

# Church of St. Matthew

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**March 7, 2021**  
**Third 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 March 7, 2021***

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

— *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 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 81 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 Jerold & Ginny, Eucharistic ministers Karen & Mary, ushers Greg, & Tim, server/ 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, Ginny, Kathy, Debbie, Tim, & Sue.

**THANK YOU** to Fr. Steve who provided Communal Penance to the parish last Sunday. During a time of pandemic this is a gift to all. The opportunity was greatly appreciated by the 30 parishioners who attended. The next Communal Penance will take place Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. This will also be Palm Sunday. A perfect way to begin the holiest week of the church year and prepare for Easter!

**THANK YOU** to the 413+ who, through Drive-Up, attended our 2nd Lenten Fish Fry for 2021! Thank you to Members of the Men's Club, and other parishioners who volunteered to help with set-up and clean-up! A huge Thank You to Jerold and members of the Scout Troop. 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 extraordinarily little Wait Time! If you did not have a chance to enjoy a great meal, as well as financially help our parish, you have 5 more Fridays to enjoy the experience!!

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### COMMUNITY OF SAINTS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monthly collection for tuition assistance for the children of the school. There will be a 2nd collection at Mass or please send donations to the parish. The student population has increased 55% in the last 5 years!!

## News and Events

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

**Even though many members of our parish may have received both vaccination shots, Covid-19 is still here!!**

We still need to take precautions. It's common sense and it's the state law. Please consider the following things before coming to Mass, for your sake and the sake of your fellow parishioners too. Thank you.

Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish. At the same time, we pledge to keep 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.**

**4. There will be no singing, except for the cantor!**

### 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 your mask and return to your place. Thank you.

**TO REPEAT: Refrain from singing; keep your mask in place for the entire time; keep distance from those in other households!!**

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS February 28, 2021

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 38  
Hours in service 31

#### Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 3,237  
Electronic Giving \$ 1,045  
Faith Formation \$ 200  
PayPal \$ 185  
Masses/Memorials \$ 50  
Fuel \$ 65  
Rent \$ 630  
Holy Day \$ 10  
Flowers \$ 150  
Bells/ Lamp \$ 10  
Vigil Lights \$ 20

#### School

\$ 570  
Food Shelf \$ 15  
Total \$ 585

#### Thank You!

#### PayPal QR Code

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**Total \$ 5,602**

**Thank You!**



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

The sanctuary lamp will be lit March 6 - March 13 in memory of **Augustine Rodriguez**

Contact Linda Rivera at [lrivera@st-matts.org](mailto:lrivera@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 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

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

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

The job has been posted on several websites. They include Indeed, the Archdiocesan site, St. Thomas University, People of Praise and our own website. We are looking at other places to publish the advertisement. If you know of any one or have a suggestion for more places to post the job description, please let us know. We have received several resumes and are reviewing them.

### THE PIANO

Music has been an important part of our families' lives. My first piano lesson was taught by Sister Gregory at St. Matthew's. In honor of our parents, Sam and Dorothy Robinette, and the deceased members of our family, we are pleased to donate the piano recently purchased at Schmitt Music. Additionally, the dolly to move it, a humidifier to keep it working for a long time, and a cover and lock complete the donation.

**Karen Robinette Thompson** for the Robinette and Thompson families.

In 2018, money was donated to improve the sound system in memory of my husband Jim and my son Greg. We are happy to provide these items to make our worship space pleasing to the ear. **Karen**

### 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  
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Mleibl  
Rev. Biju Mathew, Parochial Administrator  
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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, March 6

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

#### Sunday, March 7

10:15 am Mass Streamed

#### Tuesday, March 9

8:00 am Cancelled

#### Friday, March 12

8:00 am Cancelled

#### Saturday, March 13

4:15 pm Our Parish  
David Andrews †  
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr. †

#### Sunday, March 14

10:15. am Mass Streamed

### Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, March 6

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

#### Collection for Community of Saints School

Reconciliation After Mass

#### Sunday, March 7

10:15 am Mass Streamed

#### Monday, March 8 - Thursday, March 11

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

**Meals Are Being served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

#### Monday, March 8

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

#### Tuesday, March 9

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

#### Wednesday, March 10

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 11

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

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

#### Friday, March 12

Parish Office closed

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry - Drive-up

#### Saturday, March 13

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Reconciliation After Mass

#### Sunday, March 14

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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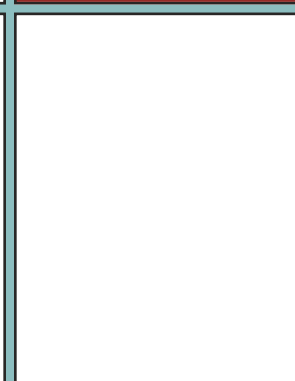
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