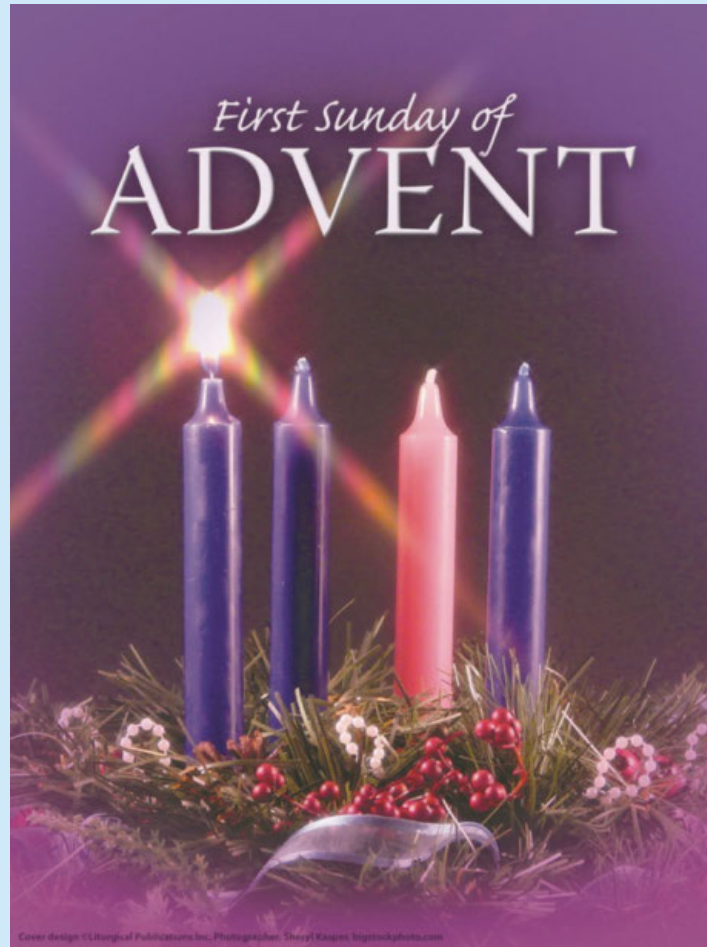




Church of St. Matthew

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



November 28, 2021
First 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

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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

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day, that annual national holiday that most resembles a Holy Day. I have often thought that the Catholic Bishops failed to take advantage of a great opportunity – creating Thanksgiving Day as a Holy Day in the United States.

The Scriptures link gratitude and remembering. That in the very act of remembering is found gratitude, thanksgiving. Jesus tells us “when you do this, do it in commemoration of me.” Eucharist (thanksgiving) is tied to remembering.

I have hundreds, maybe thousands, of snap shots taken when photographic film was in vogue. I have a cousin, Peter Massong who was liberated from a detention camp in Austria after the war, came to the US with his family and worked for Kodak in Rochester, New York. He was always willing to supply me with photographic film, so I have a lot of pictures.

Every so often I take time to go through some of the pictures. I focus on the faces of people, mostly from by-gone days. It gives me a chance to remember, reconstruct, and reimagine places and events in the presence of that person. It is a kind of reliving, and in the doing of that, there is a sense of the event and person being alive and active in me today.

I think that is what is meant to happen in the Eucharist – in the very solemn remembering of Jesus – and in what Jesus said and did – He once more becomes present and active in our lives.

Try to find some time this Thanksgiving season to haul down that family album and slowly page through; focus on the faces, the places, and the events. Allow yourself, through your imagination, to re-enter the spaces and experience anew what occurred for you so many years ago. Then breathe deeply and spend a moment saying “thank you” – for the person, for the opportunity, for the event that is now yours anew.

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you and those you love.

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

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. If you like working with numbers and feel you can contribute to this valuable service, contact **Mary** at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the Parish Center, leave your name & phone # and someone will return your call!

