



Church of St. Matthew

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A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordered Time

<p>Liturgy Schedule</p> <p>Masses In person 4:15 pm Saturday Streamed 10:15 am Sunday</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Masses, February 17 8:00 am & 7:00 pm - in person</p> <p>Reconciliation 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month following 4:15 pm Mass</p> <p>Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick Please call the parish office for each</p>	<p>Readings for the week of February 14, 2021</p> <p>Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32</p>
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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstated into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*
Sketch by Rembrandt Christ Healing a Leper (detail) 1656-57



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

THANK YOU to the **55 parishioners** who braved the frigid cold to attend 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 **Ginny & Mary**, Eucharistic ministers **Ellen & Mike**, ushers **Tim, Greg & James**, server **Paul** & sacristans **Mary & 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!

We thank those who brought the Eucharist from Mass to their family & friends. **Delfina, Dave, Joe, Ginny, Tim, Debbie, Sue & Paul.**

Recently a parishioner called and asked if it would be possible for someone to bring communion to her at her home. **Thank You to Tim** who volunteered to bring the Eucharist to her after Saturday Mass. Another couple, who for many years have been active volunteers in the parish, also asked to have communion brought to them after Mass. **Thank you to Kathy** who volunteered to make that possible. By doing so Kathy & Tim help these parishioners to stay connected to their parish!

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The new Ministry Schedule begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and goes through Memorial Day Weekend May 29th. If you do not receive your schedule by email, copies are on the table in the back of the church. Schedule can also be found on the parish website.

ADA BATHROOM UPDATE

The contractor has acquired the necessary building permit. Now the subcontractors are securing their permits as well. Materials will be purchased and the constructions will begin. The walls for the bathroom will be erected and plastic sheeting will be put on top so that dust from jackhammering the floor will not invade all the food and equipment and utensils that are in the storeroom.

Special acknowledgement - appreciation to the Men's Cub, Loaves and Fishes, and Quantum Steam Academy who have moved things so that construction can be done. The three groups will function with less storage than they have had previously.

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 February 7, 2021

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 36
Hours in service 39

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 12,300
Electronic Giving \$ 245
Miscellaneous \$ 0
PayPal \$ 550
Masses/Memorials \$ 104
Fuel \$ 115
Rent \$ 4,920
Holy Day \$ 20
Bells/ Lamp \$ 114
Vigil Lights \$ 15

School

\$ 303

Total \$ 303

Thank You!

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Total **\$18,383**

Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit February 13 - February 20 memory of **Bernie Snaza**.

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.

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Next Saturday will be our regular collection for Neighborhood House Food Shelf. Non-perishable food items and personal care items are needed. If you are watching from home and would like to give a monetary donation, please send your contribution to 179 East Robie Street, St. Paul MN 55107. You can mention you are a member of St. Matthew's if you wish.

On January 17th we collected 333 pounds of food and personal care items. Thank you for helping to feed our friends and neighbors.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE PARISH SEARCH COMMITTEE

The members of the Search Committee for John Riehle's replacement are John Del Vecchio, Becky Montgomery, Ellen Schneider, Suzanne Snyder and Karen Thompson. The group has been meeting for several weeks to review John's job functions and develop a job description. We've also been researching similar jobs in the Archdiocese, making contacts, and have met with Father Michael Tix, Vicar of Parish Services for the Archdiocese. We will keep you posted as we continue our process of completing the job description, making it available in multiple locations including our web site, ad placement, etc. If you know of anyone who has an accounting or financial background that you believe would be a good candidate for part-time work please contact any one on the committee.

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.

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

Starting this Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fish Fry - **Drive Up To Go ONLY** - 4:30 - 7:30 pm.

Baked and/or fried fish, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert.

Grilled cheese or spaghetti available as non-fish option. Meals are \$10 each Credit cards accepted.

Orders taken on Hall Avenue in front of the church or at the social hall entrance at the rear of the church.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian
John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee
jdelvecchio
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Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster
kevinjack
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jillkilzer
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Kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

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Members:

Alan Christensen	Janelle Rohr
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John DelVecchio	Joe Stevens
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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 13

4:15 pm Our Parish
Judy Robinson†
Arthur Geis†
Michael Vasquez, Special Intention

Sunday, February 14

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am Our Parish
7:00 pm All those affected by Covid-19

Friday, February 19

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, February 20

4:15 pm Our Parish
Daniel Briester†
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.†

Sunday, February 21

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, February 15 - Thursday, February 18

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

Monday, February 15

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

Tuesday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Mass in person
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
6:45 Faith Formation Grades K - 10 gather in church
7:00 pm Mass in person

Thursday, February 18

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

Friday, February 19

Parish Office closed
4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry - **Drive-up To Go Only**

Saturday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 21

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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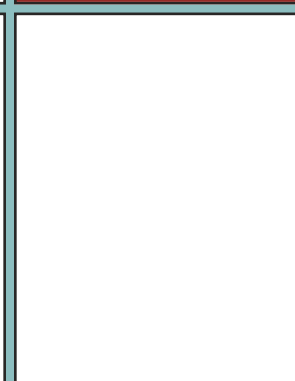
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