



St. Matthew's

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



BUT NOW HE IS
COMFORTED
HERE.

— LUKE 16:25 —

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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September 28, 2025
26th 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

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **"My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented"** (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved *that*, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— *Father John Muir*

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Prayer Requests

Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Johanna (VandenBosch) Gallagher, Philip Heitzinger, Joan Johnson, Sean Kane, Bernie Klein, Nicole Liskiewicz, Tom Maloney, Miguel Martinez, Diane McFarland, Stephen Mike, Geriann Raway, Linda Rivera, Doris Schillinger and Keith Woodson.

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

Cross Bearer: We are looking for individuals or families that are willing to process into church with the cross at the beginning of Mass. This procession will be led by an individual carrying the processional cross, followed by an individual carrying the Book of the Gospels.

Lectors: We need at least two more lectors for the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass. Scheduling is based on your availability. Training is provided.

For more information on how to get involved in liturgy at St. Matt's, please contact the **Parish Center at 651-224-9793, Mary Leibl at mleibl@st-matts.org or Cristina Czaia at cczaia@st-matts.org**. You can also speak to a greeter or sacristan before or after Mass.

Thank You: To all who helped make Celebrate St. Matt's a memorable event! To **Fr. Thomas, Cristina, Phil, Liturgy Committee and liturgical ministers, musicians and singers** who planned a beautiful liturgy to honor the patron saint of our parish. To **Cristina** who picked up the "Golden Coins" given out at the end of Mass. A reminder that our patron saint was a tax collector who gave up everything to follow Jesus! Thank you to **Mary B. and Donis** who made our environment beautiful. Thank you to the **Rosary Society, Men's Club, Youth Club, Kathy S., Al, Jackie, Karen, Maggie, Kathy G., Scott, Tara, Jenny, Isaac, Jose, Anthony and Izzy** who had games and food available for those in attendance! It was a wonderful opportunity for us as a parish to celebrate who we are as a parish, and to give honor to our patron saint, St. Matthew!

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 Monday, September 29 for the **Rosary Society Members**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Thursday, October 2 in memory of **Judy Postiglione**.

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

Community Celebration of St. Matthew

Many thanks to everyone who participated in last week's Celebration of St. Matthew! That includes volunteers who planned, prepared and helped out with everything: the basketball tournament, the rock band from Cretin-Derham Hall, hot dogs, the bake sale, bingo, kids activities, bottle lotto, and more. It was a very enjoyable event for our community, neighbors and other guests! Special thanks to members of our youth team for making it all possible.

One of my favorite stories from the celebration: a guest who drove from a western suburb. She makes it a point to visit us every year on the Feast of St. Matthew, because of a pledge her family made many years ago. As I understand it, her father invoked St. Matthew's aid. In gratitude, she makes an annual pilgrimage to pray here.

APBA Meeting

I belong to the Archdiocesan Association of Parish Business Administrators (APBA), my professional community. The APBA recently kicked off this year's series of meetings. Some highlights from our first meeting:

- We welcomed new members. There are roughly 20 new parish business administrators in our Archdiocese in the last 12 months. I serve on an Onboarding/Mentoring committee to support new members in particular.
- We're learning more about the new state Paid Leave program. I'm glad that we can begin offering this benefit to our employees.
- I learned more about the *Lord, Renew Your Church Capital Campaign*.
- There's an Archdiocesan Listening Session on Thursday, October 23. I appreciate Archbishop Hebda's leadership in hosting this event. The goal is to provide feedback to the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which is preparing a document on "lay co-responsibility" in our church. I look forward to learning the details of this event, and how we can participate.

May you have a peaceful week.

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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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, First Communion, Confirmation Classes: Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for public school students began last week, and families may still join the program. The next class is this Wednesday, October 1, in the Parish Center. Students in Grades K to 5 begin class at 6:30 PM and students in Grades 6 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. To register, download the registration form from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ (available in English and Spanish), fill it out, and email the completed form to janelle@st-matts.org. Or complete a hard copy registration form when you bring your students to class on Wednesday evening. Hard copy forms in English and Spanish are available in the back of church and in the Parish Center. The Faith Formation program prepares students in Grades 8 and above for the sacrament of Confirmation and students in Grades 2 and above for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Our weekly classes help children learn and practice their Catholic faith, whether they are in a sacrament year or not; all public school kids are welcome to join.

News and Events

Save the Date - Women's Social Hour

Friday, October 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Center's main floor meeting room will be the first **Women's Social Hour** for all adult women in the parish. It will be an opportunity to unwind at the end of the week, meet women you haven't yet met and get together with women you know. Refreshments will be served. This is not a meeting; it is strictly a social gathering hosted by Saint Matt's Rosary Society.

St. Matthew was Celebrated!

St. Matt's Youth Club would like to thank everyone who helped make last weekend's *Celebrate St. Matt's* event a success! Whether you helped make it happen or just came to party, your participation was appreciated. Special thanks to the Cretin-Derham Hall students who perform in the rock band, Yield, who kept the energy high, and the crowd entertained. For current information about Youth Club activities, go to the News page on our website at www.st-matts.org.

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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 September 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt
18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6
-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27

4:15 PM +George Lackner
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, September 28

10:15 AM +Adam Paul Roscoe
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Saturday, October 4

4:15 PM +Fr. Steve Adrian
+Bill Brengman

Sunday, October 5

10:15 AM +Deacon John Murphy and Carol Murphy
+Veronica Roethler

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, September 29 - October 3

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

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM Faith Formation
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, October 2

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

Friday, October 3

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM St. Matthew Community Band

Saturday, October 4

10:00 AM *Commonweal* Discussion Group
2:45 PM Blessing of the Animals
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, October 5

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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