



# Church of St. Matthew

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*"Leave your gifts there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother"*  
Gospel

## February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordered Time

### **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 February 16, 2020**

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37  
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

**- 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 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. Our next practice will be at 9:15 am February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be practicing every Sunday from now through Easter. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend masses. As we prepare for Lent, Holy Week and Easter services, 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older who would like to serve at the Saturday 4:15 pm or Sunday 10:15 am Mass. Training will be provided.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Our Liturgy of the Word sessions for young children during the Sunday 10:15 am Mass continue into May, and we need helpers for Sunday Masses in March, April and May. Can you be a helper once a month during that time? You would assist the teacher with children ages 3 to 8, helping the kids find their place in a booklet, helping with crafts, etc. If yes, contact Janelle Rohr at 651-457-3522 or 651-242-6004 or email: [jdrohr@pro-ns.net](mailto:jdrohr@pro-ns.net)

**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 Tim, Jeanne, Anthony, Michael, Jack, Richard and Shelly** who have volunteered to help with Station of the Cross services during lent.

**Thank You** to all who attended the Metropolitan Symphony Concert. Special thanks to **Joanne, Elaine, Joan and Ann** who provided hospitality.

## News and Events

### OUR EARTH OUR HOME

"In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" Pope Francis



### FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Students in the Wednesday evening Faith Formation program and Community of Saints students planning to make their First Communion at St. Matthew will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 29. The service starts at 10 AM in the chapel inside St. Matthew Church and will be followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. Children and parents should attend. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org) or 651-242-6004.

### RECYCLE PALMS

Blessed Palms are a sacramental—something in our religious practice that can help us get closer to the Lord. We will accept the palms from last year; please deposit them in the marked boxes this week and next weekend. [You may remember that the ashes for Ash Wednesday are the burned palms from the previous year.]



### LENT/EASTER 2020

A full calendar of events will be included in the bulletin next weekend.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26th, Mass with distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.



### SAINT MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please call Linda Rivera at the parish office to register as a member of our parish family or stop by the office to visit us.



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

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 16th in memory of the **living & deceased Rosary/CCW members**.

Call Linda Rivera at the parish office if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells for your special memory or event.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

If you did not bring your response today (or mail it in to the proper office) please take a brochure and envelope so that you can bring your completed envelope next weekend. We want to finish this appeal on February 22 and 23.

You may include a "one-time" give through cash or check; you may also make a pledge over ten months—and have that money taken directly from your credit card or from your bank account. If we achieve our parish goal then we will receive 25% back for use in our education and formation programs.

Please fill out and return the response form even if you are not able to make a gift or a pledge. The goal is 100% response, regardless of the ability to participate monetarily. Your response will save time and money on the follow-up process.

### LOAVES & FISHES PROGRAM REMINDER

Beginning Friday, February 28 and all the Fridays of Lent the Loaves & Fishes program will **NOT** serve meals on Fridays. If you regularly eat meals at Loaves and Fishes on Fridays or know someone who does, please help us spread this information to those who need to know.

All are invited to come to the Fish Fry Dinner on Fridays, **rather this is a paid, fundraising event, not a free meal.** Thank you for understanding.

### SOCIAL HALL BATHROOMS

We continue with step #2: analyzing bids and deciding on the scope of the project. Folks from administration, the Men's Club, the Rosary Society and others met last Saturday. While we would like an ADA compliant (single-use) bathroom, for now we have decided to do the replacement, power cleaning, and painting of current spaces. We will determine the cost for this project in the next couple of weeks. Then we can see if that projection matches the money from the "fix-it" dinner in October. After those updates are complete we will address the desirability of a "handicapped" bathroom. We are aware that we might open a "Pandora's box" of ADA issues throughout the building if we do this.

### NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE - INCLUDES HOLY WEEK

The next Ministry schedule covers the period from Ash Wednesday, February 26 through May 31. **It will be written on February 17.** Ministry volunteers, please notify us of any dates you are unavailable during this period, as well as any dates you would like to be scheduled. (The Holy Week schedule April 4 through April 12 will appear on a separate schedule) Please let us know what dates you are NOT available during this period, or any dates you WANT to be scheduled) Thank you for your continued help!

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS February 8, 2020

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	20
Hours in service	60
Parish	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,138
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,311
Vigil Lights	\$ 65
Masses	\$ 10
Rental	\$ 4,400
Funeral	\$ 650
Fuel	\$ 30

School	\$	95
Religious		
Retirement	\$	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Thank You!</b>		

**Total** \$ 9,604  
**Thank You!**

Jan Lackner

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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, February 15**

4:15 pm Connie Fleming†

### **Sunday, February 16**

10:15 am Our Parish

John Leibl†

### **Monday, February 17**

8:00 am Mary Schweich†

### **Tuesday, February 18**

8:00 am Lorraine Schade†

### **Friday, February 19**

8:00 am Jackie Berg†

### **Saturday, February 22**

4:15 pm Marcus T. McEllistrem†

### **Sunday, February 23**

10:15 am Our Parish

Virginia Koenen†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, February 15**

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation after Mass

### **Sunday, February 16**

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word

Coffee Sunday

### **Monday, February 17 - Friday February 21**

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

### **Monday, February 17**

8:00 Mass

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

### **Tuesday, February 18**

8:00 Mass

### **Wednesday, February 19**

8:00 am Communion Service

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes C/PC

### **Thursday, February 20**

9:10 am Mass at COS

### **Friday, February 21**

8:00 Mass

### **Saturday, February 22**

2:00 pm GTZY Concert

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation after Mass

Parish Leadership Available after Mass

### **Sunday, February 23**

9:15 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Baptisms

Children Liturgy of the Word

Coffee Sunday

Reconciliation after Mass

Parish Leadership Available after Mass

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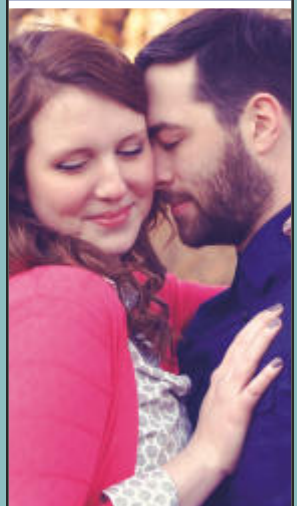
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