

Church of St. Matthew

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Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

April 25, 2021
Fourth 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 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, “I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, ‘who is my Shepherd?’ and ‘have I gone astray?’ Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

— *Stewardship Reflections & Cover Art by Catholic Stewardship Consultants
Cover Art Christ the Good Shepherd, icon, Saint Louis University*



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.

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.

If you are interested in, or if you have questions, about these ministries email me at mleibl@st-matts.org. Or contact the Parish Center during office hours [or leave a message after regular hours].

THANK YOU to the **118 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 **Linda**. Lectors **Joanne & Jeanne**, Eucharistic ministers **Becky, Ginny & Mary**, ushers **Tom, Tim, Greg & Doris**. 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. **Ann, Ginny, Tim, Delfina, Sue, Dave & Debbie**.

THANK YOU to the **349** people who attended the last **FISH FRY** of the Season. This gives an approx. total of **2383 dinners served this season!!** Thank You to: **Men's Club, Rosary Society, Community of Saint Regional Catholic School Faculty, Students & Parents, Scouts & Scout leaders, many parishioners and all who came to enjoy a Fantastic Fish Dinner!**

THANK YOU to **Ginny** who has volunteered to project the slide deck during the 4:15 pm Saturday Mass. We need another volunteer or 2 who would be willing to learn this ministry.

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 18, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in prayer 23 Hours in service 35

Parish		School	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,587	Rice Bowl	\$ 38
Electronic Giving	\$ 245	Food Shelf	\$ 160
PayPal	\$ 375	Total	\$ 523
Easter Giving	\$ 175	Thank You!	
Fuel	\$ 55		
Masses/Memorials	\$ 30		
Rent	\$	PayPal QR Code	
Vigil Lights	\$ 25	simply scan with your	
Funeral	\$ 450	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$	stewardship offering	
Stimulus	\$ 850		

Total **\$ 5,792**
Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit April 24 - May 1 in memory of Patricia Szalapski.

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.

COMMUNAL Penance 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Please note this important information regarding Covid-19 measures at practices and during Masses.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, meaning everyone will wear a mask inside and we will keep physical distance from those who do not live in our household.

Confirmation

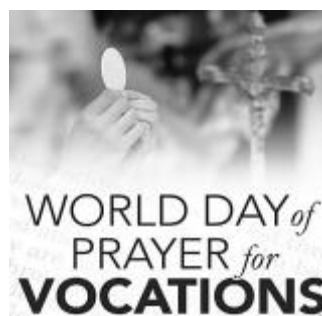
Faith Formation and Community of Saints students in the Wednesday evening Confirmation program have practice on April 28. Students and their Confirmation sponsor should come to St Matthew church at 6:45 pm for practice, which will last an hour. Then the Confirmation Mass is at St Matthew on Sunday, May 2. Confirmation families and sponsors should arrive by 10:00 am and check in with Mr. Sondag at the back of church when they arrive. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, Janelle@st-matts.org or 651-242-6004.

Faith Formation Final Classes

Faith Formation students in grades 1-10 have in-person class on April 28. May 5 will be our last regular session. Students and families should attend together that evening of May 5, and all of us will be in the church. Please arrive by 6:45 pm on May 5.

First Communion Practice

Faith Formation and Community of Saints students planning to receive First Communion in mid-May should come to First Communion practice on Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 pm in St Matthew Church. At least one parent or responsible adult must attend with the child. This is a required practice for all families. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, Janelle@st-matts.org or 651-242-6004.



Sunday, April 25th

Pray for more

Priests, Brothers and

Sisters

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
kjack

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jillkilzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable
bklein

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skowal

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Mleibl

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jriehle

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lrivera

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Kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

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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 24

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

Sunday, April 25

10:15. am Mass Streamed

Monday, April 26

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 1

4:15 pm Our Parish
George Lackner†
Bruce David†
Patricia Shawopski†

Sunday, May 2

10:15 am Confirmation Mass
10:15. am Mass Streamed

Calendar of Events

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 25

10:15 am Streamed

Monday, April 26- Friday, April 30

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

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

Monday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, April 28

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 29

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

4:30 pm Finance Council Hybrid Internet

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Hybrid Internet

Friday, April 30

Parish Office closed

Saturday, May 1

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, May 2

10:15 am Confirmation Mass (For Confirmation families)

10:15 am Streamed

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