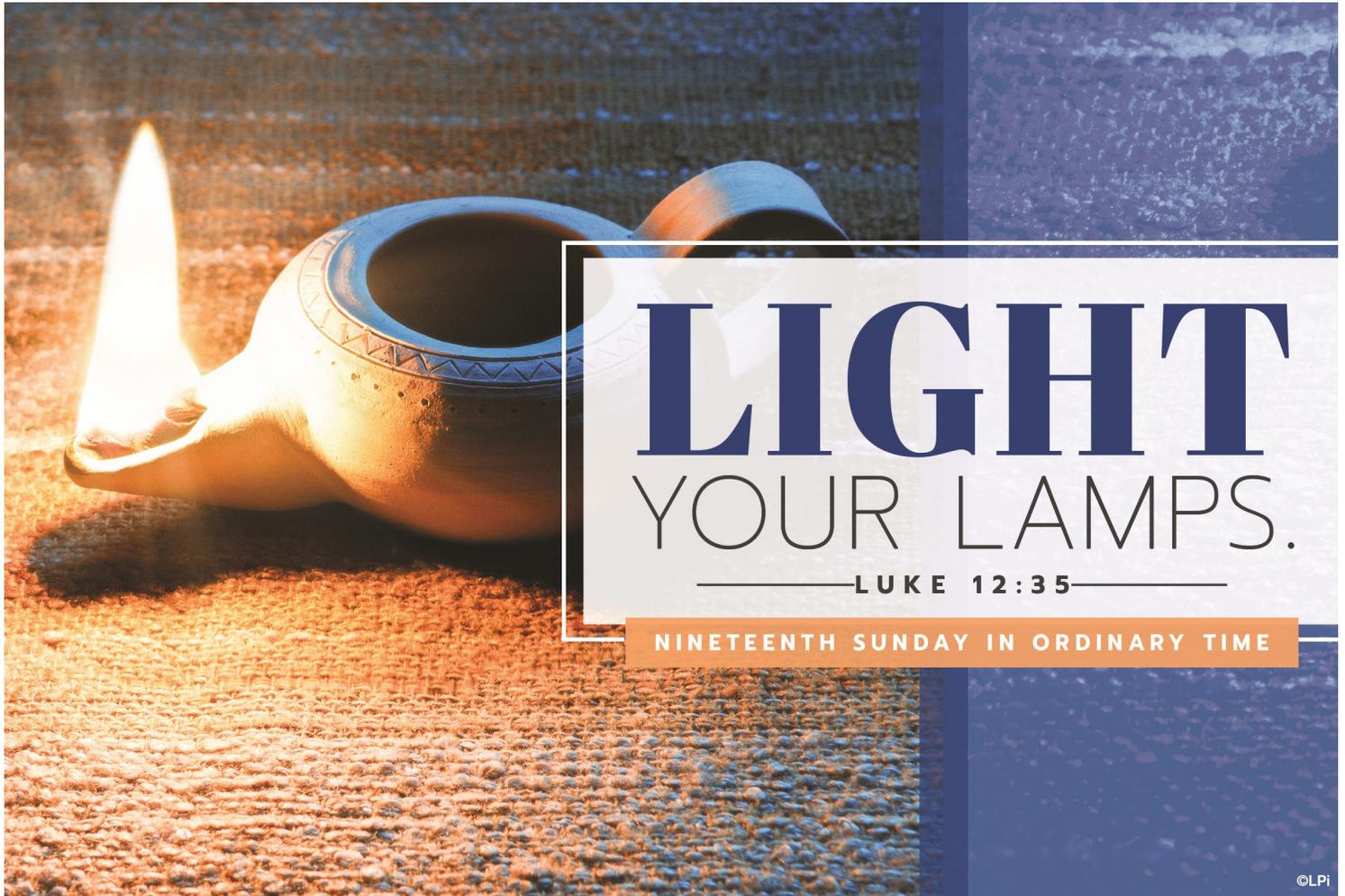




St. Matthew's

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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August 10, 2025 **19th 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.

