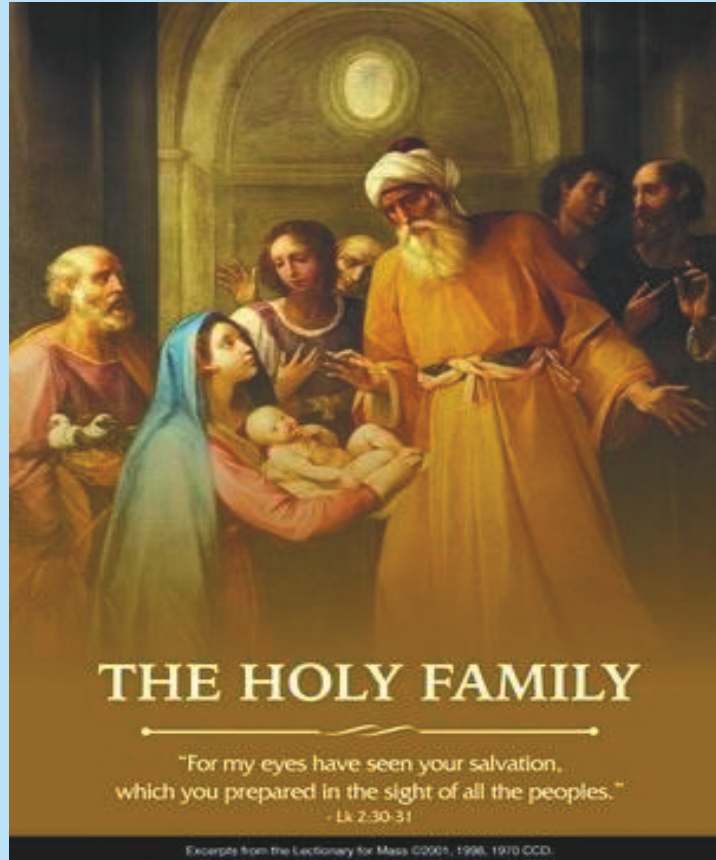




Church of St. Matthew

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December 27, 2020
Feast of the Holy Family

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 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, -5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St. Paul calls us to put on “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” Let us “give thanks to God the Father” by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were “amazed at what was said about him.” We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice.

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.

THANK YOU to the **59** parishioners who attended our public Mass Saturday December 12th. This includes the family and friends of **Eli Elliot** who was baptized at that Mass. 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 **Kathy**. To **Anthony** and **Jeanne** who presented the readings and to Eucharistic Ministers **Becky & Janelle**. Thank you to our ushers **Doris, Greg, & James**. 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 **MSR DESIGN ARCHITECTS (Paul Mellblom, principal)** for providing an architectural drawing of the proposed restroom in the lower level of the church building. This will allow us to secure a permit from the City of St. Paul. We were referred to this firm because of their work with GAP. Mr. Mellblom provided his services pro bono.

THANK YOU to **Men's Club Members: Bob, Dennis, Evan, Greg & Tom** who on a cold Saturday morning put up the manger scene. As is traditional, the manger scene can be seen on the corner of Hall & Robie in the yard of the Casa Guadalupe residence.



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.

DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE, THE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE UPDATED AT A LATER DATE. .

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**FROM FATHER ADRIAN, FATHER MATHEW,
JOHN RIEHLE, PARISH TRUSTEES, PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS,
AND PARISH STAFF**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BRIGHTER 2021

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on December 31st in memory of **Sara Christensen**.

The sanctuary lamp will be lit December 26-January 2 in memory of **Wally & Claudette Borgan**.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

On Saturday, December 12th, Father Adrian baptized **Eli Elliott Stone, son of Iliana Galviz and Josh Stone**



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



**CHRISTMAS SEASON
MASS SCHEDULE:**

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 26, 4:15 pm Mass - in person
Sunday, December 27, 10:15 am Mass online

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31, 4:15 pm Mass - in person
NO Mass on Friday, January 1

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 4:15 pm - Mass - in person
Sunday, January 3 10:15 pm - Mass - online

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9, 4:15 pm Mass - in person
Sunday, January 10,
10:15 pm Mass - online



Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister

sadrian

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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

Saturday, December 26/December 27

4:15 pm Our Parish
Fr. James Holl†
Parky Rodriguez†
Robert Gomez, Jr.†

Monday, December 27

Cancelled

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve

4:15 pm Our Parish
Alice Scaramuzzo†
Connie Alavarz†

Friday, January 1 New Year's Day

No Mass

Saturday, January 2 /January 3 Feast of the Epiphany

4:15 pm Our Parish
Arthur Geis†

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family (Observed)

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, December 27 Feast of the Holy Family

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, December 28 - Wednesday, December 30

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Meals Are Being Served As Take-Out Only At This Time
Closed New Year's Eve or New Year's Day

Monday, December 28

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

Tuesday, December 29

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

Wednesday, December 30

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
1:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

No Faith Formation classes this week

Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Parish Office Closed

4:15 pm New Year's Eve Mass - in person

7:00 pm AA Meeting—parish center

Friday, January 1, New Year's Day

No in-person nor streamed Mass Today

Saturday, January 2, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Observed)

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, January 3, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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