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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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March 21, 2021
Fifth 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 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

— *Stewardship Reflections 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

PREPARING THE SLIDE DECK for Mass: Each Mass has a set of slides that are used so that those who are watching 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 provided.

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 **63 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 **Kathy**, lector **Ginny**, Eucharistic ministers **Ann & Joe**, ushers **Tim & James**, 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 parishioners or to their family & friends. **Tim, Kathy, Ginny, Debbie, Dave, Delfina and Ann.**

THANK YOU to all who attended our **4th Lenten Fish Fry** for 2021! **427** meals were purchased through Drive-Up! Thank you to **Members of the Men's Club, Rosary Society and other parishioners** who volunteered to help with set-up and clean-up! A huge Thank You to the **Scouts**. 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 **2 more Fridays** to enjoy the experience!!

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 14, 2021

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	30	Parish School	\$ 180
Hours in service	34	Global Solidarity	\$ 327
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,427		
Electronic Giving	\$ 245		
Faith Formation	\$ 150	Total	\$ 507
PayPal	\$ 0		
Masses/Memorials	\$ 85		
Fuel	\$ 25		
Rent	\$ 0		
Holy Day	\$ 120		
Flowers	\$ 335		
Funerals	\$ 450		
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 20		
Misc.	\$ 50		
Vigil Lights	\$ 14		

Total \$ 3,921

Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The sanctuary lamp will be lit March 20 - March 27 memory of **Dorina Martineau**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on March 25th, the Annunciation of the Lord, for **the living & deceased Rosary/CCW members**.

Contact Linda Rivera at Irivera@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.

EASTER FLOWER FUND

If you would like make a contribution to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of a loved one or honor someone special in your life you can still do so, but you must hurry. Please use the special envelope you received with the Lenten mailing or a regular envelope if you are not a registered parishioner. Include your name and address, the name of your loved one if it is in memory of or to honor someone. A complete list of names will be in the bulletin after Easter.

Please have your contribution in to the parish office by Tuesday, March 30th.

BLESSED PALMS

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 28th. Distribution of palms will begin at 11:30 am 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

View anytime on Facebook or YouTube

Reconciliation

After 4:15 pm Masses - March 20 & 27
Tuesday, March 30 – 7:00 p.m. &
Wednesday March 31 – 5:30 p.m.

Communal Penance Service - March 28 - 2:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 28 - 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, March 29 - 10:15 a.m. Streamed online
Drive up Palms – 11:30 a.m.

Easter Triduum Celebration

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass -7:00 p.m. – In person and streamed online

Good Friday, April 2

Stations of the Cross - 12:00 p.m. – In person
Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00 p.m.
In person and streamed online

Holy Saturday, April 3

Easter Vigil -7:00 p.m. – In person only

Easter Sunday, April 4

Mass of the Resurrection -10:15 a.m.
In person and streamed online



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
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Parish Pastoral Council

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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, March 20

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

Sunday, March 21

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, March 22

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, March 27

4:15 pm Our Parish
Daniel Briester †
Arthur Geis †
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members †

Sunday, March 28

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, March 22 - Thursday, March 25

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

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

Monday, March 22

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

Tuesday, March 23

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, March 24

1:00 pm - 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 25

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

4:30 pm Finance Meeting Via Zoom

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Via Zoom

Friday, March 26

Parish Office closed

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

Saturday, March 27

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person) **Palm Sunday Celebrated**

Reconciliation After Mass

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

10:15 am Mass Streamed Drive By Palm Pick up 11:30 am

2:00 pm Communal Penance Service

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