



# Church of St. Matthew

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**December 26, 2021**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

## ***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

Yesterday we observed the Feast of Christmas. We continue to celebrate Christmas, because Christmas is not a day or a single event, Christmas is a Season.

In some traditions Christmas is celebrated for twelve days culminating January 6<sup>th</sup> Twelfth night or the Feast of the Epiphany.

In the Catholic Church we celebrate Christmas until the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, this year January 9<sup>th</sup>.

So, all the celebrating and all the visiting and all the gifting does not need to happen on one or two days – there is a Season to stretch out the celebration. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December the Christmas festival continues in some places with Boxing Day.

Boxing Day was a custom for tradespeople to collect "Christmas boxes" of money or presents on the first week-day after Christmas as thanks for good service throughout the year. This custom is linked to an older tradition where the servants of the wealthy were allowed the next day to visit their families since they would have had to serve their employers on Christmas Day. The employers would give each servant a box to take home containing gifts, bonuses, and some times leftover food. Until the late 20th century there continued to be a tradition among many to give a Christmas gift, usually cash, to vendors.

Twelfth Night, the Feast of the Epiphany is in some European countries known as "Little Christmas" and is the day gifts are exchanged – not December 25<sup>th</sup>.

When I was very young my Dad was in the military and mother did not have much money. She would wait to purchase Christmas gifts on December 26<sup>th</sup> when everything was "marked down". She explained to me that Santa could not get to all the houses on one night and our gifts would be coming in a few days.

These were the days when department stores wrapped your packages free of charge. Mom would come home after shopping on December 26<sup>th</sup> loaded down with Christmas gifts. She put them on a corner of the front porch. Sometime later she would tell me that while I had been down for a nap John Claus, Santa's brother, had been here and left something on the front porch. I bounded down the stairs on to the porch to discover the Christmas gifts.

December 26th remained a special day in the Adrian household and the story of a wonderful man named John Claus would be told. I didn't care much for Santa; I really liked John.

Enjoy the **Season**. Celebrate!

Father Steve Adrian

## 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

### Money Counters

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Money Counters for weekly collections. Time commitment would be 2 Sundays each month. (3 Sundays in months with 5 weekends.) You will work on teams of 3 – 4 people. Collection will be counted on Sunday mornings immediately after the last mass. Ideally, we would like people from both Saturday & Sunday Masses to volunteer. On weeks when a Holy Day takes place, that collection too will be counted on the following Sunday. **A few people have already volunteered. We would like at least 1 more person to volunteer so we could have 2 teams of 4 people each!** If you can't commit to a regular schedule but would be willing to serve as a substitute occasionally, you are needed too. If you like working with numbers and feel you can contribute to this valuable service, contact **Mary** at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Center, leave your name & phone # and someone will return your call!

## OUR WISH TO ALL

## OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS!



## News and Events

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

### Help Wanted

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

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

### Faith Formation Christmas Break

Students in grades K to 10 do NOT have Faith Formation class on December 22, 29, and January 5. Wednesday evening classes resume on January 12, 2022. Parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion should mark their calendars for February 2. Parents and students will meet in church that evening from 6:30 to 7:30. This is a required meeting and applies to Faith Formation and Community of Saints families with a child preparing for these sacraments through the Church of St Matthew.

### West Side Senior Living

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**The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's 25th - January 1** in memory of **John and Helen Leibl**.

**The Bells of Saint Matthew** will on December 25th in memory of **Eleanor Bisciglia**. **The Bells of Saint Matthew** will ring on December 27th in memory of 3rd anniversary **Parky Rodrigue's** death.

**The Bells of Saint Matthew** will ring on **January 1st** for the **Living & Deceased Rosary Society Members**.

Contact the Parish Office at 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.

### Thank You Volunteers, Parishioners and Friends

We would like to say "thank you" to all our wonderful volunteers who helped to make our **Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Boutique** a success.

We want to thank the **Community of Saints Scout Troop 288** for the wonderful pancake breakfast. As in past years the Scouts and their leaders prepared a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage. Also, to be thanked for their help in the kitchen was our own **Saint Matthew's Men's Club**.

Thank you **Rosary Society** for the lovely Christmas gift offerings, jewelry and everyone's favorite "Bottle Lotto".

We also had our personalized Christmas ornaments available. Many were purchased to take home and also to put on our own sanctuary Christmas trees.

We must not forget to thank you our parishioners, neighbors and friends who came to enjoy our Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Boutique. So, "thank you", we hope you enjoyed your time with us, please come again.

To all, have a very happy New Year!

### Gifted And Belonging

(GAB) was recently established to provide Catholics of all abilities a safe place in the Church to experience acceptance and freedom to be all God has created us to be. Because all are gifted and all belong, anyone 18 and older with special needs, both seen and unseen, or those willing to mentor or give themselves in friendship, are invited to join us for fellowship events once a month. Is God calling you to be part of this Culture of Life—to serve and be served? You belong here! Contact: Megan Dunsmore at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com)

### Prayers For Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of our prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Shelly McMonigal, Gwen Powell, Grant Littler, Patrick Owens, Pam Perkovich, Sol David, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison and Jerry Jenniges**

### Weekly Contributions December 12, 2021

**Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 21 Hours in Service 48**

<b>Parish</b>		<b>School</b>	\$ 160
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,456	Food Shelf	\$ 120
Electronic Giving	\$ 245		
PayPal	\$ 210	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 280</b>
Masses/Memorials	\$ 70	<b>Thank You!</b>	
Christmas Flower	\$ 330		
Rent	\$ 4,400	<b>PayPal QR Code</b>	
Vigil Lights	\$ 23	simply scan with your	
Funeral	\$	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$	payment	
Holy Day	\$ 1,220		
Mis. Donation	\$ 210		
Fuel	\$ 110		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,254</b>		



## Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
Jdelvecchio

Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator  
pgrant

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Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster  
kjack

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jdrohr@pro-ns.net

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## Parish Pastoral Council

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### Members:

Chris Avalos

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## Finance Council Members

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Phil Grant, Ex Officio

## 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 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord**

10:15 am †Living & Deceased Rosary Members  
†Mabel & William Keenan

### **Sunday, December 26 The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
Our Parish  
†Parky Rodriguez  
†Ardelle Haas

### **Monday, December 27**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Wednesday, December 29**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, December 31 New Year' Eve**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Saturday, January 1 Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

10:15 am Our Parish  
†Macario Padilla  
†Living & Deceased Rosary Society Members

### **Sunday, January 2 Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
Our Parish  
†Ted & Connie Rivera  
†Robert Gomez, Jr.

## Calendar of Events

### **Saturday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**

**10:15 am Mass (in person)**

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

### **Sunday, December 26**

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

### **Monday, December 27 - Thursday, December 30**

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

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

### **Monday, December 27**

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

### **Tuesday, December 28**

9:00 am - 1:00 Parish Office Open

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

### **Wednesday, December 29**

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

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

### **Thursday, December 30**

9:00 am - 1:00 Parish Office Open

6:00 pm AA Parish Center

### **Friday, December 31 Christmas Eve**

Parish Office Closed

### **Saturday, January 1, Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

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