18**

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

### **Monday, July 14**

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

### **Tuesday, July 15**

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

### **Wednesday, July 16**

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

### **Thursday, July 17**

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

### **Friday, July 18**

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

### **Saturday, July 19**

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

### **Sunday, July 20**

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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