



Church of St. Matthew

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Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance would be preached in his name.

April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

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 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

— *Stewardship Reflections & Cover Art by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*
Nicolas Pousin. The Eucharist 1637

Catholic Appeal is nearing the end of the 2021 appeal year, have you made a pledge?

Please pledge to support the many programs and missions funded by the Catholic Appeal.



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

PROJECT SLIDE DECK During Filming of Saturday 4:15 pm Mass: Need a volunteer to project, by use of an iPad, a prepared slide deck, containing the words to prayers & songs. These slides appear on the screen during airing of Sunday 10:15 am Streamed Mass. An iPad is available. 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 be available to take part in this ministry.

THANK YOU to Karen Thompson who took charge of supplying the cookies after the 4:15 pm Mass to celebrate **Fr. Adrian's Birthday!**

THANK YOU to the 108 parishioners who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. 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** & cantor **Kathy**. Lectors **Bob & Kathy**, Eucharistic ministers **Joe, Ginny & Mary**, ushers **Tom, Greg & Doris**. Server **Paul** and sacristans **Ginny & Mary**. 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. **Kathy, Ginny, Ann, Paul, Debbie, Del Fina and Joe.**

THANK YOU those who collected money after the Communal Penance Service: **Doris, Marilyn, Joan, Jackie & Janelle.**

THANK YOU to the 317 people who attended the last **FISH FRY** of the Season. This gives an approximate total of **2351 dinners served this season!! Thank You to: Men's Club, Rosary Society, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School Faculty, Students & Parents, Scouts & Scout leaders, many parishioners and all who came to enjoy a Fantastic Fish Dinner!**

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 April 11, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in prayer 30 Hours in service 34

Parish		School	\$ 367
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,131	Loaves & Fishes	\$ 10
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,690		
PayPal	\$ 300	Total	\$ 377
Easter Giving	\$ 736	Thank You!	
Fuel	\$ 55		
Masses/Memorials	\$ 25	PayPal QR Code	
Rent	\$	simply scan with your	
Vigil Lights	\$ 39	phone to make an electronic	
Funeral	\$	stewardship offering	
Bells/ Lamp	\$		
Misc.	\$		

Total **\$ 5,976**
Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit April 17 - April 24 in memory of Patricia Reiland

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on the 18th for the Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members.

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 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER ADRIAN



Father Adrian celebrated his 79th birthday on April 15th. On behalf of your friends and parish family at Saint Matthew, we wish you a very blessed 79th birthday Father. Thank you for serving our parish, your help to make us who we are.

COMMUNAL PENCE SERVICE

Everyone is invited to Communal Penance Service on Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 pm. Saint Matthew's welcomes all to come join us.

Individual confessions are heard the 2nd and 4th Saturdays following 4:15 pm Mass.

IN SYMPATHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew's extends its' deepest condolences to the family of **James Jenniges**. Mr. Jenniges died on April 9th and his funeral Mass was on Saturday, April 17th, 2021.

Please remember Mr. Jenniges and all the faithful departed in your prayers, may they rest in God's peace and love.

PARISH LEADERSHIP LISTENING

Do you have a question, concern or idea for parish leadership? On Saturday, April, 24th following the 4:15 pm Mass you will have the opportunity to talk to a member from parish council and/or parish finance council.

If they cannot answer your question or concern directly, they will bring to the full council for answers.



April 22, 2021
Plant a tree
Help clean a park
Start composting
Start recycling
Plant a garden

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

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jillkilzer

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Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

Members:

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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 17

4:15 pm Our Parish
Vernon Achman†
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.†
Arthur Geis†

Sunday, April 18

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Monday, April 19

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 24

4:15 pm Our Parish
Eva Alvarez†
Dorinda Martineau†

Sunday, April 25

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 17

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

Sunday, April 18

10:15 am Streamed

Monday, April 19- Friday, April 25

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

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

Monday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 20

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, April 21

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 22

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

6:45 pm Parish Volunteer Recognition Dinner Social Hall

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Friday, April 23

Parish Office closed

Saturday, April 24

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

10:00 am Baptism Workshop Church

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Parish Leadership Listening After Mass

Reconciliation after Mass

Sunday, April 24

10:15 am Streamed

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