

Church of St. Matthew

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November 24, 2019 *Feast of Christ the King*

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am	Scripture/Communion Service
Thursday	9:00 am	Mass
Friday	8:00 am	Mass
Saturday	4:15 pm	Mass
Sunday	10:15 am	Mass

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday After 4:15 pm Mass
2nd & 4th Sunday After 10:15 am Mass

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of November 24, 2019

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk
21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-
11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64,
65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/
Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-
33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt
4:18-22

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And it is an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now, we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers, to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

- *The Catholic Steward*

Cover art provided by Catholic Studies Program at St. Louis University : The rulers sneered at Jesus and said "He saved others let him save himself" (Gospel) Caravaggio, Ecce Homo, 1605/6



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

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 4 continuing opportunities.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Need Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), Registered Nurses (RNs), Physicians and EMTs who would be willing to volunteer on the first weekend of the month, after Saturday & Sunday Masses. Blood pressure cuffs will be provided.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Need volunteers to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass. Will train.

LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:15 am Mass and practices on alternate weeks September-May. The Choir practices at 9:15 am. Next practice will be Sunday, December 1st. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend Masses. As we begin the Advent & Christmas seasons more volunteers would be appreciated!

CHRISTMAS MUSICIANS

Do you love Christmas music? Please consider blending your talents with those of St. Matthew's Liturgical Musicians. Vocalists, guitarists, keyboardists, and other instrumentalists are most welcome and needed! Contact Jill Kilzer, Music Director, for more information. jillkilzer@st-matts.org

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 Pete and James who blew the leaves off the parish campus and prepared the property for the coming winter months!

Thank You to all who have donated to **Isaac's Blessings Bags!** We will be collecting items through the weekend of December 7/8. You may place your donations in the box near the Scrip Table. Donations may also be brought to the Parish Center during the week if that is more convenient.

News and Events

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

West Side churches will hold an Ecumenical Service at St. Matthew's on November 27th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this West Side Service. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Fr. Adrian will celebrate Mass at **9:00 am** on Thanksgiving morning, November 28th. We hope you will attend before your big feast!! Bring the bread and wine for you meal to church — to be blessed.



MEMORIAL BOOK

There is a special "Memorial Book" in which you can write the names of your deceased loved ones. We will remember these individuals throughout the month of November.

You will find the book located on the altar platform during weekend Masses and in the chapel during the week.

BAPTISMS AT ST. MATT'S

Please call the parish office and speak to Linda Rivera to have your child baptized. If it is your first child or it has been a number of years since your last baptism, you may need to attend a baptism class. The class is held the second Saturday of most months at 10:30 a.m. at the parish center. Baptisms take place the second weekends of most months. Parents may choose Saturday 4:15 pm Mass, or Sunday 10:15 a.m. Mass. We look forward to talking with you and helping your child become a member of Saint Matthew family and our Holy Catholic Church.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to join the Faith Formation students and their families on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 pm for an Advent Prayer Service.

We will begin our Advent Season with prayer, music, and community, please come start this blessed season with your Saint Matthew's family!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 14 - Holiday Boutique, Tea & Bake Sale
December 15 - Breakfast with Santa and Bake Sale
December 15 Communal Penance Service

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS



Save the Date! Our annual Night of Community will take place on Saturday, February 1st from 6-9 pm in the St. Matthew Church social hall. More details to come very soon, and we hope to see you there! Interested in helping plan our benefit? Or help complete preparation tasks? Contact Bridget

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Because of early publication of the bulletin updated numbers will be in next week's bulletin.



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on November 25th in memory of **Sarah Christensen**. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on November 30th in memory of **Tom Steinbrenner**.

Call Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your special date.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. STEVE

Mark your calendar: Father Steve will present three semesters of Bible Study. The first will be about the Gospel of Matthew [as we begin the year of Matthew in Advent]. Three Saturday mornings, with some drink and a bit of food for the body; and lots of food for the mind and soul. Saturday mornings from 9:15 to 11:00am. The first semester will be Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21. **NEW LOCATION:** presentations will be in the Parish Center, lower level. (parking is possible on the playground)

Watch for a semester in Lent about the Passion Story in Matthew; then a semester in Eastertime about the Acts of the Apostles.

Pre-registration is not necessary, but it would be very helpful. Please call the office. 651.224.9793

SHOPPING WITH SCRIP

It isn't too early to start your Christmas shopping! Begin by stopping by the \$scrip Table and purchasing gift cards for those on your gift giving list. Tim Nowak has a wide assortment of cards in stock and what he doesn't have he can order and deliver to you in a few days time. Tim has everything you can want from gas and groceries to restaurants, clothing and sports stores. When you buy \$scrip you are supporting our parish.



Remember, the shopping season is shorter this year, let's get shopping with \$scrip!

A HELPING HAND

One description of Saint Matthew Community has been: the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi. One of the ways we demonstrate this is that we are able to meet some immediate needs for those who come to our doors. We give people some help with gas and/or food. We do this in the form of 'gift cards' to Speedway and/or CUB.

During the holiday season we see and increase of visitors in need coming to the parish center.

You can help: please stop at the \$scrip table after Mass; purchase one or more cards and Tim Nowak will keep them as credited to the parish.

[St. Matt's folks funded this effort many years ago; now is the time to re-supply. Thank you for your willingness to help those who have less than we.]

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 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, November 23

4:15 pm Pauline Dalzell†

Sunday, November 24

10:15 am Our Parish;
Mary Schweich†

Monday, November 25

8:00 am Marcus T. McEllistrem†

Tuesday, November 26

8:00 am Bea Scheuller†

Friday, November 29

8:00 am Deacon John & Carol Murphy†

Saturday, November 30

4:15 pm Mary Ann Rasmussen†

Sunday, December 1

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 23 Feast of Christ the King

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, November 24 Feast of Christ the King

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word
Reconciliation after Mass

Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

Monday – Friday November 25 – November 29

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

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

Wednesday, November 27

8:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

NO Faith Formation Classes

7:00 pm West Side Ecumenical Service

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Mass

Friday, November 29

Saturday, November 30 1st Sunday of Advent

4:15 pm Mass

2nd Collection for COS

Reconciliation after Mass

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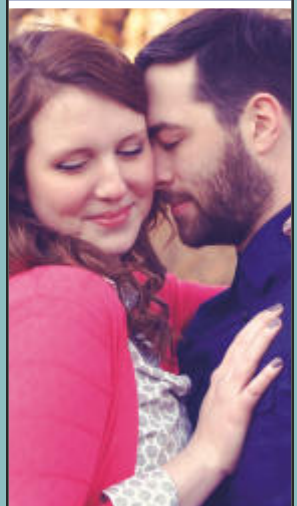
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