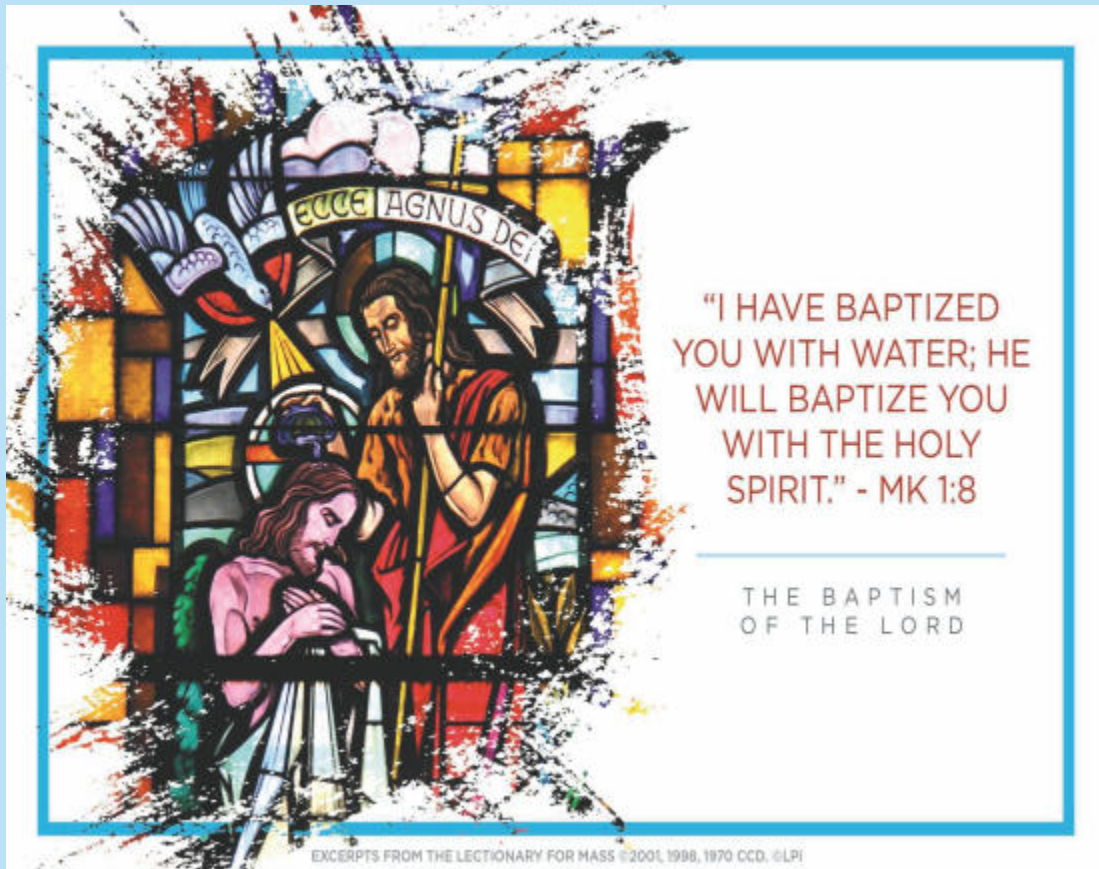


# Church of St. Matthew

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**January 10, 2020**  
**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

## **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 January 10, 2021**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because he needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.

It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah shares a message of hope, “Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?” We should ask ourselves, “Who is the king of our hearts?” As Christian stewards, it should be God. We often fill our lives with things that satisfy us only for a moment. If we truly do belong to Christ, then we will make Him our top priority. What we fill our lives with should reveal that He is King.

In our Gospel, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God the Father proclaimed, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about Whose we are.

*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**

**DECORATIONS:** We will be taking down and putting away the Christmas decorations after the 4:15 pm Mass on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We invite anyone who is able, to stay after Mass to help with this project.

**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.

**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** To the 46 parishioners who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. To **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gave us strength and hope. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Linda**. Lectors **Jerald & John**, Eucharistic ministers **Jeanne & Karen**, and server/sacristan **Mary**.

We thank those who came in the middle of a snowstorm to film the Mass watched on-line last Sunday. Our celebrant **Fr. Adrian**, Pianist **John** & Cantor **Linda**. Readers **Fr. Martin & Ginny**, and server/sacristan **Ginny**. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line!

**THANK YOU TO** the 85 people who came to Christmas Eve Mass and all of those who follow our Masses online. Thank you to our celebrant **Fr. Adrian**, pianist **Jill** & cantor **Linda**, violinist, **Joey**. We would also like to thank the 27 people who attended Mass on Christmas Day. To our pianist, **Jill**, cantors, **Jean** and **Pete** and violinist, **Joey**.

