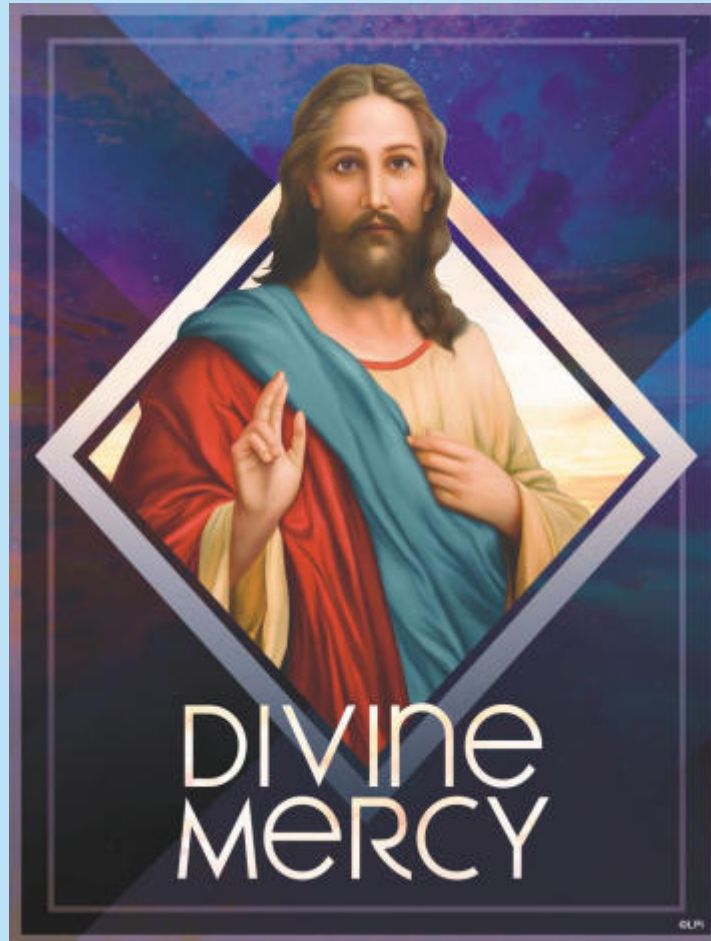


Church of St. Matthew

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



April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy 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 April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. The access to Divine Mercy has been with us since that time. Many centuries later, in 1931, Jesus revealed specific instructions to a nun named Sr. Faustina to help further spread the message of His Divine Mercy. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

As we see in our Gospel, even Thomas, one of Jesus' apostles, falls short as he doubts the resurrection. We can resonate with Thomas in the ways we might have doubts about the presence of Christ in our day-to-day lives — not believing in His power, doubting His presence in times of suffering, or even doubting His love for us. Yet, there is something valuable we can learn from Thomas. Once he realized his weakness, he cried out, "My Lord and my God." Surely at that moment, Jesus could see the thoughts of Thomas' heart and extended His merciful love towards him. When we recognize our need for God's mercy, let us cry out for Him at that moment, saying, "My Lord and my God, have mercy on me."

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



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

Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

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 **parishioners** who attended the in-person services during Holy Week & Easter. Palm Sunday **153**, Communal Penance **98**, Holy Thursday **48**, Stations of Good Friday **15**, Good Friday Service **30**, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil **69** & 10:15 am Mass, Easter Sunday **105!**

To **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives 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** & cantors, **Linda & Anthony**, lectors & Passion readers, **Mary, Ginny, Anthony, Joanne, Mooreen, Dave, Jeanne, Tim, Miles, Joe, Josie & Kathy**. Eucharistic ministers, **Jerold, Josie, Janelle, Kathy, Tim, Mary & Becky**, ushers, **Tim, Tom, Greg & James**, server, **Paul** & sacristans, **Mary, Ginny, Kathy & Joanne**. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line!

THANK YOU to **Mary B** who continuously changed the decorations during Holy Week to coincide with the Mass.

THANK YOU to **Karen, Tim** who joined me in giving palms to the 50+ parishioners who drove to the front of the church after 10:15 Mass on Palm Sunday.

