



Church of St. Matthew

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



December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

In person 4:15 pm Saturday

In person 10:15 am Sunday

Streamed 10:15 am Sunday

Reconciliation

**2nd and 4th Saturday - 1st and 3rd Sunday
of the month following Mass**

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick
Please call the parish office for each

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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

Reflection from Father Steve

This weekend we observe the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the patron of the Americas, and undoubtedly the most beloved manifestation of Mary in the hemisphere.

Mary is depicted as of both European and American ancestry, she appears as a mixture of cultures, she is "mixed race".

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared just over a decade after the Spanish conquest of Mexico. She symbolizes divine love and God's desire that humanity create a community of justice and peace.

She exemplifies the intercultural unity that is possible when we allow faith to lead us to a place deeper and broader than our diversity.

The presence of our citizens whose ancestor come from the southern hemisphere has been difficult in many ways. Bias based on language, nationality, skin color, culture, etc. has caused and still causes great tension among us.

We are a people who claim that all are welcome and all are equal and all are children of the one and same God – yet, the track record is poor. As a nation we have not desired to grapple with systemic racism or the issue of white supremacy.

Our Lady told Juan Diego: "I will give the peoples my love, my compassion, my help."

On this Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe we can pray that all who share this land be seen through the eyes of Our Lady.

Father Steve

Mass Intentions

If you are interested in scheduling a Mass for a deceased loved one or a special intention, please keep in mind we have only two weekend Mass. Also, many parishioners schedule Masses weeks, if not months in advance. If you wait until the of week or two of your desired Mass date your chances of that date being open are very small.

We make every effort to accommodate everyone's wishes but it helps to plan ahead. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

"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

Musicians Needed

St Matthews Music Ministry is looking for more singers, cantors, guitarists, keyboardists, string players, & wind instrument players for **weekend Masses**. Contact **Jill Kilzer** Director of music and Liturgy jillkilzer@st-matts.org.

Christmas Decorating

Mark your calendars!! Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season will take place **December 19th immediately after the 10:15 am Mass**. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we will complete the decorating. If you attend Sat. mass, consider returning on Sunday to help decorate. Statues, and possibly Christmas trees, need to be carried up from the chapel. We would appreciate any help possible from young people in Faith Formation! With enough people, the job can be completed in about 1 hour.

Thank You

to the **81 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday, December 4th and the **52 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday, December 5th Mass. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope as we continue to deal with the pandemic. To **Karen** who handled the opening announcements for 4:15 pm Mass & **Joanne** at 10:15 am Sunday. To our pianist **Jill** on Saturday. & Sunday. To Irish whistler **Phil** & Cantor **Lisa** on Saturday & **John R & Linda** on Sunday. We thank Lector **Jeanne** on Saturday & **Joanne** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Ellen, Karen & Mary** - Saturday; **Ginny & Joe** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin & Doris** Saturday; **Ginny & Steve** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** - Saturday, **Joanne & Ginny** - Sunday. Thank you to **John, Ann, Dave, Ginny & Joe** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass last weekend. Thank you to **Allan & Becky** who filmed the Mass for our On-line audience!

Thank you!!! to All Parishioners, who for the past month brought items to the church & Parish Center for **Isaac's Blessing Bags**. 2 HUGE boxes were filled to over-flowing with gifts for those in need. Isaac came last Monday to pick up your donations and he was extremely grateful for your generosity. Once again, we as a parish lived up to our reputation of being "**The Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi**"!

News and Events

Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

Join Father Biju for Wednesday Morning Mass
Father Biju Mathew, Saint Matthew's Parochial Administrator, will celebrate Mass each Wednesday during Advent. Mass will be celebrated in the chapel and will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon. Adoration is open to all, please come Adore Him in this special way.

We are looking for people to fill the hours of 10:00 am to Noon do you have time to spend with our Lord in Adoration?

Rosary Society News

All women are invited to the next **Rosary Society meeting**, which is **Tuesday, December 14th from 1:30 to 3:00 pm**. We meet in the lower level of the Parish Center. Our Program will be the *Mysteries of the Rosary*. In addition there will be holiday refreshments and games. Come and enjoy the company of one another. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to come to a meeting. For the care and protection of one another, all attendees are requested to wear masks if possible.

