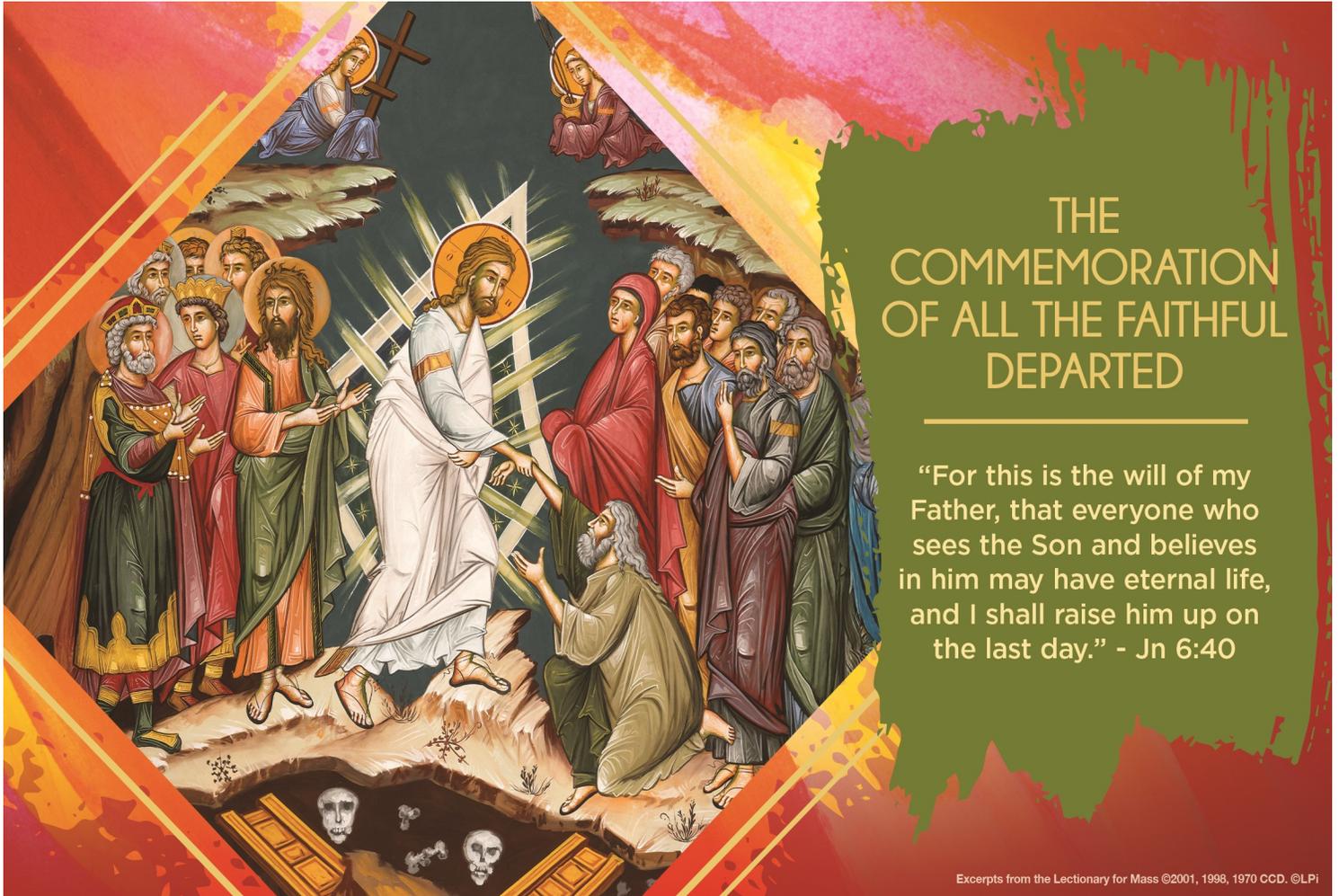




# St. Matthew's

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



### THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.” - Jn 6:40

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**November 2, 2025**

### ***The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed***

#### **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 lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37–40), he says, **“This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me.”** Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— *Father John Muir*

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## Prayer Requests

**Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Kevin Fleming, Jr., Philip Heitzinger, Joan Johnson, Sean Kane, Bernie Klein, Nicole Liskiewicz, Tom Maloney, 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*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** When we enter the Christmas season, and offer wine with the Eucharist, we will need more volunteers to distribute Communion at all Masses. Eucharistic Ministers must have already received the sacrament of Confirmation.

**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](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or Cristina Czaia at [cczaia@st-matts.org](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org).** You can also speak to a greeter or sacristan before or after Mass.

