

# Church of St. Matthew

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***The Feast of Saint Matthew***

**September 20, 2020**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordered Time**

## ***Liturgy Schedule***

### ***Masses***

**In person 4:15 pm Saturday**

**Streamed 10:15 am Sunday**

### ***Reconciliation***

**2nd and 4th Saturday of the month  
following 4:15 pm Mass**

***Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick***

**Please call the parish office for each**

***Prayer Line 651.457.0228***

## ***Readings for the week of September 20, 2020***

Sunday: Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19: 2-3, 4-5; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Matt 9:9-13

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps."

Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father's request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father's will. The first son tells his father, "no." At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father.

The first son's honest, less-than-perfect response, is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard?

We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do.

We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the 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**

### FAITH FORMATION

St. Matthew's Faith Formation program needs volunteers to teach students in younger grades and needs two volunteers at the front desk. Time commitment is Wednesday evenings from mid-September until early May. We are seeking volunteers at least 16 years of age. Additionally, substitute teachers are needed. Even if you could only volunteer occasionally, we could still use your help! To find out more, please email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call or text 651-242-6004

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

### THANK YOU!

**We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.**

**THANK YOU** to the 43 parishioners who attended our Public Mass last Saturday. As we continue to film that Mass for those who wish to attend the **Sunday Mass online**, we thank our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers Mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our pianist **Jill** and our cantor **Linda** who provided the beautiful music. To **Becky & Dave** who presented the readings. To our Eucharistic ministers **Tim & Tom**. We thank our sacristan/server **Mary**. Thank you to our ushers **Tim & Tom** & doorman **Mike**. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the Mass on the **st-matts.org Website/Facebook page** or on **YouTube**. **CONGRATULATIONS** to our **14 Young People** who were confirmed last Sunday. **THANK YOU** to **Archbishop Hebda** who celebrated Mass and confirmed the Confirmation Candidates. To **Fr. Steve** our Sacramental Minister and **Fr. Mathew** our Parochial Administrator who con-celebrated the Mass. Thank You to Master of Ceremonies **John**. To pianist **Jill** and cantor **Linda** who provided the music. We thank our lectors **John, Ronald & David**. Thanks to our servers **Miles & Paul** and sacristans **Joanne and Ginny**. Thanks to greeters **Ellen & Niko**, and ushers **Maggie & Ellen**. Thank you to **Dave** our Faith Formation Confirmation catechist and to **Nick** the Middle School Religion teacher at Community of Saint Regional Catholic School. Lastly, **Thank You** to **Janelle** our coordinator of Faith Formation!

## News and Events

*Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.*

### BEFORE ATTENDING MASS, STOP, THINK, CONSIDER

While Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish, we want to have a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you or any one you know been exposed to Covid-19?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health, masks are required.**

### CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets that were ordered many months ago have arrived—finally. The ushers will take up the collections [both for the parish and special collections] at the usual times of the Mass. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Everyone coming will be asked to record their name and telephone number on a sign-in sheet. The only—but important—reason for this is the use of that information for contact tracing. [To date we have not had any cases of COVID-19 connected to attendance at Mass. There is no guarantee that our 'clean record' will continue.]

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 6 & 13, 2020

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 42  
Hours in service 72

#### Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 8,481  
Electronic Giving \$ 1,596  
Holyday \$ 30  
PayPal \$ 250  
Funeral \$ 450  
Fuel \$ 100  
Bells \$ 20  
Masses \$ 40  
Food Shelf \$ 50  
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Holy Land \$ 346  
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### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 24 for the living & deceased Rosary/CCW members.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lrivera@st-matts.org](mailto:lrivera@st-matts.org) or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to lite the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES STARTING THIS WEEK

Faith Formation classes for public school students in grades 1-10 begin this Wednesday, September 23. Classes will be held in the Parish Center; the start and dismissal times have been staggered to reduce congestion around the entryway as part of our coronavirus safety precautions. Grades K-2 have class from 6:30 to 7:30, Grades 3 to 5 have class from 6:45 to 7:45 pm, and Grades 6 to 10 have class from 7 to 8 pm. Register ahead of time by contacting Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr via email [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call or text 651-242-6004. Students who will celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation during this school year will need to attend the Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes.

### VOTING

This website can be very valuable: [MNVOTES.ORG](http://MNVOTES.ORG)

On that website, you can do many things. Among them:

You can register to vote if you are not already registered

You can apply for an absentee ballot; you do not have to have any qualifying reason

You can check the status of your ballot: has it been received, etc.

Now is the time to apply for an absentee ballot. They will be mailed out in mid-September and you will be able to vote thereafter.

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 288 ANNUAL WREATH SALE

Last week's bulletin contained an insert for Boy Scout Troop 288 (sponsored by Community of Saint Regional Catholic School) for their annual wreath sale. You can go to their website to download an order form or to get more information on the sale. There is also information about their Gourmet Popcorn sale. You can pick up an order form at the parish office as well. The sale ends October 25th and items can be picked up after Masses November 21-22.

Because of Covid-19 the scouts are relying on online sales or phone sales. If you have questions please contact Joan Smith at 651.271.3236 or [j.smithWreaths@gmail.com](mailto:j.smithWreaths@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting Scouting.

### CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

On Sunday, September 13, 2020, Archbishop Hebda celebrated the 10:15 Mass with Confirmation for our fourteen candidates. Fr. Steve and Fr. Mathew were concelebrants.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, these fourteen young women and men were anointed by the Archbishop and surrounded by loving and proud sponsors and families :

Annamarie Rose Avalos  
Benjamin Barragn-Ponce  
Isaac Santino Garcia  
Ashley Haynes  
Francisco Hernandez  
Elyse A. Jahn  
Latrice Jondro

Christian Lubajua  
Christina Palmillas  
Marly Rodriguez  
Jessica Garcia Saligan  
Lydia C. Sanchez  
Adriana Silva  
Caden Lyle Thell

## Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
jdelvecchio

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster  
kevinjack

Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry  
jillkilzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable  
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## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Alan Christensen

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### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

### 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, September 19

4:15 pm Mary Jane Sperl†  
Art Fischer†

### Sunday, September 20 — 50th Anniversary of dedication — of the “new” church

10:15 am Our Parish  
Arthur Minus†

### Monday, September 21 — Feast of Saint Matthew

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, September 25

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, September 26

4:15 pm Arthur Geis†  
Michael Vasquez, Special Intention

### Sunday, September 27

10:15 am Our Parish  
MaryAnn Kosel†

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, September 19

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall  
4:15 pm Mass with Food Collection for Neighborhood House

### Sunday September 20 —50th Anniversary of dedication —of the “new” church

10:15 am Mass Streamed with Food Collection for  
Neighborhood House  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being  
Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

### Monday, September 21 —Feast of Saint Matthew

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### Tuesday, September 22

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

### Wednesday, September 23

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

### 6:30 pm Faith Formation Begins Parish Center

### Thursday, September 24

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
4:30 pm Finance Meeting  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

### Friday, September 25

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, September 26 Priesthood Sunday

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall

### Sunday September 27 Priesthood Sunday

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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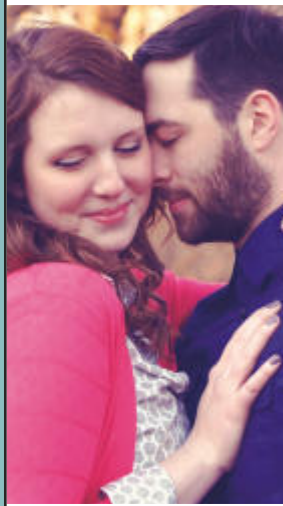
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