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TO GOD.

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 3, 2025 18th 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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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Gospel Meditation

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "**Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions**" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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Prayer Requests

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Johnny Edwards, Johanna (VandenBosch) Gallagher, Michael Giefer, 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: 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 2 ½ weeks, 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.

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.

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 setting up in the park before Mass, please call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 and leave your contact information.

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 will ring on Tuesday, August 5 in memory of **Judith Postiglione's Birthday.**

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

PACE & PRISM (P&P) - 2025

I recently completed our annual PACE & PRISM report to Catholic Mutual (CM), our insurance company. It involved all sorts of documentation. By doing P&P, we reduce our insurance costs by several thousand dollars each year.

PACE refers to personnel items. For example, are our job descriptions up to date? Have staff members completed required training in cybersecurity and other matters?

PRISM refers to facilities. A major component of our August 1 submission to CM was a lengthy Capital Repair spreadsheet. That spreadsheet details our major projects, in all of our five buildings. It's very useful for planning purposes.

Another component of P&P is keeping up with annual insurance inspections of all our buildings. A CM representative came in June for that purpose. He followed up with a 13-page report a couple of weeks later. I submitted our response a few days ago. Check that off the list!

I value the whole P&P process, as CM guidelines are basically good practices we should always be doing. The rebate is like very nice frosting on the operational cake.

Family Camps

I attended both the June and July sessions of Danebod Family Camp in Tyler, Minnesota again this year. I've enjoyed this camp for many years, as it features many of my favorite things: friends, food, conversation, singing, dancing, games and crafts.

Danebod has given me much over the years, including skills I've applied in school settings—and now, in a parish setting. (One example is our First Friday Community Band.) Feel free to ask me for details. I'm happy to talk at great length about Danebod. (You're now warned!)

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator
Safe Environment 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).



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 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 **Janelle Rohr**, 651-242-6004 or send an email to janelle@st-matts.org.

News and Events

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!



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.

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, August 16 at 10:00 AM**
- **Saturday, September 20 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).

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Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next 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 12:35-4

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2

4:15 PM +Fr. Steve Adrian

Sunday, August 3

10:15 AM +Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Marian Wolters

Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10

10:15 AM +Mary Ann Schwab

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, August 4-8

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

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Night to Unite

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, July 31

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

Friday, August 1

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

Saturday, August 2

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

Sunday, August 3

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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