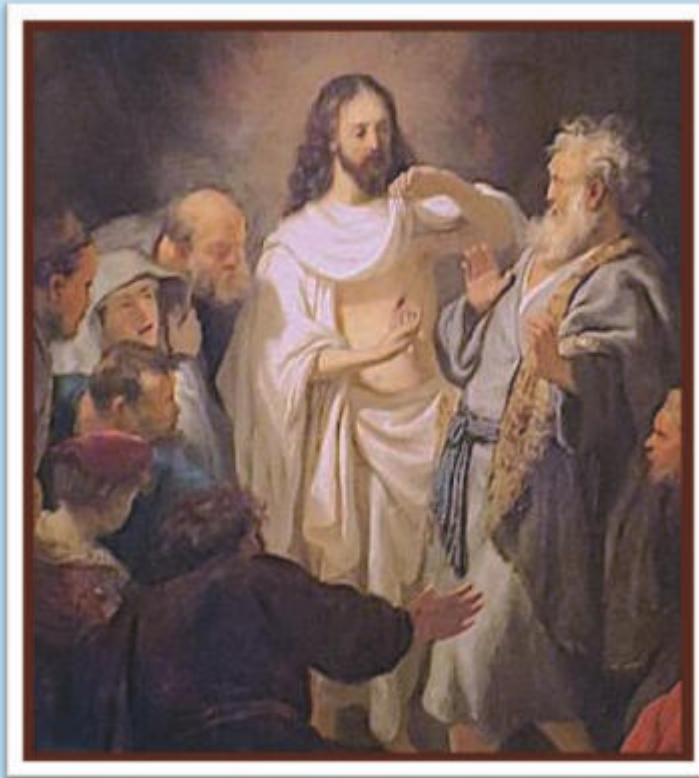




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"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (Gospel)

April 19, 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter — Divine Mercy Sunday

Liturgy Schedule

Masses in church are cancelled until further notice.

Mass will be streamed at 10:15 Sunday

Thank you.

Reconciliation

Cancelled until further notice

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step-by-step, to heaven.

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crisis, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus’ first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed “seen the Lord” as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nailmarks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas’ statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds. What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts to the faith for whatever the reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

- *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

Due to the Coronavirus, our volunteer opportunities are limited!

WEBMASTER Seeking a volunteer administrator and content manager for the st-matts.org website. Requires experience with WordPress. Main duties are posting weekly bulletins and inserts and monthly calendar. May also involve cross-posting blog articles to our Facebook page. **THIS POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY – PLEASE CONTACT MARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ABOUT YOUR INTEREST.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION Although we are not able to worship together, the bills still need to be paid. Please continue to financially support our parish by sending your weekly envelope contribution to the parish center.

THANK YOU!

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

THANK YOU to **Mary & family** who decorated the sanctuary for Palm Sunday, the Triduum liturgies and Easter! It helped all who attended the services on-line feel as if they were there.

THANK YOU to all who made it possible for the congregation to attend the **Triduum liturgies and Easter Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian**. Through his homilies, he weaves the events of 2000 years ago with what we are experiencing today. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. Musicians **Shelley, Linda, Anthony & Jill**. To **Ron & Chris** who assisted at the **Holy Thursday Liturgy**. To **Kathy, Tim, Joe, Joanne & Mary** who read the Passion and helped with the Adoration of the Cross. To **Miles, Anthony, Kathy & Mary** who read for the **Easter Vigil**. To **Becky & Chris** who read for the Easter Sunday mass. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!** He came forward in March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and uploads it to the web for all to view! Alan makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during a very difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the mass on the st-matts.org Website or on **You Tube**.

News and Events

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MASSES CANCELED

To protect the health of our staff, volunteers, parishioners, and Father Steve, the parish office will be closed and all Masses are cancelled. This includes funeral and baptisms. Father Steve and John Riehle will revisit the situation in the coming weeks and you will again be notified of their decision.

Mass with Father Adrian will stream on Sunday 10:15 am Mass via Facebook and YouTube. You must be a Facebook user to view this application; or go to the parish website.

