

# Church of St. Matthew

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**March 14, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Laetare Sunday**

**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 14, 2021**

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/ Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings today identify the most unlikely individuals for the most extraordinary tasks. These individuals are examples to us in our lives.

In our First Reading, the Lord appoints Samuel to declare the next king of Israel. The Lord's words to Samuel about who should become king cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, "man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." We often embrace the misconception that things like status and appearance are what carry importance in life. Yet, God clearly states that it is what is in our hearts that matters most. So how do we cultivate hearts worthy of God? It starts in prayer — giving God undivided attention each day. Through this time set aside for our Lord, He will work on our hearts so that they will become more like His.

Our Gospel resounds what was proclaimed in our First Reading, "not as man sees does God see." Jesus heals a blind man who people assumed was born blind as a punishment from sin. Yet, Jesus says, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

Jesus often worked through the most vulnerable people to show His greatest works. Like the blind man, we must recognize our need for healing and give God the authority to work through us.

During these final weeks of Lent, let us ponder God's words, "not as man sees does God see." May we become dependent on our Lord so that He might work through us and transform 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 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)

**PREPARING THE SLIDE DECK for Mass Each** Mass has a set of slides that are used so that those who are watch Mass can pray and sing along. The preparation of the slide deck is done in concert with the music director and the celebrant. Training will be provide.

**PROJECT THE SLIDE DECK from a personal computer** After the slide deck is prepared, a volunteer will operate a laptop so songs and prayers will appear on the screen at the appropriate times.

If you are interested in, or if you have questions, about these ministries contact the Parish Center during office hours [or leave a message after regular hours]. Training will be provided. If you know of someone who enjoys working with computers, please share this opportunity with them. It is preferable that more than one person would take part in each of these ministries!

**THANK YOU** to the **68 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 **Tim & Mary**, Eucharistic ministers **Kathy, Ginny & Bob**, ushers **Tim & James**, server **Paul**, and 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 & other parishioners unable to attend. **Delfina, Ginny, Kathy, Sue, Paul & Tim**.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended our **3rd Lenten Fish Fry** for 2021! **423** meals were purchased through Drive-Up! 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 the **students, parents & staff from COS**. 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 3 more Fridays to enjoy the experience!!

### **BLESSED PALMS IN PERSON AT MASS, DRIVE UP - PICK UP, HOME DELIVERY**

If you are unable to attend the In-Person mass for Palm Sunday, Blest Palms will be distributed in front of the church after the airing of the Streamed Mass, Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>. Distribution of palms will begin at 11:30 on Hall Ave. If you are unable to travel to the church, call the Parish Center and leave your name and address. Palms will be delivered to your home.

## 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 March 7, 2021

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 41  
Hours in service 38

#### Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 4,526  
Electronic Giving \$ 1,690  
Faith Formation \$ 200  
PayPal \$ 350  
Masses/Memorials \$ 102  
Fuel \$ 100  
Rent \$ 5,870  
Holy Day \$ 220  
Flowers \$ 505  
Funerals \$ 950  
Bells/ Lamp \$ 10  
Misc. \$ 15  
Vigil Lights \$ 22

**Total \$ 14,560**

**School \$ 511**  
**Food Shelf \$ 45**

**Total \$ 556**

#### Thank You!

#### PayPal QR Code

simply scan with your phone to make an electronic stewardship offering



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

The sanctuary lamp will be lit March 13 - March 20 memory of deceased members of the Maanum family.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on March 14th for the living & deceased Rosary/CCW members.

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 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.**

### CALLING ALL LITURGY MINISTERS - WE NEED YOU!

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

### THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Next weekend is our regular monthly collection for the food shelf at Neighborhood House. Our last collection on February 21st brought in 84 pounds of non-perishable food and personal care products.



Many of our parishioners faithfully help restock the food shelf at Neighborhood House each month; we thank you, our friends and neighbors do as well.

If you can not be at Mass and would like to make a monetary contribution, mail it to Food Shelf, 179 East Robie Street, St. Paul MN 551107. If you would like, let them know you are a member of Saint Matthew.



### 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  
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### Parish Pastoral Council

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**Members:**

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

### Finance Council Members

John DeIVecchio	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, March 13 Celebrating Laetare Sunday

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

### Sunday, March 14 Laetare Sunday

10:15. am Mass Streamed

### Monday, March 15

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Tuesday, March 9

8:00 am Cancelled 19 12

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, March 20

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Robert Gomez, Jr. †  
Rudy Saucedo, Jr. †  
Jeanne Lord †

### Sunday, March 21

10:15. am Mass Streamed

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, March 13

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person) **Celebrating Laetare Sunday**

**Set your clocks ahead one hour tonight - Daylight**

**Savings**

**Collection for Global Solidarity Sunday**

Reconciliation After Mass

### Sunday, March 14 Laetare Sunday

**Daylight Savings Time**

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Monday, March 15 - Thursday, March 18

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

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

### Monday, March 15

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

### Tuesday, March 16

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

### Wednesday, March 17

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 18

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

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

### Friday, March 19

Parish Office closed

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

### Saturday, March 20

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person) **with Food Shelf Collection for**

**Neighborhood House**

Reconciliation After Mass

### Sunday, March 21

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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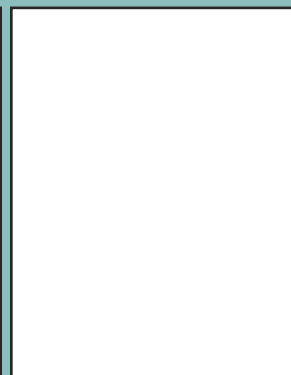
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