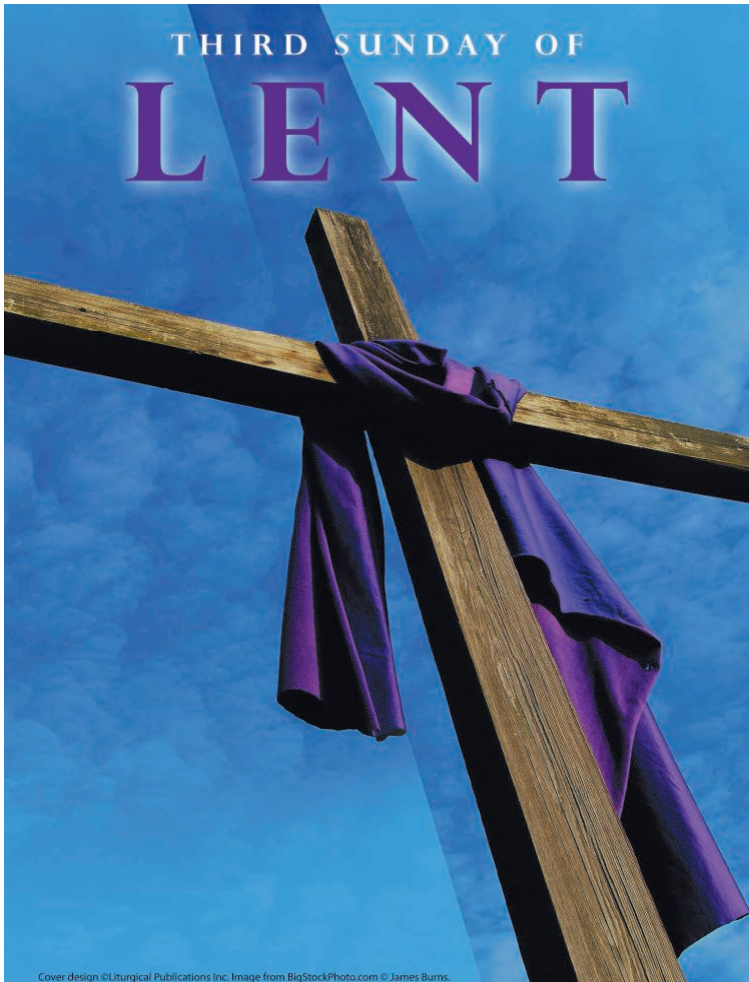


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March 4, 2018 **Third Sunday of Lent**

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

Bulletin

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

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

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Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

THE SCRUTINIES



On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent Catholic parishes who are preparing adults and children to be baptized at the Easter Vigil celebrate what are called the "Scrutinies." These rites are celebrated at liturgies where the Elect, those adults and children who are preparing for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) are attending. Part of their journey to receive the Sacraments of Initiation has included the Rite of Acceptance by their sponsoring parish and the Rite of Election from the bishop or his delegate. The Rite of Election was celebrated on February 18th at the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the Basilica of Saint Mary. Even if the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Election are not celebrated at the Church of St. Matthew, it can be a wonderful way to reflect upon the journey the Elect are making during Lent and an inspiration for us to consider our own Lenten journey.

The Scrutinies are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine or scrutinize how we are living our lives, the ways we can improve our behaviors, and to ask for the healing and strength that comes from the support of our sisters and brothers as we continue to undergo conversion. There are special gospel readings for each of the three Scrutinies that reflect what is taking place. The story of the Samaritan Woman (Jn 4:5-42) for looking at how we live our lives. The story of the Man Born Blind (Jn 9:1-41) for the ways we can improve our lives. And the story of Lazarus (Jn 11:1-45) for asking to be unbound with the help of our sisters and brothers.

Our religious understanding of conversion comes from the Greek word *metanoia*. In ancient Greece, *metanoia* meant "the shifting of minds" and referred to the way a person or group of people arrived at a new way of looking at a situation or a new understanding of an issue. For the English scriptures, *metanoia* is usually translated as "repent" and is found where Jesus announces the Kingdom of God. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk.1:14).

