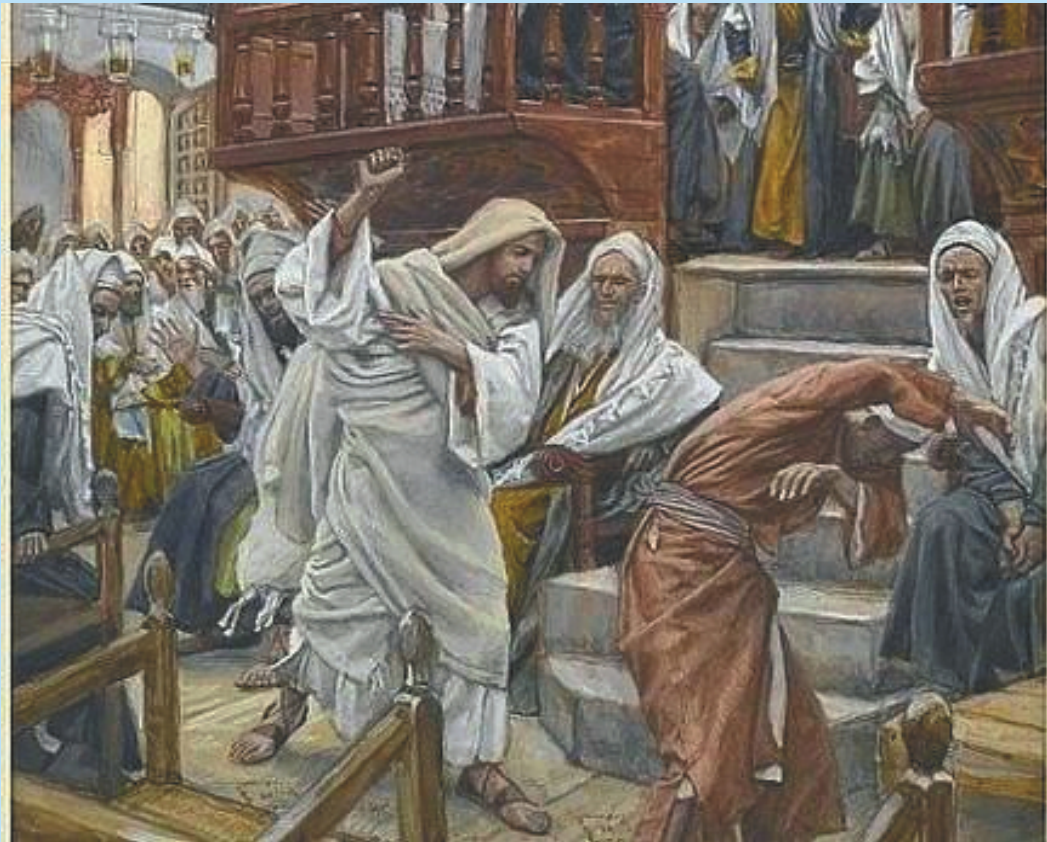


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The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed

January 31, 2020
Fourth 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 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings today remind us of God's authority.

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as Disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

Cover art James Tissot Jesus Rebukes the Unclean Spirit in the Synagogue liturgy.lsu.edu



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 this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU To the 53 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 **Jeanne**, lectors **Becky & Anthony**, Eucharistic ministers **Kathy & Joe**, and server/sacristan **Mary**. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent and artistic films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners and others to take part on-line!

We thank those who brought the Eucharist from Mass to their family & friends. **Delfina, Kathy, Dave, & Joe.**

To Bury the Dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. For several years, volunteers have helped with **Funeral Ministry** in our parish. They do the work of sacristans, help family members who will be taking a role in the service and make themselves available to aid the family in any way during the wake and funeral service. In past years various parishioners have helped in this ministry. Due to the pandemic some duties have been added. **We thank** all who have ever volunteered in this ministry. We also thank and recognize the current team of volunteers: **Becky, Marilyn, Jackie, Janelle & Joanne!**

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OF MATTERS FINANCIAL

Thank you to the 115+ parish families who have returned a 2021 pledge card. Of course, the pledge is not legally binding. However it will provide a solid foundation for the finance council to create a responsible budget for FY 2022 [7/1/21—3/30/22]. Please return your pledge card even if you are not able to make a pledge at this time.

