



St. Matthew's

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

His disciples recalled
the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will
consume me. - Jn 2:17

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November 9, 2025 ***The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***

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

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up**" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— 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, 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 or Cristina Czaia at cczaia@st-matts.org**. You can also speak to a greeter or sacristan before or after Mass.

Thank You: To students from Trinity School who tended to our gardens. They spent a day weeding and making the gardens ready for the upcoming cold weather. We also want to thank **Chris and Donis**. Chris takes care of the gardens by the church and the Parish center. Donis tends to the flowers inside the church.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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*Communal Anointing of the Sick
during Mass the Weekend of
November 22 and 23*



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit November 15-21, in memory of **MaryAnn Kosel**.

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

Vatican II; Guest Speaker

When it comes to church history, the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) is among the most important events of the last century.

The Council convened church leadership from around the world, for major sessions in Rome each year. The Council's teachings led to Mass in English, architectural changes (our building is an example), liturgical renewal, and an emphasis on care for the poor. The Council also promoted the idea that **everyone** in our church is important—not just priests and bishops.

And that's just for starters. When I began work here and got to know Fr. Steve Adrian—our long-time pastor who died last December—I saw how his emphasis on Vatican II really helped make St. Matt's a "Vatican II parish." Many members of our community will recall that Fr. Steve often referred to the Council in his bulletin columns and homilies.

To commemorate the Council and Fr. Steve, **we have invited the Rev. Michael Joncas to speak to our community on Tuesday, December 2.** The talk will be in the church; it starts at 6:30 p.m.

Fr. Joncas is perhaps best known for his song, "On Eagle's Wings". In addition to his many musical compositions, he's also a world class liturgical theologian. We've asked him to reflect on Vatican II and Fr. Steve's legacy. (You might recall that Fr. Joncas gave a wonderful funeral homily for Fr. Steve at his funeral last December 20.)

We're still working out a few details, but it looks like Fr. Joncas will speak for about 45 minutes, followed by a question and answer period.

This event marks the end of a year of remembrance for Fr. Steve. All are welcome. There is no charge.

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

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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 This Week: On Wednesday evening, November 12, only students in Grades 2 to 8 who are preparing for First Communion have class. Those First Communion students plus parents are in church from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Faith Formation kindergarteners, first graders, and those in grades 3 to 9 who have already made their First Communion do NOT have class on November 12.

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 required to attend class in church on Wednesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Parents/guardians also need to attend a meeting in church that evening. 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/. The completed registration form should be emailed to janelle@st-matts.org. Registration for First Communion this school year closes in November.

News and Events

Coffee Sunday - This Sunday!

This Sunday, November 9, is Coffee Sunday after the 10:15 AM Mass, 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 11th** 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.

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Richard Dunn	Tony Postiglione
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

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

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, November 15

4:15 PM +Bill Brengman
+Don Leibl

Sunday, November 16

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

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, November 10 - 14

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

Monday, November 10

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM St. Mary's Dental Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM ECFFF

Tuesday, November 11

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

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 Meeting (Age 7-13)
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM First Communion Parent & Student Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting (Age 14-17)
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, November 13

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

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

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

Sunday, November 16

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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