17th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”
- Mt 13:44

July 30, 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Regret is the ghost of aging. It prods me to look back and question everything I have done. It awakens the “life of should” – I should have…

Regret nibbles around the edges of the mind and we feel weary, listless and with no desire to do anything.

It is not only the past that disappoints us when regret gets a foothold. The brooding slipp[es over into the present. It sours the immediate, the here-and-now.

The thought of what could have been eats at the center of the heart and dampens the glow of what we did do.

Regret is not insight; it fails to recognize that there are many ways to the fullness of life. Regret is a temptation.

It entices us to hunger for what never was in the past rather than bring new energy to the present. The antidote to regret is forgiveness.

Oliver Wendell Holmes: “The young know the rules, the old know the exceptions.” There is a softening of heart that comes with age. We come to know that no one is perfect, and no one can be. We learn that life is a series of exceptions to be reckoned with.

We come to know ourselves from awareness of our own failings as well as successes, our virtue and our sin and our deep need for mercy.

Tennyson: Two aged men, who had been foes in life, met by a grave and wept—and in those tears, they washed away the memory of their strife. Then wept again the loss of those years.”

Forgiveness is the therapy of old age that wipes the slate clean. Forgiveness is more important to the one who forgives than the one who is forgiven. Forgiveness puts life back together again.

Life does not have to be perfect to be perfect; it only needs to be forgiving and forgiven.

Fr. Steve Adrian

FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION
Fr. Adrian will be on vacation until August 3, 2023. Fr. Thomas Kommers and Fr. Rodger Bauman will be substituting for Fr. Adrian. We are glad to have Fr. Kommers and Fr. Bauman back at St. Matt’s. We wish Fr. Adrian a restful and relaxing vacation!

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” — Isaiah 6:8

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS: The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades 1 to 10 will resume September 20, and we have openings for teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM between September and early May. Volunteers should enjoy helping children learn more about their Catholic faith and do not need to be experienced teachers. Training and support are provided, in addition to supplies and curriculum that includes a lesson plan for each week. If a weekly commitment is too much, please consider being a substitute or helping with specific events such as parent meetings or sacrament meetings. To find out more, call or text Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004 or send an email to janelle@st-matts.org.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: On Tuesday, August 1, 2023 “Unite the Night” will take place nationwide. St. Matthew parish will also be taking part in this celebration. From 6:00 – 8:00 PM, we will gather in front of the church at 510 Hall Avenue. Hall Avenue will be blocked off between Winifred and Robie. Beverages and snacks will be provided. We could use some volunteers to help greet our neighbors and offer refreshments. If you are able to help, please call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

STRAWBERRIES: In just 3 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 Kathy S. who will be our Tuesday morning receptionist! She will be a wonderful addition to our office staff.

THANK YOU: To Chris M., our outgoing Tuesday morning receptionist. We thank her for her time and service to St. Matthew.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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Parish Administrator’s Note

Patience
I enjoyed Fr. Rodger Baumann’s homily on patience last weekend. I certainly need patience in my work, as some facilities projects can take a long time to plan and execute. Case in point: we began the school roof replacement project over a year ago.

After such a long process, I was pleased to hear the roofing company’s crane this past week. The crane was used to lift materials to the school roof. Workers—up to 14 at some points—climbed a very long ladder to get up there. Oh—the first thing the crane lifted last week? A Porta-Potty.

It’s Clean Out Time
We’ve scheduled this coming Wednesday (Aug. 2) and Thursday (Aug. 3) mornings to clean out things from the school building. If you’re free at 9am on either or both of those days, please join us! (School building curiosity seekers are welcome on condition you help empty the old locker rooms off stage left!)

We’ll probably finish around 11:30 a.m. and have light refreshments. It’d be helpful to know who’s coming, so we can plan for food. Please email Angela in the office (arakow@st-matts.org). Thanks!

If you work during the week, know that we’ll have some Saturday morning opportunities coming up in the next couple of months. There’s plenty to clean out in the Parish Center and church building as well. If you’re familiar with Facebook Marketplace, let Angela and me know. We want to avoid putting things in landfills.

Solar Project Update
I’ve met again with representatives from Apadana Technologies, the company that will be replacing our main electric panel in a few months. We’re also planning for a solar installation by Apadana. With the school roof replaced, it’ll be a great spot to install panels. Good for the earth and good for our bottom line!

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

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breid, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, Elaine Goldberg, Dean Hinzman, The Karas Family, Judy O’Brien, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Mary Lou Shields, Joanne Smith, Mary Lynn Vasquez, and Patricia Weisman.

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
Saint Matt’s Rosary Society is hosting the praying of the Rosary in Cherokee Park, the second Tuesday of the month this summer. All – women, men and youth - are invited. We will gather at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 8 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 want, plus a rosary. There will be extra rosaries if you’re unable to bring one. There is a new paved path from the street to the pavilion, which makes walking from parking on the street much easier for all. This will be our last Rosary in Cherokee Park this summer.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
St. Matthew will host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. More information can be found in the insert.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE
We will be writing the new ministry schedule this week of August 7. This schedule will begin Labor Day, Monday, September 4 and run through Sunday, November 26. This will include Thanksgiving Day. Please let Mary Leibl know by Sunday, August 6 as to what Masses you would be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthew’s Parish!

MASS IN THE PARK
St. Matthew’s annual Mass and Picnic in the Park will be on Sunday, August 13 at 10:30 AM at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. See the flyer inside for more information. We hope to see you there!

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER NEEDED
Please see Mary Leibl’s volunteer column to find out how you can help in the upcoming school year. You can also call or text Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004 or send an email to janelle@st-matts.org for more information.
Parish Leadership

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- Kathy Goldenstein
- Maggie Lee
- John Del Vecchio
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- Alan Christensen
- Maggie Lee
- Richard Dunn
- Phil Grant, Ex Officio

Finance Council Members

- Jerald Dosch
- Kathy Goldenstein
- Maggie Lee
- Phil Grant, Ex Officio

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 30, 2023

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, July 29
  - 4:15 PM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.
  - +Sherry Simpson

- Sunday, July 30
  - 10:15 AM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Lisa Norton

- Monday, July 31
  - 8:00 AM Cancelled

- Tuesday, August 1
  - 8:00 AM Cancelled

- Wednesday, August 2
  - 8:00 AM Cancelled

- Thursday, August 3
  - 8:00 AM Cancelled

- Friday, August 4
  - 8:00 AM Cancelled

- Saturday, August 5
  - 4:15 PM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Gerry Jenniges
  - +Helen Leibl
  - +Dorinda Martinneau

- Sunday, August 6
  - 10:15 AM Mass
  - Our Parish
  - +Carol Dvorak Johnson
  - +Lisa Norton

Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

- +Lisa Norton
- +Carol Dvorak Johnson
- +Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.
- +Sherry Simpson

Calendar of Events

- Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4
  - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.

- Monday, July 31
  - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
  - 7:00 PM AA Meeting

- Tuesday, August 1
  - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
  - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM National Night Out

- Wednesday, August 2
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary’s Clinic
  - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
  - 7:30 PM Men’s Club Board Meeting

- Thursday, August 3
  - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
  - 7:00 PM AA Meeting

- Friday, August 4
  - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM St. Mary’s Diabetes Program Meeting

- Saturday, August 5
  - 4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

- Sunday, August 6
  - 10:15 AM Mass (in-person) Confession after Mass

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