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 24, 2021

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 29
Hours in service 30

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 6,142
Electronic Giving \$ 1,698
Miscellaneous \$ 0
PayPal \$ 140
Masses/Memorials \$ 27
Fuel \$ 0
Rent \$ 0
Holy Day \$ 0
Bells/ Lamp \$ 0
Vigil Lights \$ 16
Rebate \$ 57

School \$ 410
Men's Club \$ 15
Food Shelf \$ 10

Total \$ 435

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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew rang on January 29th in celebration of **Lorraine Hamilton's** 83rd birthday. God's blessings to you Lorraine.

The sanctuary lamp will be lit January 30 - February 6 memory of **Deacon John and Carol Murphy**.

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.

PENANCE SERVICE - This Sunday

All are welcome to attend the Communal Penance Service on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 pm. Father Adrian will preside.

Be sure to bring your mask for your safety and those around you.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE - Your reply is needed ASAP- Schedules will be sent out next week.

We will be writing the new Ministry schedule Tuesday February 2nd. This schedule will begin Ash Wednesday, February 17 with Masses at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm. The schedule will run through Saturday, May 29th. This schedule will include Mass for 2 the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday May 2nd at 10:15 am as well as two Masses for First Communion. Saturday, May 15th at 4:15 pm & Sunday, May 16th at 10:15 am. Please let us know by **Monday, February 1st** what Masses you would be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Although Holy Week & Easter take place in the middle of this schedule, a separate schedule for those days will be written in early March.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation in February: On **February 3**, students preparing for First Communion have in-person class and a meeting with parents in the church. All other Faith Formation students have an at-home learning night on February 3. On **February 10**, all students, grades 1-10, have in-person class. On **February 17**, all students, grades 1-10, attend Ash Wednesday Mass in church and students should gather and sit with their family at 6:45 pm. On **February 24**, all students, grades 1-10, have in-person class. Confirmation candidates from Community of Saints join class on February 24. **First Communion Parent and Child Meeting:** Faith Formation and Community of Saints students in grades 2 and up who would like to make their First Communion in May need to attend a required in-person meeting on **Wednesday, February 3, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in St Matthew Church**. Meeting attendees need to wear face masks and those who do not live in the same household need to sit distanced from one another. A parent or other adult family member should attend the meeting with the child. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr via email Janelle@st-matts.org or text or call, 651-242-6004.

FISH FRY 2021

The Saint Matthew's Men's Club is pleased to announce they will have Fish Fry this year; drive up to go. Tell your friends and family. Same great dinner, ready to take home and enjoy!

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 30 /January 31

4:15 pm Our Parish
Daniel Breister†
Helen Leibl†
Jan Steinbrenner, Special Intention

Sunday, January 31

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, February 5

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, February 6

4:15 pm Our Parish
Claudette Borgan†
Alberto Alvarez†
Tina Saucedo-Baker, Special Intention

Sunday, February 7

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 30

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

Sunday, January 31

10:15 am Mass Streamed
2:00 pm Parish Communal Penance Service

Monday, February 1 - Friday, February 6

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

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

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

Wednesday, February 3

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

Faith Formation K-8 Students at home learning. 6:30 pm
1st Communion students & parents meeting in church

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

Parish Office closed

Saturday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 7

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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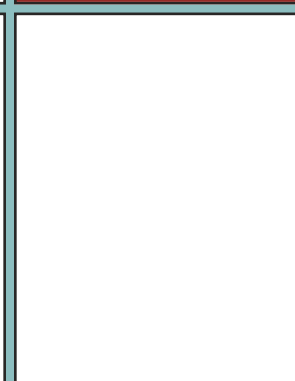
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