

Church of St. Matthew

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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January 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord

Liturgy Schedule

Thursday 9:10 am Mass at COS
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 January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that our we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

- 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 5 continuing opportunities.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT CERENITY CAMPUS

Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 am 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 12th. 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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Inviting youth 4th grade and older who would like to serve at the Sat. 4:15pm or Sun 10:15 am Mass. Training will be provided.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

This Sunday, January 12th 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. If you attend the Saturday. 4:15 pm Mass, consider returning on Sunday to help us return to Ordinary Time! **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.

THANK YOU!

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

Thank You to Linda, Corrine, Diane, Elaine, Chris, Patty and Ann who weekly volunteer to answer phones and greet visitors in the Parish Center.

Thank You to Suzanne, Kathy, Pete and Scott who serve our parish the 1st Sunday of the month by doing Blood Pressure Screening.

News and Events

Thinking of making a New Year's resolution or two?...Consider the life-living gifts provided by the earth and the options available to protect them. Happy 2020 and beyond !



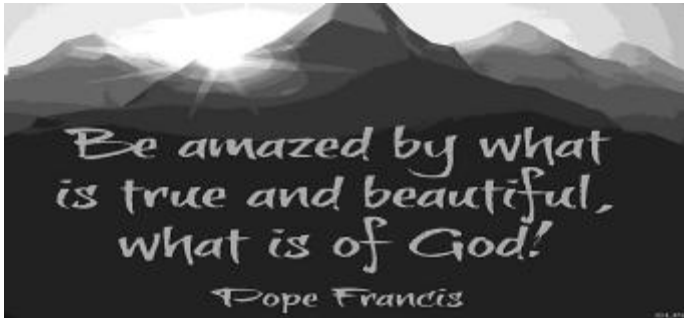
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Classes Resume for All Grades

St. Matthew Faith Formation classes for students in public school in grades 1 to 10 resume on **Wednesday, January 15**. Registered students should be dropped off at the church at 6:30 pm. Classes end at 7:45 pm and children can be picked up from the Parish Center.

First Communion/First Reconciliation Meeting

On **Wednesday, January 22**, there will be a meeting in church at 6:30 pm for parents/guardians with children who have registered to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion at St. Matthew. Children preparing for the sacraments should also attend, along with parents/guardians. This meeting is for parents of both Faith Formation and COS students who intend for their child/ren to receive First Reconciliation at St. Matthew during Lent and First Communion at St. Matthew in May. It is a **REQUIRED** meeting. Usually children make their First Communion in second or third grade. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, email Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004.



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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS December 31, 2019 & January 1, 2020 and January 4 & 5, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 45
Hours in service 28

Parish		School	\$ 535
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Solemnity of Mary	\$ 702	Thank You!	
Sale of chairs	\$ 1,300		
Masses	\$ 10		
Bells	\$ 20		
Rent	\$ 4,870		
Total	\$11,645		
Thank You!			



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.

FOOD FROM THE HEART...NEXT WEEKEND

On January 18 & 19 our parish will collect non-perishable food and personal care items for the food shelf at Neighborhood House.

Your donations help our friends and neighbor to feed themselves and their families. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.

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Included in today's bulletin is an informational flyer and an envelope. On January 25 & 26 we will have a **Second Collection** for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you in advance for your support.

SHOPPING WITH SCRIP

Scrip isn't just for holiday shopping...use Scrip all year long. Most of us purchase gas for our vehicles and food for our tables...why not use Scrip for these items every week? This helps support our parish and it is something you do anyway. Tim Nowak is available after Masses each weekend with a great assortment of Scrip or special order Scrip. Please stop by today and consider making a new year's resolution to use Scrip regularly.

CELEBRANTS NEXT WEEKEND

We will welcome Fr. Greg Welch [Sat], and Fr. Mike Powell, OMI [Sun] who will preside at Mass.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
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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 11

4:15 pm Marcus T. Mc Ellistrem†

Sunday, January 12

10:15 am Our Parish;
Gilbert DeLaO
David Andrews

Monday, January 13

8:00 am No Mass Today

Tuesday, January 14

8:00 am No Mass Today

Friday, January 17

8:00 am No Mass Today

Saturday, January 18

4:15 pm Alice Scaramuzzo†

Sunday, January 19

10:15 am Our Parish;
Tim Borgan, Special Intention

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 11

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, January 12

9:15 am Choir Practice C

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation after Mass

Coffee Sunday

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

Wednesday, January 15

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes C/PC

All classes resume

Thursday, January 16

9:10 Mass at COS

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18

4:15 pm Mass with Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Reconciliation after Mass

Sunday, January 19

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word and Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Coffee Sunday

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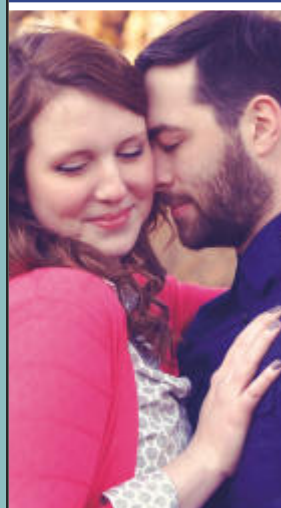
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