

# Church of St. Matthew

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## January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord

### **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 January 5, 2020**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

- *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 Fr. Adrian, Liturgical Ministers, Musicians, Ushers, Sacristans, Maintenance people and all in attendance who helped to make the Christmas Liturgies beautiful and welcoming celebrations!**

**Thank You to John** who lit and placed all the green and red perimeter lights.

**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.

## News and Events

### 2020 CALENDARS

Calendars are available, did you take one home last week-end? If not please take one with you today. Thank you to Bradshaw Funeral and Cremation Services for these calendars, free of charge.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**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.

### SYNOD LISTENING SESSION - CLOSE TO ST. MATTS

One of the listening sessions (Archbishop Heba is attending each one) which is close to St. Matt's will be on Saturday morning, January 25th at St. Peter Claver. The session is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The others that are relatively close: February 15th, also a Saturday, at Lumen Christi in Highland Park, and March 7th at Transfiguration in Oakdale.

Plan to attend one of these sessions and let your voice be heard...what is going well and what could be improved. Remember that the prayer we are using each week at the end of the General Intercession's is a prayer written for this Synod. All these preparations will occur in the next 18 months. The Synod itself will be Pentecost weekend, in May, 2021.

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



### Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells...

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.

### 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.

### STEWARDSHIP SIMPLIFIED

Will you join the others who give via electronic transfer? From your account to the St. Matt's account? It happens confidentially, securely, regularly, and it is never forgotten.

Maybe you're interested in knowing...there are five donors who give weekly – an annual total of \$13,600; there are 13 who give on the 5th of each month - an annual total of \$12,800; there are 15 who give on the 20th of the month - annual total of \$13,800; there is one person who gives monthly on the 25th of each month - an annual total of \$8,400. The amount varies from \$3 per time to \$700 per occasion.

It is very easy to begin the process. Please call me at the parish office. John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS December 25 & 29, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 25  
Hours in service 43

Parish		School	\$ 60
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,276		
Electronic Giving	\$ 242		
Vigil Lights	\$ 36	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>
Christmas	\$ 6,968	<b>Thank You!</b>	
Memorials	\$ 20		
Fuel	\$ 45		
Roof	\$ 100		
Bells	\$ 10		
Flowers	\$ 100		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,797</b>		

**Thank You!**

### FIRST ANNIVERSARY of being "on our own"

This coming weekend marks the completion of the first year of parish life at St. Matthew's without a resident pastor. We give a very large "thanks" to Fr. Steve for returning as the celebrant for weekend and weekday Masses, and funerals and the other sacraments. Fr. Steve will take some time away; we thank him for his faithful presence and leadership of worship. There will be visiting priest presiders for the weekends of 1/18-19; 1-25-26; and 2/1-2. There will not be any weekday Masses nor prayer & communion services from 1/13—1/31.

Also, thank you to Fr. Banker for accepting the responsibility of being the parochial administrator for St. Matt's even though he is a full time pastor in West Bloomington.

As we begin a second year, we need to remember and act from our mission and motto: to be a visible sign of God's love as we are the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

**Parish Leadership**

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

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bklein

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skowal

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mleibl

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jriehle

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lrivera

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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council  
parishcouncil

**Members:**

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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, January 4**

4:15 pm Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.†

### **Sunday, January 5**

10:15 am Our Parish;  
Mary Schweich†

### **Monday, January 6**

8:00 am Mary Lind†

### **Tuesday, January 7**

8:00 am Tim Borgan, Special Intention

### **Friday, January 10**

8:00 am Ted DeGraw†

### **Saturday, January 11**

4:15 pm Marcus T. Mc Ellistrem†

### **Sunday, January 12**

10:15 am Our Parish;  
Gilbert DeLaO

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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

### **Monday, January 6**

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

### **Tuesday, January 7**

8:00 am Mass

### **Wednesday, January 8**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes  
8th Graders Only  
7:30 Men's Club Board Meeting

### **Thursday, January 9**

9:10 Mass at COS

### **Friday, January 10**

### **Saturday, January 11**

4:15 pm Mass

### **Sunday, January 5**

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word  
Reconciliation after Mass  
Coffee Sunday

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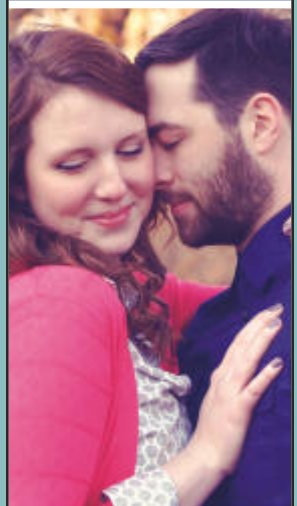
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