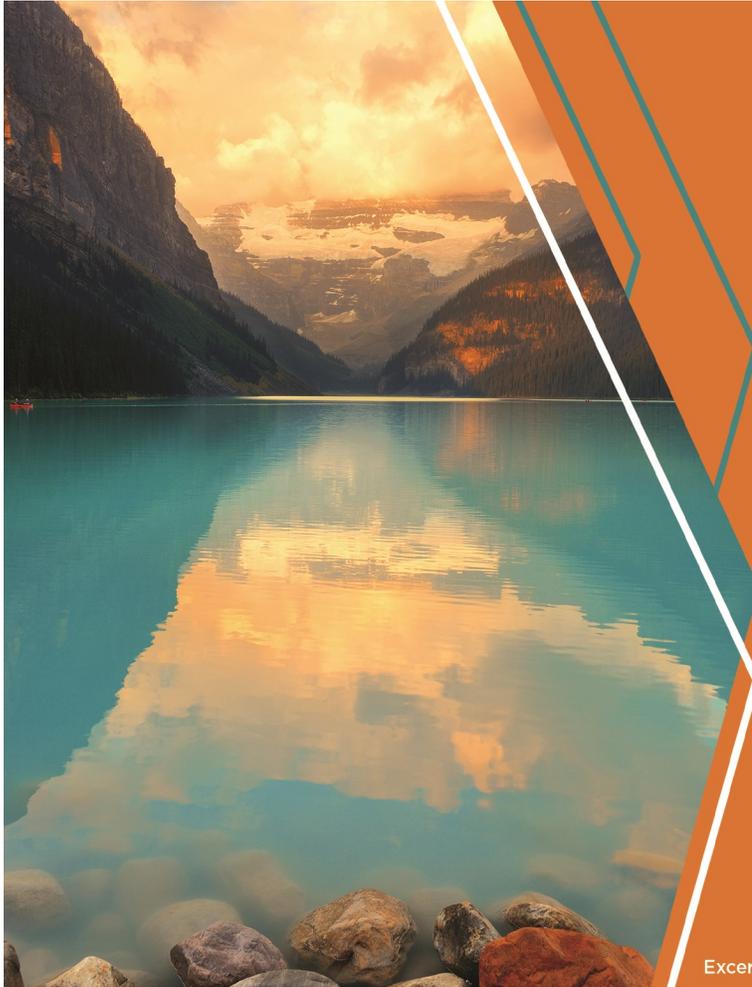




# St. Matthew's

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’”  
- Lk 10:8-9

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### July 6, 2025 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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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YouTube [www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew](http://www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew)

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Gospel Meditation

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "**Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven**" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— 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*

**Liturgical Ministers:** Many volunteers are needed at each Mass to make it a meaningful and hospitable service for everyone. If you are interested in serving in Liturgical Ministry as a greeter, lector, Eucharistic minister and more, please contact Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org). Training will be provided.

**Strawberries:** In merely seven weeks, we will begin cleaning strawberries for a booth at the Minnesota State Fair. **Cleaning will begin at 8:00 am Wednesday, August 20!** The last day to clean berries will be Sunday, August 31. It involves a few hours each morning. The more help we have, the sooner the task is completed each day. Our volunteers not only enjoy helping to earn money for our parish, but even more, the socialization that takes place during the berry cleaning. Please mark your calendars and reserve some time to help earn income for the parish.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

Mary Leibl  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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### 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.

*\*Due to early bulletin submission, some items may appear in later issues.*

## Parish Administrator's Note

### Independence Day

I hope everyone had the opportunity to gather with friends and family on July 4! I did, and I saluted our flag with patriotic music at a local gathering.

That brings to mind a nugget from a history class I took many years ago. In that class, I read a book that talked about "American civic religion." The book noted that we have our national heroes, such as Washington and Lincoln. We honor them, just as our religion reveres our holy saints.

Similarly, our country has founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence—signed 249 years ago!—as well as our Constitution. Again, note the resemblance to our religion's attention to Sacred Scripture.

Then there are the civic rituals on our holidays, such as July 4. I played in a band concert, the flag was involved, and there was a march.

Many of us even have special foods for our holidays. Hot dogs, anyone?

My celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> was tempered this year, as I still mourn the recent killing of State Representative Melissa Hortman, and her husband. I pray for the recovery of State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette. I never imagined such political violence coming to public servants in Minnesota or anywhere. It's horrible and should never happen.

Was I being naïve? History is full of stories of political violence. Come to think of it, so is the Bible. Consider the fate of our founder and Lord, Jesus Christ. As Gerhard Lohfink put it in *The Last Day of Jesus*, "Jesus of Nazareth was executed as a political criminal on a hill near the city of Jerusalem." His book describes the politicking among several factions of the Romans and Jews as they tried to figure out what to do with Jesus.

Two thousand years later, it's clear to me what to do with Jesus. Pray and work for peace. Do good in the world. Worship Him.

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

**Rosary in Cherokee Park**, hosted by the Rosary Society, is **Tuesday, July 8 at 10:00 am** at the large Picnic Pavilion. Join us as we pray the Rosary together. All are welcome. If the weather is bad/rainy, we will meet in Saint Matt's Church Chapel. The last Rosary in the Park will be Tuesday, August 12, also at 10:00 am.

### Miesville Mudhens Baseball 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 [timothy.nowak@usfamily.net](mailto:timothy.nowak@usfamily.net).

### Community of Saints Catholic School Collection



This weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

### 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, July 19 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](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org)) or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

### 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.



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## Finance Council Members

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

### Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next 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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 5

4:15 PM +Fr. Steve Adrian  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson

### Sunday, July 6

10:15 AM +James Stevens, Jr.  
+Patrick Stevens  
+Robert Stevens

### 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

## Calendar of Events

### Monday - Friday, July 7 - 11

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

### Monday, July 7

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

### Tuesday, July 8

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
10:00 AM Rosary in the Park at Cherokee Park  
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, July 9

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
6:00 PM Men's Club Miesville Mudhens  
Baseball Trip

### Thursday, July 10

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
4:30PM Finance Council Meeting  
6:00 PM Crafting Group

### Friday, July 11

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

### Saturday, July 12

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

### Sunday, July 13

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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