



Church of St. Matthew

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



January 17 2020

Second Sunday in Ordered Time

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 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

The Gospel of John portrays these attributes as he bears witness to Jesus' first disciples. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover and reveals Jesus as Savior. Once the two that were with John heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. Jesus turned to them and asked, "What are you looking for?" They responded with, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus' question in the same way the first disciples responded, essentially by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome.

Our story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder for us. Our calling is to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others.

The Catholic Steward

*"I did not call you," Eli said [to Samuel]. "Go back to sleep." John Singleton Copley: Samuel Waking Eli in the Night (1780)
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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**

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

THANK YOU To the 76 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 **Kathy**, lectors **Miles & Ginny**, Eucharistic ministers **Bob & Mary**, and server **Paul** & Sacristans **Ginny & Mary**. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line!

We thank those who brought the Eucharist from Mass to their family & friends. **Ginny, Delfina, Marcie & Paul.**

Thank You to all parishioners who stayed after the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday to help un-decorate and put away all the Christmas decorations. We thank Faith Formation student **Christian** and his grandparents **Mary & Paul** who removed all the vigil lamps & candles from the perimeter ledges of the church. Thanks also to Faith Formation student **Ricky** and his mother **Nikki** and sister **Maddy** who helped with the undecorating. Within approximately an hour all decorations were removed and stored away until next year.

Once again parishioners stepped forward to demonstrate what it means to be a **Volunteer Parish!!**

News and Events

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

COVID NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE IN MINNESOTA AND WE ASK THAT BEFORE COMING TO MASS TO PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING THINGS:

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 January 10, 2021

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 28
Hours in service 24

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 6,700
Electronic Giving \$ 1,590
Miscellaneous \$ 0
PayPal \$ 100
Masses/Memorials \$ 0
Fuel \$ 100
Rent \$ 150
Holy Day \$ 205
Bells/ Lamp \$ 10
Vigil Lights \$ 81
Refund \$ 500
Funeral \$ 450
Fund Raising \$ 3,640

School \$ 261
Men's Club \$ 65

Total \$ 326

Thank You!

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Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit January 16 - January 23 memory of **Karen Bloechl**, St. Matthew's class of 1956.

The Bells of Saint Matthew rang on January 13th in for **Jerry Schillinger's** 89th birthday.

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.

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements are no longer automatically mailed to you; if you would like one, please call the Parish Office to be added to the request list. Leave your full name, address and telephone number. Statements will be mailed once per week.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

St. Matthew's has celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation in the communal form near the end of Lent and the end of Advent.

We will offer this form the sacrament on a monthly basis: the LAST SUNDAY of each month at 2:00pm. That is: January 31; February 28; and March 28. Mark your calendars.

COF MATCHING FUNDS

On Tuesday, January 5, members of the Catholic Order of Foresters local council presented two checks to John Riehle, pastoral administrator. One was the return of the money that qualified for the matching from the Foresters. That check also include some money stipends that the officers receive when they meet; they graciously gave us those stipends. The other check was the \$1500.00 matching funds that had been applied for from the National Office. This was one of the most successful fundraising efforts for the COF match! Congrats to all; and thanks to the Foresters!!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

"Thank you to all who helped put away and replace the Christmas environment in the church after Mass January 9. Your excellent help made the work go quickly and smoothly. Many thanks again and know that you are greatly appreciated."

Thank you -
Mary Bejblik, Church Environment Coordinator



Parish Leadership

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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 16 /January 17

4:15 pm Our Parish
David Andrews†

Sunday, January 17

10:15 am Mass Streamed
Cancelled

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, January 15

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, January 23 /January 24

4:15 pm Our Parish
Louise Rodrigues†

Sunday, January 17

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

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 monetary appreciated
10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, January 18 - Friday, January 22

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

Monday, January 18

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

Tuesday, January 19

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, January 20

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 schedule for start time and location

Thursday, January 21

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Friday, January 22

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24, 10:15 am Mass Streamed

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