IN SYMPATHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew's offers our prayers and condolences to the family of **Roger Goldberg**. Mr. Goldberg died on November 23rd and his funeral Mass was held here on December 4th. Please keep his wife **Elaine**, children **Keith, Annamarie, Wayne, Kurt and Mark** in your prayers.

May Mr. Goldberg and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.



Weekly Contributions December 5, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 33 Hours in Service 86

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| Parish | | School | \$ 1,945 |
| Envelopes/Cash | \$ 4,093 | Camp. Human | |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 1,773 | Development | \$ 75 |
| PayPal | \$ 525 | Total | \$ 2,020 |
| Masses/Memorials | \$ 1,016 | Thank You! | |
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| Rent | \$ 500 | PayPal QR Code | |
| Vigil Lights | \$ 61 | simply scan with your | |
| Funeral | \$ 550 | phone to make an electronic | |
| Bells/ Lamp | \$ 31 | payment | |
| Christmas | \$ 170 | | |
| Mis. Donation | \$ | | |
| Fuel | \$ 80 | | |
| Total | \$ 8,794 | | |



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit **December 11 - 18** in memory of Phyllis Perez.

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@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

Father Adrian will provide the opportunity for you to have the Sacrament of Penance this Advent Season at the parish communal penance service on Sunday, December 19th at 2:00 pm. Or you can have private confession following Saturday Mass on December 11th or Sunday, December 19.

Christmas Boutique and Pancake Breakfast This Weekend - Come Join in the Fun and Food!!



On December 12th the Saint Matthew Men's Club, Community of Saint's Boy Scout Troop 288 and Saint Matthew's Rosary Society will all come together for a wonderful morning of breakfast, shopping and SANTA!!

Men's Club and the Boy Scouts will be making a tasty pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage breakfast.

The Rosary Society will have theme baskets, jewelry and other items for your shopping pleasure. There will also be Bottle Lotto for the children.

And of course Santa will be here... bring the children to have their pictures taken with the jolly old gentleman.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, children under 5 are free with a paying adult. 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Help Wanted

The Church of St. Matthew seeks a part-time Administrative Assistant to begin in December. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter via email to Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator. Email: pgrant@st-matts.org

For more information, go to the St. Matt's website: www.st-matts.org or the Archdiocesan jobsite: <https://careers.archspm.org/job/administrative-assistant-4/>

Christmas Ornaments

We have personalized red or gold Christmas ornaments for sale after Mass each weekend. The cost is \$5.00 each.



Purchase one in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. We will hang it on one of our Christmas trees that decorate the Sanctuary this year and every year to follow. Or buy a set and one will hang on our tree and take one home for your tree, or give it as a gift.

Gift idea: new baby, engagement, newly weds, anniversary new home.

Please support this event: parish fund raiser. Thank you!!

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

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lrivera

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Kthompson

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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.*

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠Living & Deceased Rosary Society Members
Carolina Gomez, Special Intention
Kendrick Morrison, Special Intention

Sunday, December 12

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
✠Phyllis Perez
✠Patricia Kasheimer

Monday, December 13

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, December 15

9:30 am ✠Dorinda Martineau

Friday, December 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, December 11

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.
✠Michael Wood

Sunday, December 12

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
✠Artur Geis
✠Roger Goldberg

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Reconciliation following Mass

Sunday, December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - 12:30 pm Pancake Breakfast - Christmas

Boutique Social Hall

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

Monday, December 13 - Friday, December 17

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

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

Monday, December 13

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

Tuesday, December 14

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

1:30 pm Rosary Meeting Parish Center Lower Level

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, December 15

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

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

9:30 am Mass Chapel

10:00 am - Noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:45 pm Faith Formation Parish Center

Thursday, December 16

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

6:00 pm AA Parish Center

Friday, December 17

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

Reconciliation following Mass

2:00 pm Communal Penance Service

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