Conversion can be thought of as a transformation of who we are and the way we see the world. Normally, it is a long process that takes time and is marked by a few momentous occasions and critical decisions. Conversion is a change of course or direction. It is as if our eyes are opened and our old-world fades and falls away. What emerges is a new person on all human levels and in all ways of human living. Conversion is a change of heart when we trust ourselves to God and God's gracious guidance.

Down through the years, spiritual directors, moral theologians, and psychologists have attempted to describe what takes place at all the different human levels and in all ways of human living when it comes to conversion. Religious conversion is when we recognize that we are being grasped by God. This often happens when a crisis happens in our lives and we look to God for meaning. Intellectual conversion is when we change our perspectives on the world to see reality as it truly is and not what it seems to be. It is a process marked by a continual turning away from ideologies, delusions, and false images of God to the one true God as revealed by Jesus Christ. Affective conversion is the change of values that takes place within us as we turn away from self-love to charity for others. Moral conversion is when the changes in our thoughts and feelings influence our everyday decisions and actions. We become responsible for the choices we make.

As we join the Elect, in prayer if not in person, as they experience the Scrutinies, let us recognize and celebrate God's good work begun in the Elect and carried on in us.



News and Events

BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW

The bells at Saint Matthew will ring on March 4th for Jeff Goers in celebration of his 40th birthday.

FISH FRY - EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH MARCH 30TH

Dinner includes: Baked potato, cole slaw, veggie, roll, beverage, all you care to eat baked or fried fish & dessert. Adults \$11, Seniors \$10, Children 5-12 \$6 and under 5 free with a paid adult. Served in the Social Hall located at 510 Hall Ave.



BLAZING FORWARD

Where were you in 1968? Did you see the church burn or take pictures of it after the fire? We'd like to share the stories of that day at our 50th anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 15th. As reported at the Fire Hall Museum, it was the fourth largest fire in St. Paul that year at \$231,000. Do you have a souvenir from the fire that you would like to have us display? All items would be returned to you. Come see a piece of our history from April 15, 1968. In addition to the event, Father Steve Adrian will be the celebrant for the Mass that day – and there will be birthday cake for his 76th birthday.

If you have items you are willing to share, please connect with Linda Rivera at the Parish Center 651-224-9793 or Karen Thompson at 651-245-0535. **We haven't heard from many folks yet, does anyone have anything to share?? Your items will be clearly marked, and returned to you and you can take them with you after the celebration.**

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES AVAILABLE

The Silent Auction Committee has been given two new First Communion Dresses. Since this is the time of year when girls need these dresses we are making them available for purchase now. The new dresses are one size 7 and one size 10. We are asking \$30.00 for each. There is also a size 12 vintage dress if someone is in need of a dress. If you are interested in seeing the dresses please contact the parish office. All proceeds go to St. Matthew's Church.



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Every Friday of Lent at 4:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 02-25-2018

Parish		School	\$ 50
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,632		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,798		
Vigil Lights	\$ 29		
Fuel	\$ 45		
Faith Formation	\$ 20		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 53		
Social Hall	\$ 250		
Candles	\$ 67		
Total	\$ 4,894	Total	\$ 50
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 3

4:00 pm Arthur Geis†

Sunday, March 4

10:00 am Our Parish

Jeff Goers, Special Intention

Monday, March 5

8:00 am Elaine Goldberg, Special Intention

Wednesday, March 7

8:00 am Madeline Perron †

Friday, March 9

8:00 am Pam, Robert Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

Saturday, March 10

4:00 pm Eugene Gonsowski†

Sunday, March 11

10:00 am Our Parish

Consolation & Jovito Guiwan†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 3

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Ham Bingo SH

Sunday, March 4

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Coffee Sunday

2:00 pm Penitential Service

Monday, March 5

8:00 am Mass

Monday, March 5-Thursday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 6

Wednesday, March 7

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation

8:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, March 8

9:30 am Mass COS

Friday, March 9

8:00 am Mass

4:00 pm Stations of the Cross C

4:30 - 7:30 Fish Fry SH

Saturday, March 10

4:00 pm Mass w/Confirmation Students Blessing

5:00 pm Community Dinner SH

Sunday, March 11 Daylight Savings Begins

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Coffee Sunday

Children's Corner

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV).



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