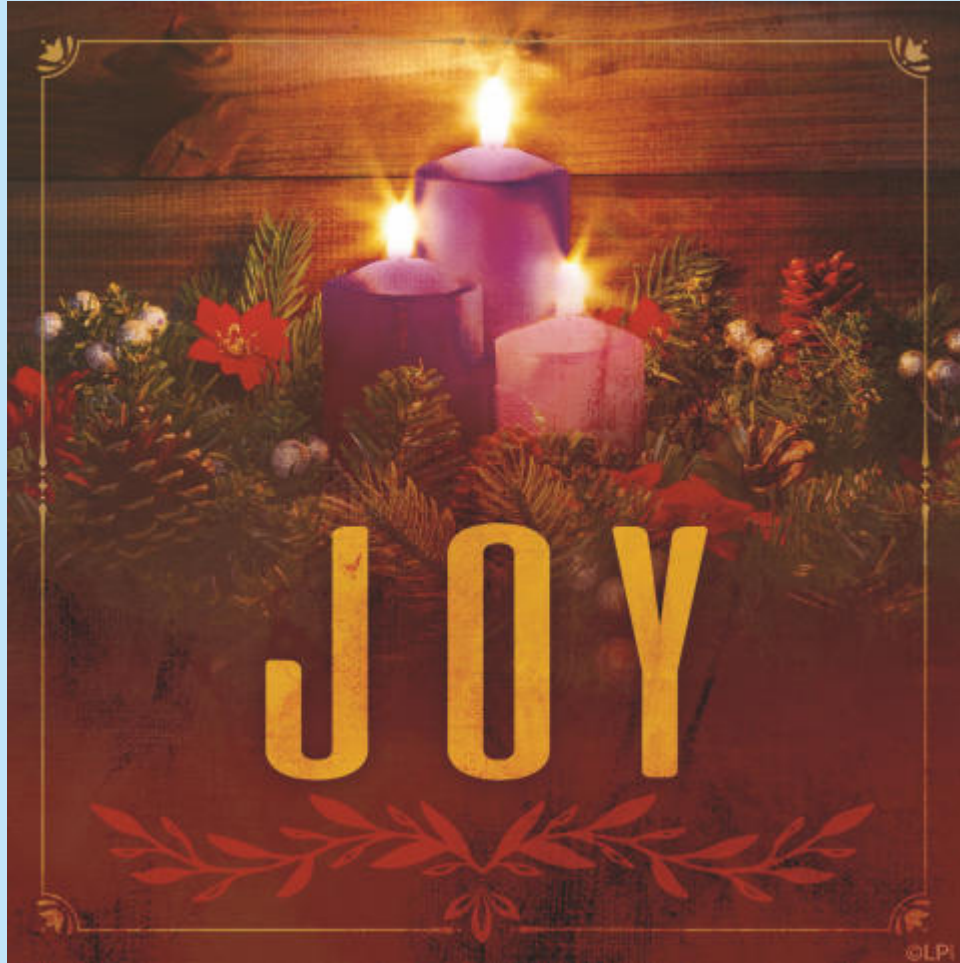




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**December 15, 2019**

**Advent III**

**Cheer Up**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Scripture/Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:10 am</b>	Mass at COS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:15 pm</b>	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	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 December 15, 2019**

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

- *The Catholic Steward*



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.**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT CERENITY CAMPUS**

Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 at Cerenity Building 512. If interested contact Sister Anne Becker.

#### **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. We practice weekly during Advent & Lent. The Choir practices at 9:15 am. Next practice will be Sunday, December 21st. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend Masses. As we prepare for the Christmas season 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](mailto:jillkilzer@st-matts.org)

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

We will begin decorating the church for the Christmas feast immediately **after the 10:15 Mass on December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please mark your calendars. If you attend the Saturday 4:15 Mass you are welcome to return on Sunday to lend a hand! We ask anyone who is available to help, to join us in this endeavor. **Confirmation Candidates:** This will be a perfect time to work on your Confirmation projects.

**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](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

**THANK YOU!**

**We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers!!**

**Thank You** to all who donated to **Isaac's Blessing Bags!!** The large box by the Scrip table was overflowing multiple times during the past month. Add to that the countless contributions on the floor around the box and the many bags of items left at the Parish Center. This was a visible expression of the concern our parish has for those less fortunate. Thank You to **Kathy S** who suggested we help Isaac fulfill his dream!

## News and Events

### ADVENT III MESSAGE

Cheer Up!



### IT'S TIME TO DECORATE FOR BABY JESUS

As we getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, we decorate His house. This will take place after Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. We hope to have many hands on board after Mass and perhaps some from Saturday Mass will return to help out as well.



Confirmation students, here is an opportunity to earn your needed service hours, please take advantage of this time. It is a great time to get to know people in our community.

### ST MATTHEW CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ARE BACK!!

Purchase an ornament "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a family member or a friend. It will be personalized with their name. \$3 for one ornament - \$6 for set of 2 ornaments. One will be put on a Sanctuary Christmas tree and you take one home for your Christmas tree.



Ornaments will be sold in back of church after Masses December 21 & 22. Also in the in the Social Hall during the Holiday Boutique & Breakfast with Santa December 14 & 15.