THANK YOU to all who donated for the Easter Flowers and Environment, your donations added to the beauty of the Easter Liturgy!!

THANK YOU to Confirmation candidates **Yazenia Lopez & Brooklyn Garcia**, along with **Rhiannon** & husband **Rolando** and son **Santos** & baby **Savannah** who put the candles up on the perimeter of the church. Adults worked the on 2 ladders as the Confirmation Candidates handed them the candles.

THANK YOU to the **Acosta – Palermos Family**, dad **Jose**, mom **Anaheidi**, their Confirmation Candidate **Doryan** & siblings **Joana & Jose**. They came after Mass on Easter to take down & pack away the perimeter candles!

As **Fr. Steve** stressed at the Easter Masses, "Hopefully we will soon all be able to worship together." To once again have the need to set up extra chairs for Easter!

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 28, 2021

Volunteer Service	Hours in prayer 37	Hours in service 40
Parish		School
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,978	Food Shelf
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,045	\$ 10
PayPal	\$ 350	Total
Easter Giving	\$ 185	\$ 410
Penance Service	\$ 1,052	Thank You!
Fuel	\$ 55	
Masses/Memorials	\$	
Rent	\$	PayPal QR Code
Flowers	\$ 255	simply scan with your
Funerals	\$ 450	phone to make an electronic
Bells/ Lamp	\$	stewardship offering
Misc.	\$ 50	
Vigil Lights	\$ 22	

Total \$ 6,447
Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit April 10 - April 17 memory of Rudy Saucedo, Jr.

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

April Faith Formation: Faith Formation students in grades 1-10 have in-person classes on April 14, April 21, and April 28. On April 28, Confirmation candidates should attend with their Confirmation sponsor, and our start time for grades 8-10 may change; watch your email for details as the date gets closer. Parents, mark your calendars for May 5, the last evening for most students, which will be a prayer service for families to attend.

FISH FRY 2021

We weren't able to do our traditional Fish Fry because of Covid-19 restrictions. We did however have five successful Fridays of Drive-up to go service. Heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in so many ways. More details next week.

SHARING PART OF YOUR STIMULUS CHECK

Many of us parishioners have received [or will receive shortly] a stimulus check from the government. As you know, the payments were not targeted to those with more needs than others.

I know there are many parishioners who need that money for bills, for food, for transportation or other necessary expenses.

There are many of us who do not need the stimulus check for needs or necessary expenses. I ask you: Please join me in donating one quarter of the check you receive/d to St.

Matthew's. As you know, by donating it to St. Matt's, you will be helping us continue to be the "Good Samaritan" on the banks of the Mississippi. And many of our neighbors in need will benefit from the ministry of the parish.

John Riehle
Pastoral Administrator

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS April 4, 2021

Volunteer Service	Hours in prayer 26	Hours in service 49
Parish		School
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,822	Holy Land
Electronic Giving	\$ 245	Rice Bowl
Easter Giving	\$ 3,615	Total
PayPal	\$ 95	\$ 578
Masses/Memorials	\$ 102	Thank You!
Fuel	\$ 55	
Masses/Memorials	\$	PayPal QR Code
Rent	\$ 4,400	simply scan with your
Flowers	\$ 70	phone to make an electronic
Funerals	\$	stewardship offering
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 20	
Misc.	\$	
Vigil Lights	\$ 25	

Total \$ 18,449
Thank You!



Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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sadrian

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jdelvecchio

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster
kevinjack

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jillkilzer

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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, April 10

7:00 pm Our Parish
Rudy Saucedo Jr. †
Jeanne Lord †
Alicia & Bill Sellars in remembrance of their 75th
Wedding Anniversary †

Sunday, April 11

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Monday, April 12

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 13

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 117

7:00 pm Our Parish
Vernon Achman †
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr. †

Sunday, April 18

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 10

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

Sunday, April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, April 12 - Friday, April 16

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

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

Monday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

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

Faith Formation in-person classes, check schedule for class
start times

Thursday, April 15

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

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Friday, April 16

Parish Office closed

Saturday, April 17

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, April 17

10:15 am Streamed

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