Remember in your prayers our wonderful Father Adrian who brings us Mass each week, our sacristans, cantors, musicians & lectors, Alan & John who brought it all to fruition. For doctors, nurses, EMTs, police, fire fighters and hospital personal around the world helping Covid-19 patients. For all of us, may God hold us, protect and keep us safe until we can be together again.

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Thank you parishioners and friends of Saint Matthew's for your financial support to the parish at this difficult time. Many of you are facing difficult times as well and therefore your support is doubly meaningful. We are an amazing parish worshipping together, worshipping from afar!!

We are encouraging those of you who have the capability to do so to use EFT giving. Contact John Riehle at the parish center or at jriehle@st-matts.org and he will help you get started. It is a quick process. There isn't a fee for the service.

PayPal QR is the other option, in which you receive full credit for your donation and the parish pays for the transaction.

Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
Remember the Bells will ring and the Sanctuary and chapel lamps will be lit if we are present or not. You may have the lamps lit for a loved one and the church bells ring every hour from 7am to 6 pm daily.

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@st-matts.org if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the lamps for your special memory or event.

1st Wedding Banns

Joseph Michael Blum and Judith Marie Parnell

IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

I wish to thank the parish families who have sent their IRA distributions directly to Saint Matthew's Church. The benefit to you, the donor, is that there is no tax implication for you. The benefit for St. Matt's is that there is a gift for use in order to continue our mission on the West Side and beyond. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

UPDATING FAMILY INFORMATION

With the recent quarantine we discovered that we have very few e-mails for parishioners. Likewise we realized that our records are quite old and have not been updated for a while. Members of the pastoral council have accepted the challenge and invitation to lead the effort to update our records.

Please expect a phone call from a parishioner asking just a few questions:

- 1) Do you still wish to remain a parishioner?
- 2) Is the information we have correct?
- 3) Please give us an e-mail address that we can use to contact you.
- 4) Would you like to give us your cell phone number?

You can help us with this process: send an e-mail to: administrator@st-matts.org. In that way we will have your e-mail address; we will confirm to you that we have received the e-mail address.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your help.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

STAYING SAFE IN OUR HOMES

We all need to stay indoors, practice safe distancing, we have been asked to wear masks and gloves when we must go out in public, some things to ease the load and consider are:

Shop on line to purchase groceries and other necessities (this can take up to 3-4 days to be delivered)

Have medications delivered to your home.

Download books from the public libraries, this is a free service.

If you have a gym memberships, many are now going on on-line with free exercise programs.

Keep in touch with family and friends, via telephone, FaceTime, texting.

Take a walk outside, around your neighborhood, in your backyard.

Cook, bake and enjoy your favorite foods. Share it with a friend or neighbor, leave it on the door step or porch.


Stay healthy.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS April 12, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer Prayers Needed

Hours in service 3

Parish		School	\$ 61
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,738		
Electronic Giving	\$ 242		
Easter	\$ 1,910	Total	\$ 61
Memorials	\$ 20	Thank You!	
Fuel	\$ 100		
Rental	\$		
Vigil Lights	\$ 24		
Easter Flowers	\$ 50	PayPal QR Code	
Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 0	simply scan with	
Rice Bowl	\$ 23	your phone to	
Food Shelf	\$ 50	make an	
		electronic steward-	
		ship payment	
Total	\$11,157		

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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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, April 18

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, April 19

10:15 am Our Parish

Arthur Geis†, Pearl Bejblik†

Monday, April 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, April 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 25

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, April 26

10:15 am Our Parish

Eugenia Yarosz† 132 Anniversary of Saint
Matthew's Rosary/CCW

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 18

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday April 19 Divine Mercy Sunday

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, April 20 - Friday April 24

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being
Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

Monday, April 20

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, April 21

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Wednesday, April 22

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, April 23

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday April 26

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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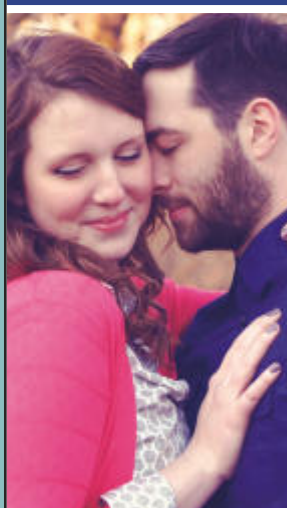
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