

# Church of St. Matthew

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*The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons.*

**February 7, 2021**  
**Fifth 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 February 7, 2021**

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord."

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*  
Greek Orthodox Icon, 14th Century, Christ Healing Many Diseases



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. **A parishioner** who lives on So. Oakdale in West Saint Paul has asked if someone could bring communion to her. Time could be negotiable.

**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 **51 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 **Bob & Jeanne**, Eucharistic ministers **Josie & Jerold**, ushers **Tim & James**, 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. **Delfina, Kathy, Dave, Joe, Ginny, Jane, Debbie & Paul.**

**THANK YOU** to **Fr. Steve** who suggested we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the last Sunday of each month. Thank you to the **41 parishioners** who attended this sacrament last Sunday. To pianist **Jill** & cantor **Linda**. Thank you to **Ginny, Tim & Mary** who welcomed all those attending. St. Matthews has long been known as the Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi! Parishioners & visitors alike consistently comment on how welcome they feel when they come to services at our parish! It is important to recognize those volunteers who are the 1<sup>st</sup> people parishioners & visitors meet when they come to our church. Our administrator **John Riehle** also wanted to add his thanks:

### ST MATT'S HOSPITALITY

I want to recognize and say a most sincere "thank you" to those on the special welcoming team who greet everyone who comes to Mass and to other sacraments. **Tim Dalzell** has been the "doorman" since we welcomed worshippers back in July; **Doris Schillinger, Ginny Roethler** and **Mary Leibl** have the dispensers of sanitizing liquid, and more importantly, the welcomers to the worship space. [And I do not want to forget **Tom Kabesh** who will rejoin the team when he returns from Arizona in March.]

John Riehle, pastoral administrator

Thank you very much.

## 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 31, 2021

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 30  
Hours in service 35

**Parish**  
Envelopes/Cash \$ 3,008  
Electronic Giving \$ 1,045  
Miscellaneous \$ 20  
PayPal \$ 25  
Masses/Memorials \$ 0  
Fuel \$ 35  
Rent \$ 0  
Holy Day \$ 0  
Bells/ Lamp \$ 0  
Vigil Lights \$ 20

**School** \$ 50  
Religious Retire. \$ 100

**Total** \$ 150

#### Thank You!

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**Total** \$4,233

**Thank You!**



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

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring February 9th in memory of Louise Rodriguez.

The sanctuary lamp will be lit February 6 - February 13 in memory of **Claudette Borgan**.

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.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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.

Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr via email [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or text or call, 651-242-6004.

### 2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Many of you may have already received in the mail a letter from the Catholic Services Appeal requesting your continued support in 2021. If not, St. Matthew's will make the appeal next weekend with a short DVD, pledge envelopes and flyers.

Through the contributions received Catholic Services Appeal supports twenty ministries with over 200,000 recipients each year. Home parishes can also share in these contributions.

The ministries served are wide-ranging from the unborn, school children, the homeless, women, college students to American Indian Ministries and many more. These ministries can not continue without the ongoing support of people like us.

Please support this annual appeal as you are able to do so.

### FISH FRY 2021 February 19 - April 2

The Saint Matthew's Men's Club is pleased to announce they will have Fish Fry this year; drive up to go. **Meals are \$10.** Grilled cheese or spaghetti available as non-fish option. Tell your friends and family. Same great dinner, ready to take home and enjoy!

### REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The parish trustees and three parish leaders have been meeting each of the past three Mondays to work on a job description in order to have someone in position as John Riehle retires at the end of April.

They have interviewed John and have examined other similar job descriptions.

There unique benefits and challenges because the parish has an "off-scene" parochial administrator and a sacramental minister.

Pray for the success of this effort. If you have questions or suggestions, please communicate through [administrator@st-matts.org](mailto:administrator@st-matts.org).

### Parish Leadership

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

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian  
John DeIVecchio, 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  
Mleibl  
Rev. Biju Mathew, Parochial Administrator  
frbijum@gmail.com  
John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator  
jriehle  
Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary  
lrivera  
Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation  
jdrohr@pro-ns.net  
Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
Kthompson

### Parish Pastoral Council

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**Members:**

Alan Christensen	Janelle Rohr
Suzanne Clarke	Linda Sellars
Jerald Dosch	Joanne Smith
Jackie Lackner	Barbara Strom
Tiffany Rivera-Prescott	John Riehle, Ex Officio

### Finance Council Members

John DeIVecchio	Joe Stevens
Bernie Klein	John Riehle
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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.*

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### Mass Intentions

#### 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

#### Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am Cancelled

#### Friday, February 12

8:00 am Cancelled

#### Saturday, February 13

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Judy Robinson†  
Arthur Geis†

#### Sunday, February 14

10:15. am Mass Streamed

### Calendar of Events

#### 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

#### Monday, February 8 - Friday, February 13

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

#### Monday, February 8

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

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

#### Tuesday, February 9

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

#### Wednesday, February 10

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

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

#### Faith Formation

K-10 in person class, check schedule for start times

#### Thursday, February 11

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

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

#### Friday, February 13

Parish Office closed

#### Saturday, February 13

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS—school building

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Reconciliation After Mass

#### Sunday, February 14

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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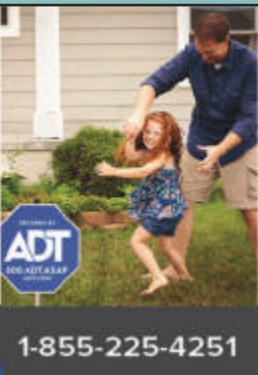


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