



# Church of St. Matthew

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*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.*

**February 21, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

## **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 21, 2021**

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

In order to more readily receive the blessings from Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are called endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experience temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*  
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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 this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

**THANK YOU** to the **43 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 **Kathy**, lectors **Kathy & Tim**, Eucharistic ministers **Ginny & Mary**, ushers **Greg & Diane**, 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, & Sue.**

**THANK YOU** to **Linda, Marilyn, Chris & Mary** who prepared the Lenten mailing which was sent to parishioners last week. **Thank You** to **Bernie** who took the mailing to the Post Office.

### Liturgy Ministers:

We will soon be preparing the Holy Week schedule. We will need ministers for videoing as well as for In-Person liturgies. Please let us know which services, videoing and/or in-person you will be available. The schedule will be written the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or leave a message at 453-9870. Thank you for your dedication as we continue to provide services for our parishioners during this pandemic!

### The Schedule:

#### In-person

Holy Thursday, April 1--7:00 pm  
Good Friday, April 2 – 3:00 pm  
Holy Saturday, April 3 – 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 4 – 10:15 am

#### Video

Wednesday, March 31—6:30 pm  
Thursday, April 1—7:45 pm  
NO VIDEO  
Saturday, April 3 – 5:30 pm

## News and Events

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

### **COVID-19 CONTINUES TO BE A CONCERN 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 14, 2021**

#### **Volunteer Service**

Hours in prayer 29  
Hours in service 29

**Parish**

Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,873
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,773
Faith Formation	\$ 100
PayPal	\$ 400
Masses/Memorials	\$ 17
Fuel	\$ 0
Rent	\$
Holy Day	\$
Bells/ Lamp	\$
Vigil Lights	\$ 12
Funeral	\$450

**School** \$ 70

**Total** \$ 70

#### **Thank You!**

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simply scan with your phone to make an electronic stewardship offering

**Total** **\$9,625**

**Thank You!**



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

The sanctuary lamp will be lit February 20 - February 27 memory of **Jose Martinez**

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.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will premier at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 22nd and will be available for viewing and praying online thereafter. Check out our website.

### **2021 PLEDGES**

Thanks to the many parish families and households who have returned a pledge card. The amount pledged is almost \$185,000 annually. Though none of the pledges is legally binding, this process gives the finance council some solid footing upon which to base the next budget: July 2021—June 2022.

Thanks as well to those families and households who have changed to electronic giving—the process of EFT [Electronic Funds Transfer] from the donor's bank account to the church account at Bank Cherokee. About 33% of annual giving now occurs this way. Thank you.

### **ADA BATHROOM**

The electrician has "re-wired" the storeroom to change the 3-way switches at each door to be separate circuits. Also, the very manual labor of jack-hammering the floor has been completed. This created a 12x12x18 ditch from the soon-to-be-placed toilet in the bathroom to the waste line that is in the middle of the hallway. An exhaust fan will be installed and the plumbing will be completed and then the sheetrock will be installed on both sides of the metal studs.

### **FISH FRY 2021 February 19 - April 2**

All Fridays of Lent.

**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.**

**First Reconciliation Celebration:** Faith Formation students in grades 2, 3, and 4 as well as Community of Saints students in grades 2 and 3 who came to the February 3 meeting and class should attend our **First Reconciliation service on Saturday, February 27, at 10:00 am Saint Matthew Church.** Before arriving students can use the pink sheet to examine their conscience in preparation for confessions with Father. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or text 651-242-6004.

**Upcoming Faith Formation Classes:** All Faith Formation students in grades 1 to 10 have in-person class on February 24, March 3, and March 10. February 24 and March 10 are required monthly class nights for Catholic school 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to be confirmed with Saint Matthew.

## 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

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skowal

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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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Joanne Smith

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## Finance Council Members

John DelVecchio

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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, February 20

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

### Sunday, February 21

10:15. am Mass Streamed

### Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, February 26

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, February 27

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

### Sunday, February 28

10:15. am Mass Streamed

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, February 20

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
10:00 am GTCYS—School Building  
4:15 pm Mass (in person) Neighborhood House Food Collection  
Parish Council Listening following Mass  
Reconciliation After Mass

### Sunday, February 21

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Monday, February 22 - Thursday, February 25

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

### Monday, February 22

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross premiers online

### Tuesday, February 23

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

### Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
Faith Formation class, grades K-10 check schedule for start times.

### Thursday, February 25

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting via Zoom  
7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting via Zoom

### Friday, February 26

Parish Office closed  
4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry - Drive-up

### Saturday, February 27

10:00 am First Reconciliation Church/Chapel  
10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
10:00 am GTCYS—School Building  
4:15 pm Mass (in person)  
Reconciliation After Mass

### Sunday, February 28

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

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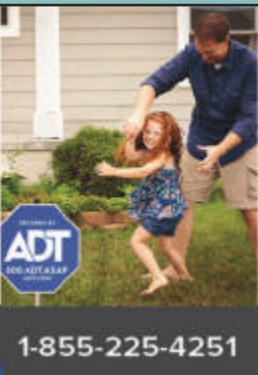


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