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Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Gospel Meditation

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34)**. Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— *Father John Muir*

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Prayer Requests

Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Johnny Edwards, Johanna (VandenBosch) Gallagher, Philip Heitzinger, Sean Kane, Bernie Klein, Nicole Liskiewicz, Tom Maloney, 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

Mass in the Park: Our annual Mass in the Park will take place at **10:30 am, Sunday, August 17** at Cherokee Regional Park. If you are able to help with transporting items to and from the church, setting up in the park before or taking down the set-up after Mass, please call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 and leave your contact information.

Faith Formation Teachers: The St. Matthew Faith Formation program will begin in late September and we have opening for teachers. See the Faith Formation section in the bulletin for more information about this volunteer opportunity.

Strawberries: In only 10 days, we will begin cleaning strawberries for a booth at the Minnesota State Fair. **Cleaning will begin at 8:00 am Wednesday, August 20 and the last day to clean berries will be Sunday, August 31.** It involves only 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! Sign-up sheets are on tables in the back of the church. Thank you to all who have already signed up or have personally let us know that you will be helping with the strawberries!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Friday, August 15 in memory of **Bill Brengman's Birthday.**

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Friday, August 15 for the **living and deceased Rosary Society Members.**

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

Commonweal Discussion

Our parish *Commonweal* magazine group gathered on the first Saturday of August. We focused on two articles: "Pope Leo and Women", written by Mollie Wilson O'Reilly; and (b) "Pope Leo, OSA", by Terence Sweeney.

O'Reilly's subtitle for her article was "Please don't make it weird." As she put it, with regard to the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), "Unfortunately, the men who oversaw the implementation of the Council's reforms did not make elevating women a priority, because most of them were—and here I will use a technical term—kind of weird about women."

While O'Reilly was somewhat tongue in cheek with her word choice, she's on to something. She recounted church history since Vatican II, noting the many times church leadership has ignored, discounted or just acted weird when it came to women in the church. She expressed hope that Pope Leo can make progress.

Sweeney's article covered less familiar ground. No one in our group knew much about the OSA, the Order of St. Augustine. We learned that "To be Augustinian is to be shaped—like Augustine himself (not the order's founder but its inspiration)—by a deep sense of both **interiority** and **community**."

Augustine (354-430) is one of the giants of Christian theology. However, he didn't found the Augustinian order. Rather, two popes (in 1244 and 1256) called on Tuscan hermits to come together and live in community.

We talked about the lack of community in today's world—with its emphasis on individualism and tendency toward isolation. As Sweeney wrote, "The world summons us into isolation with our devices. May Pope Leo the Augustinian summon us into communion with each and all."

I'm out of space. Looks like a future column will talk about **interiority**, action and contemplation!

I placed extra copies of the articles in the back of church. (More are available upon request.) Our next *Commonweal* gathering is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 6.

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

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Faith Formation News

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 late April.

Volunteers do not need to be experienced teachers but should enjoy helping students learn more about their Catholic faith. 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 Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004 or send an email to janelle@st-matts.org.**

News and Events

Rosary in Cherokee Park, hosted by the Rosary Society, is **Tuesday, August 12 at 10:00 am** at the large Picnic Pavilion. This will be the last Rosary in the Park this summer. 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.

Neighborhood House Collection

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance of the church for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. **For Sunday, August 17th at the Mass in the Park, please put your monetary donation in an envelope, clearly marked Neighborhood House, and place it in the collection basket. You may also bring non-perishable donations to the park.** On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date: The 4th Annual Festival of Rights
Beautiful Laundrette is hosting its 4th annual Festival of Rights on **Saturday, August 23, 4:00 - 7:00 PM.** Come check out the resource fair and stay for family fun, community picnic and music. Beautiful Laundrette is located at **625 Stryker Avenue in St. Paul.**

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).



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Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 9

4:15 PM +Leo Kegler
+Kevin Kleman
+Helen Leibl

Sunday, August 10

10:15 AM +Mary Ann Schwab

Saturday, August 16

4:15 PM +Bill Brengman
+Don Leibl

Sunday, August 17

10:30 AM +Connie Grundei
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, August 11-15

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

Monday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Rosary in the Park (Cherokee Regional Park)

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
5:30 PM - 6:45 PM Baptism Preparation (Ages 7 - 13)
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, August 14

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

Friday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 16

10:00 AM Baptism Preparation (Ages 6 and under)
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, August 17

10:30 AM Mass in the Park (Cherokee Regional Park)

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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