**THANK YOU TO** the 25 who attended Mass on New Years Eve. Thank you to our celebrant, Fr. Adrian, we are blessed to have him each week. Thank you to pianist, **Jill**, cantor, **Linda**. Thank you to readers, **Anthony** and **Joanne**. Eucharistic ministers **Kathy** and **Ellen**, thank you.

**THANK YOU TO Doris** who help with the collection during the Penance Service in December, we missed mentioning Doris with the group in an earlier bulletin.

**THANK YOU** to **Daisy, Andrea & Adrian** who lit and placed the red & green vigil lamps around the upper perimeter of the church for the New Year & Epiphany Masses!

**THANK YOU** to **Marilyn, Chris, Linda & Mary** who prepared the parish “Pledge” mailing. We also thank **Bernie** who transported the mailing to the Post Office.

## 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 December 20, 24, 25, 31, 2020**

**January 3, 2021**

#### **Volunteer Service**

Hours in prayer 94  
Hours in service 88

#### **Parish**

Envelopes/Cash \$ 16,573  
Electronic Giving \$ 1,710  
Miscellaneous \$ 0  
PayPal \$ 2,095  
Masses/Memorials \$ 175  
Fuel \$ 170  
Rent \$ 5,480  
Holy Day \$ 6,751  
Sanctuary Lamp \$ 10  
Vigil Lights \$ 81  
Flowers \$ 465  
Funeral \$ 675  
Help for the Poor \$ 290  
Fall Festival \$ 30

**Total \$34,605**

**Thank You!**

#### **School \$ 175**

Religious \$ 175  
Retirement \$ 310  
Food Shelf \$ 10  
Total \$ 495

#### **Thank You!**

#### **PayPal QR Code**

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### **THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**

The sanctuary lamp will be lit January 9 - January 16 memory of **John & Rita McCarthy**.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto: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.

### **HANDICAP BATHROOM**

Parishioners and others participated in the November calendar raffle. The Catholic Order of Foresters made a 3 for 4 match [They made a \$1500 grant based on receipts of \$2000.] Together there was a "profit" of about \$16,000.

Plans have been drawn by an architect and they are being submitted to the City of St. Paul.

The Men's Club has moved "stuff" in the kitchen store room so the walls can be erected. After that part of the construction the storeroom will be re-worked to accommodate the Men's Club, Loaves and Fishes, and Quantum Academy. Each of the three will have to "give a little."

Thanks, again, to everyone who participated in the fundraising. This is another example of what can be done in our parish community. In the last few years we have changed the ceiling lights in the church; put glass clerestory windows on the perimeter, put on a new roof, changed the lights in the social hall, and installed a new ramp.

Watch for updates on the handicap bathroom on the social hall level.

### **DONATIONS TRANSFERRED**

Parishioners donate to many charities, some of them through Saint Matthew's. We pledge to forward those donations each quarter. Last week there were six amounts forwarded:

Holy Land Collection	\$276
World Missions	\$330
Campaign for Human Development	\$272
Religious Retirement	\$1,142
Neighborhood House Food Shelf	\$781
Community of Saints School	\$3,106

Thank you for your continued generosity to these important programs and ministries; thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

### **CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

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

*(un-decorating after Mass—help will be welcomed)*

Sunday, January 10, 10:15 pm Mass - online

## Parish Leadership

**All emails are @st-matts.org**

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister

sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee

jdelvecchio

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster

kevinjack

Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry

jillkilzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable

bklein

Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer

skowal

Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator

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Rev. Biju Mathew, Parochial Administrator

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John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

jriehle

Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary

lrivera

Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation

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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee

kthompson

## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Alan Christensen

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Linda Sellars

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Joanne Smith

Jackie Lackner

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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, January 9 /January 10 Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members†

### **Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### **Monday, January 11**

Cancelled

### **Tuesday, January 12**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, January 15**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Saturday, January 16 /January 17**

4:15 pm Our Parish  
David Andrews†

### **Sunday, January 17**

10:15 am Mass Streamed

## Calendar of Events

### **Saturday, January 9, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Observed)**

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

After: un-decorating the worship space.

### **Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### **Monday, January 11 - Friday, January 15**

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

### **Monday, January 11**

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

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### **Tuesday, January 12**

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

### **Wednesday, January 13**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

1:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

**6:50 pm Faith Formation:** Confirmation students in Church - Students grades 1-7 check your schedules for class times & locations

### **Thursday, January 14**

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

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

### **Friday, January 15**

### **Saturday, January 16,**

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person) with Collection for Neighborhood House Food Shelf

### **Sunday, January 17, Collection for Neighborhood House**

Food Shelf - Mail-in donation

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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