

Church of St. Matthew

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



February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

<p><i>Liturgy Schedule</i></p> <p><i>Masses</i> In person 4:15 pm Saturday Streamed 10:15 am Sunday</p> <p><i>Reconciliation</i> 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month following 4:15 pm Mass</p> <p><i>Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick</i> Please call the parish office for each</p> <p><i>Prayer Line</i> 651.457.0228</p>	<p><i>Readings for the week of February 28, 2021</i></p> <p>Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32</p>
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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

— *Stewardship Reflections & Cover Art by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*



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 THE 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 **104 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 **Mooreen & Joe**, Eucharistic ministers **Ginny, Dave & Mike**, ushers **Greg, Diane & Tim**, 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, Kathy, Debbie, Tim & Sue.**

THANK YOU to **Fr. Steve, Anthony & Isabella** who did the readings for **Stations of the Cross** which were filmed after Mass last Saturday evening. To pianist **Jill** & Cantor **Linda**. To videographer **Alan**. The Stations of the Cross premiered last Monday, February 22nd on YouTube and on the parish Facebook page. The video is available for viewing through Good Friday!

THANK YOU to the **382+** who, through Drive-Up, attended our first **Lenten Fish Fry for 2021!** Thank you to **Tim, Diane, Greg, Ginny, Bill, Members of the Men's Club, and other parishioners** who volunteered to help with set-up and clean-up! A huge Thank You to **Bridget** from **Community of Saints Regional Catholic School** and Special Thanks to **Parents & Students from Community of Saints Regional Catholic School**. They took orders, delivered orders to kitchen, and brought meals back to cars waiting in church parking lot and on Hall Ave. All done with very little wait time! If you did not have a chance to enjoy a great meal, as well as financially help our parish, you have 6 more Fridays to enjoy the experience!!

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 21, 2021

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 30
Hours in service 35

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 2,803
Electronic Giving \$ 1,773
Faith Formation \$ 0
PayPal \$ 0
Masses/Memorials \$ 65
Fuel \$ 350
Rent \$ 630
Holy Day \$ 50
Bells/ Lamp \$
Vigil Lights \$ 57
Flowers \$ 70

School \$ 70
Men's Club \$ 15
Food Shelf \$ 262
Total \$ 347

Thank You!

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Total \$ 5,798

Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit February 27 - March 6 memory of Sr. Mary Stanislaus, SSND.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross were taped earlier and can now be viewed at anytime on YouTube or on Saint Matthew's Facebook page. Please watch and pray often and invite your family and friends to watch and pray, too.

FISH FRY 2021 Each Friday through April 2

Including Good Friday

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.**

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 14th. Please contact 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

Wed., March 31 - 6:30 pm
Thurs., April 1 - 7:45 pm
NO VIDEO
Sat., April 3 - 5:30 pm



THE NEW PIANO

It has arrived!
Saint Matthew's pianist, Jill Kilzer may be wearing a mask, but you can see the joy in her smiling eyes!

Details and formal 'thank you' next week.

Oh what beautiful music they will make.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

March Faith Formation Classes: All Faith Formation students in grades 1 to 10 have in-person class on March 3, 10, and 24. On March 17, only those students preparing for First Communion have class, and that class will be in the church. Community of Saints students preparing for First Communion at St Matthew will join the group on March 17.

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
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Kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

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Members:

Alan Christensen	Janelle Rohr
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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 27

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

Sunday, February 28

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, March 5

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, March 6

4:15 pm Our Parish
Ted & Connie Rivera†
Linda Owens†
Augustine Rodriquez†

Sunday, March 7

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, March 1 - Thursday, March 4

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

Monday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 3

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 in person classes -
check schedule for start times.

Thursday, March 4

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

Friday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 6

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
10:00 am GTCYS - School Building
4:15 pm Mass (in person)
Reconciliation After Mass

Sunday, March 7

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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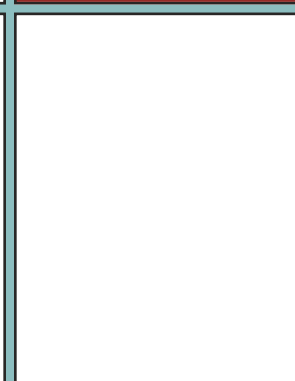
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