



Church of St. Matthew

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March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 am Mass
Wednesday 8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service
Thursday: 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School
Saturday - 4:15 pm
Sunday - 10:15 am

Reconciliation

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

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so it is urgent that we use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

The Catholic Steward



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

Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 2 opportunities.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

We need volunteers to take communion to those unable to worship with us. This "liturgical" ministry involves taking a pyx with a host from Saturday or Sunday Mass; visiting the person in their home; reading the gospel and sharing a sentence or two from the homily; praying the Lord's Prayer together and then giving the Host to the person. After we get a few volunteers for this ministry then we will invite people to request that visit. This is different from a pastoral visit in the middle of the week with a goodly amount of conversation in the visit. If you would like more information, please call John Riehle at the parish office.

SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS

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

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

Thank you to the following people who stepped forward to volunteer their time and talent to our parish:

Thank you to **Louise Breidel** who has volunteered as an on-call parish center receptionist.

Thank you to all who stayed after the 10:15 Mass last Sunday to move the sanctuary platforms and bring rows of chairs to the front of the church. To the Jondro family, Anthony Minus, Greg Baker, J.T. and the Goldenstein family for helping in the move of the sanctuary platforms. To Bella, Isabella, Theo and friends who moved the chairs to the front of the church. No doubt there may have been others who also helped in this move. As a parish we want to thank you and ask that you send your name to mleibl@st-matts.org so we can thank you publicly.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS

During the first two Fish Frys nearly 800 people dined in our Social Hall. This was made possible by the dedication of countless volunteers. We thank each and everyone, let us know if we missed your name, it is not our intention: **Tim Nowak, Diane & Greg Lothenbach, Kathy & Al Schowalter, Dennis Steele, Tony Postilgione, Ken Kasheimer, Bob Creamer, Evan Berg, Charley Andersen, Bob Bejblik, Mike Bauer, Mary & Bernie Klein, Joan Lannon, Luella, and Oscar, Anthony Minus, Beth Geis, Hope Savard, Tom Kegler, Marcie & Leo Kegler, Emily Kowal, Joe Stevens, Dean & Jan Steinbrenner, Joe Maidel, Steve Grundel, Bill Lynch, Greg Sites, COS Alumni, Rosary Society.**

UPDATE ON THE ROOF REPLACEMENT

One vendor of the four was preferred. Members of the finance council checked on the references. They made contact with six companies who have had roofs installed/replaced by our preferred company. Every reference was extremely positive in all aspects of the work and the follow-ups. And I received an unsolicited recommendation of the same vendor in a conversation with a parishioner who owns a number of buildings - we talked at the Fish Fry on Friday. I will work with Fr. Banker to get the 'proxy request' sent in to the Archdiocese (With an expense of this size all five members of the corporate board must vote in favor.)

I will tell the vendor that they have been chosen and tell them the calendar for getting the official decision. Hopefully they will be able to 'pencil us in' their schedule.

We have more funds than 'one half down' at this point. Our annual budget is on the positive side so we will be able to count on a bit more of those funds. Please watch for the way that each of us can help fund this project – in bite-size pieces. *John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator*

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on Friday, March 17th in memory of **Mary Ann Rasmussen**.

CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW
WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRY
 All Fridays During Lent
 March 8 - April 19
 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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Non fish option: grilled cheese sandwich or new this year; spaghetti

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Table Service
No waiting in a buffet line!

Drive Up Service Also New This Year

On Sunday, March 17, 2019

Twenty-three young men and women of Saint Matthew's Parish were Confirmed by Archbishop Bernard Hebda.

We congratulate you for your hard work, we pray you continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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| Isaiah Anderson | Jose Avila-Tovalin |
| Lillian Avila-Tovalin | Jaden Baker |
| Dennis Canada Jimenez | Jean Canada Jimenez |
| Keira Diaz | Miles Dunn |
| Olivia Garcia | Juan Grassi Cueto |
| Kameron Morales | Janson Grado Nunez |
| Solana Plaster | Ana Rivera-Prescott |
| Christian Ruiz | Ava Grace Scanlon |
| Alvaro Serrano | Jossaline Seville |
| Arelys Torres Sinohui | Yahir Torres Sinohui |
| Gavin Sullivan | Collin Thell |
| | Christian Yanez |

FAITH FORMATION BREAK

St. Matthew Faith Formation students do **not** have class on Wednesday, March 27, and on April 3, due to spring break. The last regular Faith Formation classes for the school year for students in Grades 1 through 7 are on April 10, April 17, and April 24. Note that on April 24 we will have a service at 7:00 pm to which parents/guardians and parishioners are invited.

NEW SEATING IN CHURCH

Thanks to so many folks who worked hard to rearrange some of the platforms and chairs. As I mentioned two weeks ago, Father Steve really desires to be closer to us worshippers.

Thanks to everyone who accomplished all this in about five minutes!!

Moving the chairs is one part of the solution. All of us are invited to 'come on down' to the chairs nearer the altar. Please consider this— in order to help witness the fact that we are one people worshipping together.

Note, too, the space available for 'gathering.' There are many times when that amount of space is needed, especially at funerals. *John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator*

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 17, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	14		
Hours in service	32		
Parish		School	\$ 57.20
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,563		
Electronic Giving	\$ 202	Total	\$ 57.20
Vigil Lights	\$ 22	Thank You	
Rent	\$ 950		
Fuel	\$ 45		
Funeral	\$ 350		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 17		
Easter Flowers	\$ 395		
Faith Formation	\$ 100		
Total	\$ 5,644		



CRS RICE BOWL TEACHINGS FROM THE POPES

"...when there is a question of defending the rights of individuals, the poor and badly off have a claim to special consideration." - *Pope Leo XII, Reum Novarum*

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
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mleibl

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jriehle

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lrivera

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webmaster

Deacon Gregg Sroder, Deacon
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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee
kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council
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Jerry Geis	Karen Thompson
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Office Hours

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

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 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, March 23

4:15 pm Mary Joanne Roubik †

Sunday, March 24

10:15 am Our Parish
Rudolph Saucedo, Jr. †

Monday, March 25

8:00 am Connie Dierberger †

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 am Robert Gomez, Jr. †

Friday, March 29

8:00 am James Schmitz, Special Intentions

Saturday, March 30

4:15 pm Art Fischer †

Sunday, March 31

10:15 am Our Parish
Ted & Connie Rivera, & Linda Owens †

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 23

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, March 24

9:00 Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

Monday, March 25 - Thursday, March 29

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

Monday, March 25

8:00 am Mass

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

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross CH

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

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

No Faith Formation

Thursday, March 28

9:10 am Mass Community of Saint School

4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting PC

6:00 pm Parish Leadership Supper PC

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting PC

Friday, March 29

8:00 am Mass

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

Saturday, March 30

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, March 31

9:00 Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

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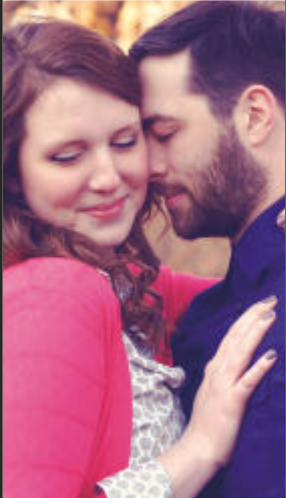
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