Liturgy Schedule

**Masses**
- **Saturday** 4:15 PM
- **Sunday** 10:15 AM *(online Mass is on hiatus)*

**Reconciliation**
2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Mass

Please contact the parish office regarding Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”
- Mt 11:28

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**July 9, 2023**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**YouTube**
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**Office Hours**
- **Monday - Thursday** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Friday** Closed
GRATITUDE becomes the starting point for spiritual awareness. It is with and through gratitude that I am allowed to wonder at the riches of life.

Once again Thomas Merton tells me: “Gratitude takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awaking to the new wonder and to the praise of the goodness of God.”

Gratitude is the habit that fosters in me the courage to live the last act, the final inning, as completely as possible.

Gratitude is a habit that insists that one be alert, alive, looking, listening and eager to receive, it is nourished by wonder.

With the counselor and with reflection and with prayer, I found that this time in my life is a time of grace and gratitude; the opportunities for growth and learning are still part of the landscape.

So often, “thank you” is a throwaway line. Unless the word “thank you” comes from a deep sense of the gift the other has given and a sense of my appreciation, it is just that – a throwaway line.

The last time I visited with James Shannon was at the Saint Paul Cathedral during the half hour before the start of Archbishop Roach’s funeral. We sat together and talked. We talked about the church of today. We talked about what life has been for each of us. We talked about our differing relationship with John Roach; and I had the chance to say “thank you, Jim, for all you have been to me on this journey”. He smiled and as we parted he said of me. “Steve, for me this has truly been an occasion of grace.” A gracious man, a holy man acknowledges that a “thank you” is always a response to an occasion of grace.

Fr. Steve Adrian

PRAYER LINE: We are looking for volunteers who are willing to pray for the intentions of those who leave messages on our Prayer Line. The moderator of the Prayer Line will call “Prayer Volunteers” to inform them the “Prayer Request” and those volunteers will take some time to pray for the person requesting prayers as well as the intention mentioned in the request. If you can devote some time to pray for those in need, please contact Mary Leibl or the parish office. The names of those who call the Prayer Line and of those volunteering to pray are always anonymous.

BIBLE STUDY: Some parishioners have expressed an interest in having a study group(s) in the parish. Would you be interested in taking part in a study group? Do you have a certain topic you would like to address? Perhaps the Synod Process & Results? A certain Book of the Bible? If interested in being involved, call the parish office at (651) 224-9793 and leave your name and contact information.

STRAWBERRIES: In just 6 ½ weeks, we will begin cleaning strawberries! Keep Wednesday, August 23 – Sunday, September 3 open! Our parish has again been asked to clean strawberries for the Strawberry & Cream booth at the Minnesota State Fair! We begin cleaning each day at about 8:00 AM and are usually finished about noon. Much depends on the weather and crowd size at the fair. Many of our volunteers look forward to this project. They enjoy being together and socializing with fellow parishioners. If you have never taken part in this opportunity, reserve at least one day on your calendar and see if you too might find the experience enjoyable!

THANK YOU: To Jair who, by himself, shampooed all the carpeting in the church and chapel.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT’S

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

SECURITY
Our ad hoc task force on security met recently. The purpose was to review progress to date. We’ve learned a lot. We have more to learn, before we buy any equipment.

Our starter thinking last fall was to install some cameras. Cameras are one component of a comprehensive security plan. After talking to several vendors, we have a better idea where we will put them.

Camera vendors have recommended we consider door access controls. To learn enough to make a good choice, we will have door access vendors walk through our campus with us.

Training of and support for parishioners is another component of a security plan. It’s important to know what to do in case of problems. (Pop quiz: do you know where our AEDs are?) To help, we have training materials available from our insurance company, Catholic Mutual.

We’ve been fortunate in not having major emergencies. We do want to stay ahead of things, however. I’m grateful to our volunteers already helping with this project. If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

HOSPITALITY
Whenever we talk about security, we should also talk about hospitality. It’s important to have a balance between these two values. We know that the vast majority of people mean no harm. Welcoming everyone remains a priority here at St. Matt’s. Here again, training and support are critical, so that we know how best to reach out to people we don’t yet know. If interested in this ministry, please let me know.

*ANSWER
One AED is in the back right corner of the church, near the literature racks. The other is behind the bar in the Social Hall. Extra credit: Do you know how to use them?

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

Phil Grant
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If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. We are strong as a community praying together.

News and Events

ROSARY IN CHEROKEE PARK
Once again this summer, the Saint Matt’s Rosary Society is hosting the praying of the Rosary in Cherokee Park, the second Tuesday of the month. All are invited. We will gather at 10:00 AM on July 11 by the large Picnic Pavilion at Cherokee Park. This is the same location as the annual Saint Matt’s Mass and Picnic in Cherokee Park.

Please bring a chair if you can, plus a rosary. There will be extra rosaries and chairs if you're unable to bring either of these.

August 8 will be the next time we gather to pray the Rosary.

MIESVILLE MUDHENSES BASEBALL
The Men’s Club is paying for a bus to attend a Miesville Mudhens baseball game on Wednesday, July 12. We have room for 46 people to ride on the bus. Anyone is welcome to ride with us. The bus will leave St. Matthew at 6:00 PM. The game starts at 8:00 PM and we return after the game. Estimated arrival back at St. Matthew is 11:00-11:30 PM. Your only cost is the $3 admission (under 18 are free) to the game and purchases that you might want from the concession stand. The Men’s Club will be providing refreshments on the bus.

Contact Tim Nowak at timothy.nowak@usfamily.net or 612-269-9471 to reserve a spot or if you have any questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATIONS
Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. During the month of June 2023, St. Matthew donated 138 pounds of food. Thank you for your generosity!
Parish Leadership

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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.

Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 8
4:15 PM  Mass
Our Parish
+Bill Brengman
+Victor Mercado, Sr.
+Shirley Johnson Sulat

Sunday, July 9
10:15 AM  Mass
Our Parish
+Muriel Budziszewski
+John Meginness
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Monday, July 10
8:00 AM  Cancelled

Tuesday, July 11
8:00 AM  Cancelled

Wednesday, July 12
8:00 AM  Cancelled

Thursday, July 13
8:00 AM  Cancelled

Friday, July 14
8:00 AM  Cancelled

Saturday, July 15
4:15 PM  Mass
Our Parish
+Gerry Jenniges
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Sunday, July 16
10:15 AM  Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Loaves & Fishes
Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.

Monday, July 10
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  Parish Office Open
7:00 PM  AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 11
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  Parish Office Open
10:00 AM  Rosary in the Park (Cherokee Park)
6:30 PM  Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, July 12
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  St. Mary’s Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  Parish Office Open
8:00 PM  Men’s Club Meeting

Thursday, July 13
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  Parish Office Open
7:00 PM  AA Meeting

Friday, July 14
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  St. Mary’s Diabetes Program Meeting

Saturday, July 15
4:15 PM  Mass (in-person)

Sunday, July 16
10:15 AM  Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

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