### CALENDAR CLARIFICATIONS

Tuesday, December 24: 8:00 am daily Mass; 4:15 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday: Christmas Day - Mass at 10:15 am

Tuesday, December 31: 8:00am daily Mass: 4:15 pm New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday: New Year's Day - Mass at 10:15 am

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS December 8, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 29  
Hours in service 50

Parish		School	\$ 60
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,604	St. Paul Civic	
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,311	Symphony	\$ 250
Vigil Lights	\$ 32	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 310</b>
Masses	\$ 30		
Roof Donation	\$ 150		
Energy	\$ 20		
Bells	\$ 20		
Bible Study	\$ 129		
Rent	\$ 4,140		
Flowers	\$ 500		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,936</b>		

**Thank You**



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on December 21st to celebrate Sandra Saucedo's birthday.

This is a lovely way to celebrate a wedding anniversary, remember a loved one who is no longer living, announce the great news of a new grandchild. Too many heartfelt reasons to name...contact Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your special day.

### BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. STEVE

The first semester of Bible study continues on December on 21—Saturday morning from 9:15 to 11:00 am. This semester concentrates on the Gospel of Matthew until the beginning of the Passion. [That will be semester #2 during Lent; semester #3 will be the Acts of the Apostles—during Eastertime.]

Presentations will be in the Parish Center, lower level. (parking is possible on the playground)

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

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE - CONFESSIONS

If you heard Father Adrian's homily last weekend, you will remember he asked that we "shape up". One of those ways is at the Communal Service of the Sacrament of Penance or at confession. The Penance Service is this Sunday, at 3:00 pm. Confessions will also be available following Mass on Saturday, December 21, Sunday, December 22 & Monday December 23rd 6-7 pm. Please take advantage of one of these opportunities this Advent season.

### IN SYMPATHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew's offers our prayers and condolences to the family of Ruth Bauman. Mrs. Bauman died on December 8th and her funeral Mass was held here on December 13th.

May Mrs. Bauman and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

There is still time to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund. Make a donation in memory of a loved one or to honor a special someone. You may make an anonymous contribution as well. Forms are on the table by the Saint Matthew statue. A list of names will be published in the bulletin in January. Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2019 fund. We will use these contributions to purchase plants and other decorations to decorate the church for Christmas on December 22nd.



### HELP THE HUNGRY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The St. Mark's (St. Paul) Loaves and Fishes team will be serving those in need at Catholic Charities on Christmas Eve. This year, in addition to the meal, they'll be bringing the joy of Christmas by assembling small gift bags to give out. **Consider donating small items to this effort:** chocolate, travel-size lotions or any small "non-essential" item that you think could brighten someone's Christmas. To order items to be shipped directly to St. Mark's, you're welcome to go to the Amazon gift list website at [stmark.xyz/joy](http://stmark.xyz/joy) to place an order. We estimate that we'll serve over 350 people, and appreciate your generosity. Items can be dropped off at the parish center at 1976 Dayton Ave., St. Paul. Please contact Patti with any questions: [mustardseed452@gmail.com](mailto:mustardseed452@gmail.com).

**Parish Leadership**

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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, December 14**

4:15 pm Jose Martinez†

### **Sunday, December 15**

10:15 am Our Parish

Arthur Geis†

### **Monday, December 16**

8:00 am John Riehle, Special Intention

### **Tuesday, December 17**

8:00 am Tony Rivera, Special Intention

### **Friday, December 20**

8:00 am Pearl Bejblik†

### **Saturday, December 21**

4:15 pm Sandra Saucedo, Special Intention

### **Sunday, December 22**

10:15 am Our Parish;

Madeline Perron†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, December 14 Advent III**

9:15 am Father Steve's Gospel Series PC/LL

1:00 - 4:00 pm Holiday Boutique &/ Tea, Bake Sale, Gift Baskets, Bottle Lotto, Ornaments, & More

4:15 pm Mass Food Collection Weekend

Reconciliation after Mass

### **Sunday, December 15 Advent III**

9:15 am Choir Practice CH

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

Food Collection Weekend

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Breakfast with Santa/Bake Sale

Gift Baskets-Bottle Lotto, Ornaments & More

3:00 pm Advent Communal Penance Service

### **Monday – Friday December 16 – December 20**

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

### **Monday, December 16**

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

### **Tuesday, December 17**

### **Wednesday, December 18**

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes PC/CH

### **Thursday, December 19**

9:10 am Mass at COS

### **Saturday, December 21 Advent IV**

9:15 am Father Steve's Gospel Series PC/LL

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation after Mass

### **Sunday, December 22 Advent IV**

9:15 am Choir Practice CH

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

Church Decorating After Mass

Reconciliation after Mass

Coffee Sunday

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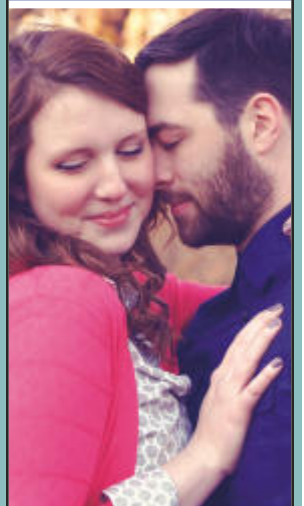
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