**Isaac's Blessing Bags:** Isaac Garcia is again collecting Christmas gifts for those among us who are less fortunate. Two large decorated boxes, are in the back of the church. You may bring your gifts and place them in those boxes. For many years the people from St. Matthews have been extremely generous. With many people losing jobs and families struggling, the need this year is extremely great. The boxes will be in the back of the church until **Monday, December 1.** See the insert for a list of items needed. Let's practice those Corporal Works of Mercy!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
*Volunteer Coordinator*  
*[mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)*



## Parish Administrator's Note

### Finance Q&A

"Phil, your recent Finance Report said we finished in the black for the last fiscal year. Why do you say we have no money to do certain things?"

Good questions. Brief answers:

We did indeed finish in the black for Fiscal Year 25, which ended June 30. (We're now in Fiscal Year 2026, or F26 for short.) That's good news, and it shows that our budgeting process is working well. When we have a surplus, that makes it easy for us to continue payments on our debts. More on that in a moment.

Our annual Finance Report to the parish, however, focuses only on our **activities** during a single fiscal year. An activities report focuses on our **revenue** and **expenses**. Naturally, we always want our revenue to be greater than our expenses. We've been successful in that regard for several years.

What our annual report does not include is our overall **financial position**. What are our **assets** and what are **liabilities**? We have liquid assets, such as our bank accounts; and we have non-liquid assets, such as our buildings.

As for liabilities, we owe money to Emmaus Partners (formerly Catholic Finance Corporation), which financed the school elevator, our boilers, roof work, and other items. We're paying down those debts as quickly as possible, using rent money from our charter school tenant. We also owe money to the Archdiocese, which we're paying down slowly.

A financial position report takes a broad, multi-year look at our situation. Our Finance Council looks at it monthly. If you'd like to know more, let me know.

May you have a peaceful week. Thank you for your support.

*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 and Confirmation Class This Week:

On Wednesday evening, November 5, Faith Formation students in Grades K to 9 have class in the St Matthew Parish Center. Grades K to 7 begin class at 6:30 PM, and Grades 8 and 9 begin class at 6:45 PM. Community of Saints 8<sup>th</sup> graders also have Confirmation class in the Parish Center on November 5 from 6:45 to 7:50 PM.

### First Reconciliation / First Communion Meeting:

Faith Formation and Community of Saints students in Grades 2 to 8 who would like to make their First Communion in spring 2026 are invited to a meeting in church on Wednesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Parents/guardians are also required to attend this meeting. Parents of Catholic school students who have not yet registered for the sacrament may do so by downloading and completing the form at [www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/](http://www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/). The completed registration form should be emailed to [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org). Registration for First Communion this school year closes in November.

## News and Events

### Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **November 9 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**. October Coffee Sunday will be hosted by **Community of Saints (COS) Regional Catholic School**. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



### Rosary Society Meeting

All women of the community are invited to the **November 11<sup>th</sup>** Rosary Society meeting, which will be from **12:30 to 2:00 PM** in the lower level of the Parish Center. This month, we'll be joined by Blanca, a member of the Guadalupana's from Our Lady of Guadalupe, who will bring the traveling Our Lady of Guadalupe statue and lead us in the traveling rosary, an activity that is part of the preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Come and participate in this meaningful tradition with us. You do not need to be a member to participate in the meeting. Refreshments will be served after the praying of the Rosary.



### 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.

## Parish Leadership

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Isaac Garcia	Katie Quinlan
Terry Grundtner	Delfina Reynolds
Maggie Lee	Ellen Schneider
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

## 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 November 2, 2025

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 1

4:15 PM +Margaret Mortenson

### Sunday, November 2

10:15 AM +Fr. Steve Adrian  
+John and Carol Heitzinger

### Saturday, November 8

4:15 PM +George Lackner  
+Dorothy Robinette  
+Greg Thompson

### Sunday, November 9

10:15 AM +Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Lori Ann Dvorak Simonson

## Calendar of Events

### Monday - Friday, November 3 - 7

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

### Monday, November 3

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM ECFFF  
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, November 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, November 5

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  
6:45 PM - 7:50 PM Confirmation Class for Catholic School Students  
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

### Thursday, November 6

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

### Friday, November 7

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

### Saturday, November 8

10:00 AM Baptism Preparation Meeting (Age 0-6)  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Mass  
5:30 PM Turkey Bingo

### Sunday, November 9

10:15 AM Mass  
After Mass Coffee Sunday  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

## 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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