

Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

In person 4:15 pm Saturday
Streamed 10:15 am Sunday

Reconciliation

2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
following 4:15 pm Mass

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office for each

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God “is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.”

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of the Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

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

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Do you have family, neighbors or friends who are unable to attend mass? If you would like to take communion to them in their homes, call the Parish Center or see a Sacristan before mass. If you do not have a pyx one will be provided.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The church will be decorated for the Christmas season after the 4:15 pm Mass on December 19th. Confirmation students have been asked to help, and this will **help** to fulfill their Service Projects needed for Confirmation. **We also invite any parishioners** who are able, to stay and help decorate the Christmas trees and bring statues from chapel and decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Feast!

I invite anyone who could help with this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU to the **81** parishioners, who attended our Public Mass Saturday November 28th. As we continue to film that Mass for those who wish to attend the **Sunday Mass online**, we thank our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers Mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our pianist **Jill** and our cantor **Linda**. To **Ginny** and **Joe** who presented the readings and to Eucharistic ministers **Mary, Florida & Paul**. Thank you to our ushers **Doris, Greg, Tim & Tom**. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly 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/Facebook page** or on **YouTube**.

THANK YOU to the **Casper Family** and to the **Staff at Jameson Irish Pub** for providing Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings to all who desired a holiday meal!

THANK YOU to **Bernie Klein** who volunteered his time to take the large Parish Christmas Mailing to the Post Office.

THANK YOU to **Mary & Bob Bejblik** who decorated the church for the Advent Season.

News and Events

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

WITH NUMBERS RISING IN MINNESOTA, IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO DO THE FOLLOWING BEFORE ATTENDING MASS

While Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish, we want to have a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you been exposed to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been exposed?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health, masks are required; distance is requested; and signing in for contact tracing is necessary.**

CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets will be used for the regular and any special collections. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Please follow these guidelines for communion reception.
 - A. Use personal sanitizer [that you brought]
 - B. Come forward with your mask in place.
 - C. Keep distance as you come forward.
 - D. Keep your left hand as flat as possible.
 - E. Accept the host from the person distributing; take 2 or 3 steps to the side; move your mask up or down; communicate yourself; replace mask and return to your place. Thank you.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS November 29, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 36
Hours in service 31

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 3,480
Electronic Giving \$ 945
Miscellaneous \$ 185
PayPal \$ 155
Masses/Memorials \$ 85
Fuel \$ 120
Rent \$ 630
Holy Day \$ 110
Sanctuary Lamp \$ 0
Vigil Lights \$ 41
Faith Formation \$ 0

School

\$ 50
Camp Human
Development \$ 160
Food Shelf \$ 10
Total \$ 210

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Total \$ 5,751
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit December 5 - 12 in memory of **deceased Rosary/CCW members.**

Contact Linda Rivera at lriviera@st-matts.org or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

FATH FORMATION FAMILIES PLEASE SEE THE INSERT FOR DECEMBER CLASS INFORMATION



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Church of Saint Matthew will observe the Feast on the Immaculate Conception with Mass on Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

The Mass from Community of Saints School will be streamed on December 8 at 7:00pm. Please find on parish website or parish Facebook page.

STEWARDSHIP AND CARE FOR OUR CHURCH

As Covid-19 cases are rising in Minnesota many of us are choosing to stay home again, shop online, visit family via Zoom, watch Mass via Facebook and YouTube. Something that hasn't changed is the need to care for and support our Saint Matthew's parish.

It is up to us, the individual parishioner, to send in our weekly fair share envelope, or use the Pay Pal app, or speak with John Riehle about weekly or monthly EFT set-up.

Our church has regular monthly expenses just as our homes do. And in the winter months we too have the added expenses of heating too. Please help us meet our expenses by contributing on a regular basis.

Thank you for your care and support today and help to see there will be a strong Saint Matthew's for many years to come.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

On Saturday, November 28th Father Adrian baptized **Philip Sylatheo Glass, III, son of Philip Glass, Jr. and Bobbie Jean Nowak.**



The Church of Saint Matthew's is very pleased to welcome Philip into our parish community. We look forward to helping him grow in his faith and love of our Lord.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister

sadrian

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jdelvecchio

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kevinjack

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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

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

Friday, November 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, December 5/December 6

4:15 pm Our Parish
Ronald G. Crawford†
Lucille Finnegan†
George Altendorfer†

Monday, December 7 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Observed)

7:00 pm Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

Tuesday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, December 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, December 12/December 13

4:15 pm Our Parish
Claudette Borgan†

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 5

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building
4:15 pm Mass 2nd Collection for COS School

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Please support COS by mailing in your donation

Monday, December 7- Friday December 11

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

7:00 pm Mass Immaculate Conception (Observance)

Monday, December 7

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, December 8

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
7:00 pm Mass will be streamed [not in person]

Wednesday, December 9

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
1:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic - by appointment only

Faith Formation All Grades - K-10 In-person class, Check schedule for start times

Thursday, December 10

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

Friday, December 11

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 12

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building
4:15 pm Mass with 2nd Collection for Religious Retired

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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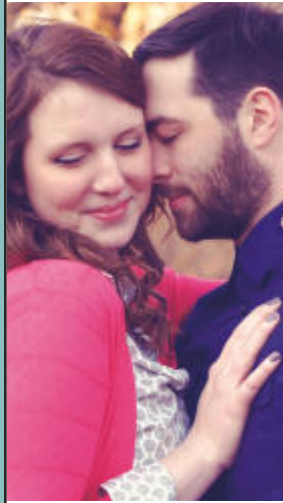
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