



# Church of St. Matthew

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## August 25, 2019 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordered Time

### **Liturgy Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Scripture/Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:15 pm</b>	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Mass

### **Reconciliation**

**1st & 3rd Saturday** After Mass until 5:30 pm  
**2nd & 4th Sunday** After Mass until 11:30 am

**Prayer Line** 651.457.0228

### **Readings for the week of August 25, 2019**

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life. - The Catholic Steward

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Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer  
Coordinator

## Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

**We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 4 continuing opportunities.**

### FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades 1 – 10 will resume in mid-September and we have openings for teachers and helpers. Volunteers should enjoy helping children know, love, and serve Jesus and their neighbor, as they learn more about their Catholic faith. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, between September and April. Curriculum and supplies are provided. If a weekly commitment is too much, please consider being a substitute or helping with specific events. To find out more, call or email Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation coordinator, 651-457-3522 or [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org).

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD, TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED

From mid-September until mid-May, children ages 3 to 6 may participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:15 am Mass; the children are in the chapel about 20 minutes for age-appropriate instruction and crafts. We need more teachers and teen helpers to consistently offer the program every weekend. Curriculum and supplies are provided. For more information about what is involved, email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call her at 651-457-3522.



### SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have four 4-hour shifts and four 3-hr shifts. Hours are: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

### STRAWBERRY CLEANING

**Strawberry cleaning has begun!!** We are now cleaning strawberries for the State Fair! We begin every morning at 8:00 am in the Social Hall and our last day will be Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>. As we experienced during the June Strawberry cleaning, with many volunteers we can finish the job quickly. The proceeds from this opportunity will go to the Roof Fund.

**I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

### THANK YOU for MASS in the park and a great PICNIC!

Thanks to many folks who made the "Mass and picnic in the park" a success last Sunday.

The **Rosary Society and its members** who supplied all the paper products;

The **Men's club** and its members who supplied the meat and did the grilling;

The **"green team"** who helped be responsible recyclers and composters;

**Ginny Roethler** who took care of all the liturgy 'stuff';

The **St. Matt's musicians** who took care of the mics, speakers, etc., and who led us all in song;

**Each and every family who supplied a salad, a dessert, or both;**

**All those who prayed for good weather!**

## News and Events

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"We must care for the earth so that it may continue as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family."

-Pope Francis



Thank you to all who made the Mass and Picnic at Cherokee Park possible this past weekend and to all who participated in our recycling efforts.

-St. Matt's Earth Care Committee

### REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION

Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Registrations will be taken after Mass on 8/24, 8/25, 9/7, and 9/8. Or stop by the Parish Center to register or register online at [www.st-matts.org](http://www.st-matts.org). This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation next spring. First Communion and First Reconciliation are usually celebrated in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but we also prepare older students for these sacraments. Confirmation is celebrated in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Our first evening of class is on September 18 at 6:30 pm in the church building.

### MN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FALL STUDY DAY Wednesday, September 4, 9:00 a.m.–noon at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave., St. Paul.

Tim Carney, author of "Alienated America: Why Some Places Thrive While Others Collapse," addresses why failing social connections are responsible for the great divisions in American society and what can be done to remedy these divides. Plus, a distinguished panel of local respondents offers their thoughts on alienation in America, the fracturing of public life, the challenges of building vibrant communities, and opportunities for faith communities in addressing some of these issues. Free event. **Registration required** at [www.MNCatholic.org/AlienatedAmerica](http://www.MNCatholic.org/AlienatedAmerica).

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS August 18, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	10
Hours in service	41

Parish		School	\$	92
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,712			
Electronic Giving	\$ 262			
Vigil Lights	\$ 39	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>92</b>
Holy Day	\$ 456	<b>Thank You</b>		
Roof Donation	\$ 600			
Bells	\$			
Fall Festival	\$			
Donation	\$ 5,000			
Rent	\$ 640			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,709</b>			
<b>Thank You</b>				



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on August 26th for an anonymous parishioner.

Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special day in your family's life by ringing the Bells of Saint Matthew. Call Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your special date.

### FALL FESTIVAL 2019

Our Fall Festival will be held the weekend of September 14th & 15th. We will have an organizational meeting on Monday August 26th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.



Last year's festival was a huge success. We want to build on that success. **We ask all Booth Chair People to attend this meeting** as we finalize plans for the festival. Everyone working together will make our Festival fun. Completed Volunteer Sign-up sheets should be available for each booth at this meeting.

### AARP DRIVER COURSE AT ST. MATTS.

The course will be on Thursday, October 17th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the social hall. Please enter from the parking lot. \$15 for AARP member; \$20 for non-members; payable at the door. Registration only by phone to the parish center; 651.224.9793.



### ROOF/RAMP PROJECTS

As you may know the roof project has been completed, however the bills still must be paid. If you wish to help St. Matthew's with this expense, envelopes are available on the table by the St. Matthew Icon.

The main church entrance concrete/railings/ramp will be replaced before the snowfall. This project will do a couple of things; improve the aesthetic features of the church as well as the safety of the church. Of course this too requires money and you can help with the cost of this project if you are able to do so.

Thank you to all who have responded so far, God's blessings to you. Please give as you are able, all gifts large and small are appreciated.

### NIGHT OF LIGHT-- Help more children attend a Catholic school!

**September 27, 2019, at the Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront**

Join us, our keynote speaker, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and our distinguished guest, Archbishop Bernard Hebda, for the 7th annual Night of Light. The gala is the 12 county metro area's premier fundraiser directly supporting children in all K-8 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. Proceeds of last year's event helped more than 1,300 children attend a Catholic school in 2018-19. Tables and tickets are still available. To register, visit <https://nightoflight.infooor> contact the Aim Higher Foundation at 612-819-6711.

**Parish Leadership**

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Sacraments**

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

**Bulletin**

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Saturday, August 24**

4:15 pm John DeVecchio, Special Intention

#### **Sunday, August 25**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Arthur & Jackie Minus  
21st Wedding Anniversary

#### **Monday, August 26**

Marcus T. McEllistrem †

#### **Tuesday, August 27**

Wallace Borgan †

#### **Friday, August 30**

Mary Jane Spert †

#### **Saturday, August 31**

4:15 pm Deacon John Murphy †

#### **Sunday, September 1**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Bob Nowak †

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **Saturday, August 24**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

4:15 pm Mass

#### **Sunday, August 25**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

10:15 am Mass

Reconciliation following Mass

#### **Monday– Friday August 26– August 30**

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

#### **Monday, August 26**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic

6:30 pm Fall Festival Planning Meeting PC

#### **Tuesday, August 27**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

#### **Wednesday, August 28**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

#### **Thursday, August 29**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

#### **Friday, August 30**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

#### **Saturday, August 31**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation following Mass

#### **Sunday, September 1**

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning SH

10:15 am Mass

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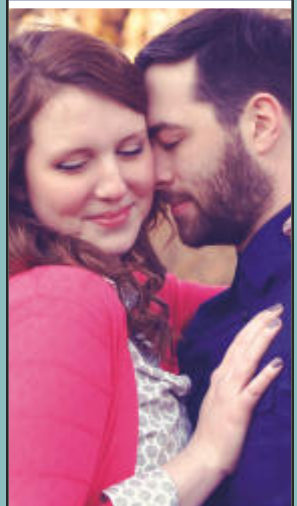
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