



# Church of St. Matthew

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**December 29, 2019**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

#### *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 29, 2019**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today, as we continue celebrating the Christmas season, we focus our attention on the Holy Family. This is a great time to thank God for the gift of family life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* refers to the family as the “domestic church,” so today’s feast is a fitting time to consider the importance of the virtue of the stewardship pillar of hospitality within the context of our own domestic churches.

Why is hospitality so important? Well, we can hardly expect our family members to pray together, study their faith, and serve others if we have a home where we are disconnected from each other, or the atmosphere is stressful and tense. Of course there will be moments like this. But we must be intentional in creating homes where everyone feels accepted and important. We want our homes to be the place to get recharged to go out and bring love to everyone we encounter outside our home.

This is not easy, but we can turn to the Holy Family for help. Lest we think that the Holy Family is somehow unable to sympathize with our struggles, we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew that this Family was certainly not free from trials and stress; quite the contrary. The very life of the newborn Jesus was threatened by Herod’s extreme jealousy such that the family had to flee suddenly into a foreign land for protection until Herod’s death. Yet Mary and Joseph remained united and ever obedient to the Holy Spirit for direction. Who better to turn to for help and inspiration for our own families?

- *The Catholic Steward*

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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, January 5th. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend Masses. As we prepare for the Christmas season more volunteers would be appreciated!

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Save the Date! January 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 am Mass, the Christmas decorations will be taken down and stored away. We invite as many people as possible to help with this job. **Confirmation Candidates** – your help will count towards completing one of your Service Projects for Confirmation!

**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 Nikki & Jerald** who have volunteered to take Communion, immediately after Mass, to our parishioners who are no longer able to come to church.

**Thank You** to all who remained after the 10:15 am Mass last week to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

## News and Events

### 2020 CALENDARS

These will be available this weekend. Thank you to Bradshaw Funeral and Cremation Services for these calendars, free of charge.

### NEW YEAR'S CALENDAR

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

New Year's Day - Wednesday - January 1: 10:15 am Mass

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**NO Faith Formation Class This Week:** There will be NO St. Matthew Faith Formation class January 1. Eighth graders *only* will return to class on January 8 in the Parish Center, and COS 8<sup>th</sup> graders being confirmed through St. Matthew should also attend class on January 8; class is from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. All grades of Faith Formation resume classes on Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 to 7:45 pm, drop-off at church and pick-up from the Parish Center.

### HOSPITALITY THANKS

There were six women who provided food, drink and a warm welcome to the folks who are to bible study, Joanne, Karen, Kathy, Donis, Jan and Suzanne. Thank you for adding to the listening and learning experience.

### DECORATING THANKS

Thanks to the many folks who made quick work of the decorating last Sunday after 10:15 am Mass, thanks to the planning of the Liturgy Committee and the leadership of Mary Bejbilk.

And thanks to each and every person who made a donation in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. This fund not only covers the cost of the poinsettias that are decorating our space; it will cover other costs, too: the fabric that is used, the candle inserts along the perimeters, etc.

***Don't forget year end contributions for tax filings. December 31st is right around the corner!***

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS		December 22, 2019	
<b>Volunteer Service</b>			
Hours in prayer	39		
Hours in service	68		
Parish		School	\$ 240
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,093		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,398		
Vigil Lights	\$ 50	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 240</b>
Holy Day	\$ 60	<b>Thank You!</b>	
Holy Day	\$ 50		
Funeral	\$ 1,110		
Masses	\$ 90		
Ornaments	\$ 78		
Mailing Costs	\$ 25		
Reimbursement	\$ 34		
Bells	\$ 10		
Faith Formation	\$ 100		
Bible Study	\$ 95		
Flowers	\$ 345		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,538</b>		
<b>Thank You!</b>			



The Bells will ring on December 28th to celebrate **Aaron Andrew's** 18th birthday. The Bells will ring on December 28th in memory of **Fr. James Holl**. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on December 31st in memory of **Sara Christensen**. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on New Year's Day in memory of **Claudette Borgan**.

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.

Fr. Adrian, John Riehle, the parish trustees, council members, staff and volunteers, wish the parish family of Saint Matthew's a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

### BIBLE STUDY, SEMESTER 2

More than 40 people got an 'up close and personal' exposure to the Gospel of Matthew during Advent. The Passion in the gospel of Matthew will be explored by Fr. Steve in Lent. Mark the dates: 3/14, 3/21/ and 3/28. Watch the bulletin for details.

### LOAVES AND FISHES

There is a group who will serve a warm, nutritious meal on Wednesday, January 1. Please spread the word...between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

Are you or a member of your family unable to attend a weekend mass? We have ministers who will bring Communion to the home. They receive a pyx with a host, at the end of the Saturday & Sunday Masses. They are then sent out with the blessing of the parish community. They will visit the home of a person no longer able to attend Mass and read the gospel for that weekend. They share a sentence or two from the homily, pray the Lords Prayer together and then give the host to the person they are visiting. This allows the parishioner to still feel a connection to the parish community. We have 2 more volunteer ministers. If you would like someone to bring this ministry into your home or know someone who would like this opportunity, please call the Parish Center.

### CHURCH FURNITURE

You may remember that Father Kelly gave away the upholstered chairs that were in storage in the parish center. One of the churches that received some of these chairs is expanding and would like to have more - - and they are willing to purchase them. The liturgy committee decided at its meeting in early December to accept their offer. There are about 175 of those upholstered chairs in the worship space. We will sell 50 of them to the church in Pella, IA. They plan to come on Saturday, January 4. We will purchase a few more arm-chairs, though we have been unable to find the source of those that were first bought.

***Please remember the Church of Saint Matthew in your estate plan, will or trust.***

**Parish Leadership**

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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, December 28**

4:15 pm Jan Steinbrenner, Special Intention

### **Sunday, December 29**

10:15 am Our Parish;  
Rose Karas†

### **Monday, December 30**

8:00 am Mae Gonsowski

### **Tuesday, December 31**

8:00 am Rose, Joseph, Jr. & Joseph Karas, Sr. †

4:15 pm Ted DeGraw†

### **Wednesday, January 1**

10:15 am Deusterman & Kegler Families†

### **Friday, January 3**

8:00 am Pauline Dalzell†

### **Saturday, January 4**

4:15 pm Jan Steinbrenner, Special Intention

### **Sunday, January 5**

10:15 am Our Parish;  
Rose Karas†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, December 28**

4:15 pm Mass

### **Sunday, December 29**

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

### **Monday – Friday December 30 – January 3**

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

CLOSED NEW YEAR'S EVE - OPEN NEW YEAR'S  
DAY

### **Monday, December 30**

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

### **Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve**

8:00 am Mass

4:15 pm Mass

### **Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day**

No St. Mary's Clinic

No Faith Formation Classes

10:15 am Mass

### **Thursday, January 2**

### **Friday, January 3**

### **Saturday, January 4**

4:15 pm Mass with COS Collection

Reconciliation after Mass

### **Sunday, January 5**

9:15 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with COS Collection  
and Children Liturgy of the Word

Coffee Sunday

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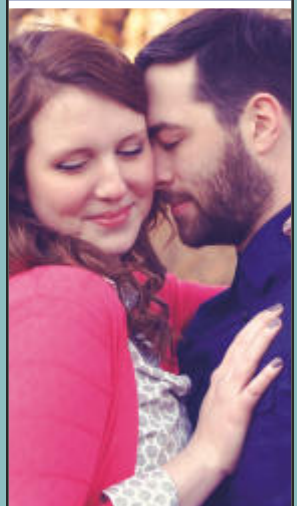
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