Faith Formation Substitutes & Helpers Needed

Public school children grades 1 to 10 have started attending weekly Wednesday evening religion classes at St. Matthew Parish Center. Some classrooms will need helpers on occasion, and the program also needs substitute teachers and substitute front desk persons a few times during the year. Volunteers complete some steps before classes begin. If you would like more information about these volunteer roles, please contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr for details; email Janelle@st-matts.org or call 651-242-6004. Thank You.

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.

Greeters

Now that we have two Masses each weekend, St. Matthews seeks additional “Greeters” to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew parish are all that’s needed. To help, contact: Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org , mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

Thank you

To the **126 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass on Saturday, November 13th and the **59 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Thank **You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope as we continue to deal with the pandemic. To **Miles** who handled the opening announcements for 4:15 pm Mass & **Joanne** at 10:15 am. To our pianist **Jill** & Irish Whistler **Phil** on Saturday. & pianist **Jill** Sunday. Cantor **Lisa** on Saturday **Andy** on Sunday. We thank lector **Tim** on Saturday & **Ginny** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Tim, Maggie & Paul** - Saturday; **Joanne, Becky & Jerald** on Sunday. Ushers **Tom, Tim & Kevin** Saturday **Ginny & Steve** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** - Saturday **Ginny & Joanne** - Sunday. Thank you to **Ginny, John, Dave & Tim** who took Communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass that weekend. **We are a Volunteer Parish!**

News and Events

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



Men's Club News

Saint Matthew's Men's Club once again was off on a road trip to deliver a donation to a very wonderful organization, Our Lady of Peace Care Home. Our parishioners are familiar with this care home as we have had many collections of needed items for the residents of the home in past years.

Our Lady of Peace Care Home provides care for people in end stages of life to live with dignity, peace and love.

Pictured above -r is Bill Brengman, Tony Postglione, Lisa Sweeney, the Director of Development and Dean Steinbrenner.

On behalf of Saint Matthew parish, thank you Men's Club for your acts of charity and kindness.

Faith Formation Update

In-person class resumes on December 1. Remember to follow our COVID-19 safety protocols, which includes children staying home when they do not feel well and if they have had an exposure to the virus. On December 8, parents and students will attend the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass together in St Matthew Church. Families will sit together; plan to arrive in church at 6:45. Thanks to our students who have been doing a great job in following the safety protocols and thanks to Cathy Luiken, a public health worker who talked to all of our students about avoiding infection from the coronavirus.

Weekly Contributions *Early publication this week complete totals next week.*
Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer Hours in Service



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

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.

Save the Date

December 12th - Holiday Boutique - Pancake Breakfast
It has been awhile since we have been able to get together for our wonderful Pancake Breakfast. We plan to be safe and have fun too.

We will have the Holiday Boutique on display as well for you to do a bit of Christmas shopping.

More details to follow.

Giving Thanks In November

Our second annual Giving Thanks In November drawing was another fabulous success. Thanks to you, our parishioners and friends of our parishioners.

We raised **\$16,450** in donations and another **\$1,500** from the Catholic Order of Foresters. Minus expenses of \$3,197 leaving a profit of **\$14,753**.

The monies raised this year have been earmarked to upgrade technology in the parish center and the church. There is also repair that must be done on the roof of the school building. All in all it was an excellent fundraiser, thank you everyone!

Recent Winners are: 11/22 \$100 **Tim Dalzel**, 11/23 \$100 **Joe Wenker**, 11/24 \$100 **Karen Nowak**, 11/25 \$125 **Gordon Scaramuzzo** 11/26 \$125 **Tony Kuplic**, 11/27 \$150 **Joan Lannon**, 11/28 \$150 **Tom Rolewicz**, 11/29 \$150 **B.J Kranz** 11/30 **Grand Prize Winner \$1,000 Marjorie Arnold**

Congratulations winners!

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.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee
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Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator
pgrant

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster
kjack

Jill Kitzer, Music Ministry
jillkitzer

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lrivera

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Kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

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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 November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27

4:15 pm Our Parish
Living & Deceased Rosary Society Members
✠Ted Snyder
✠Thekla Simmons

Sunday, November 28

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
✠Carol Grundei

Monday, November 29

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, December 1

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, December 2

9:00 am Our Parish

Friday, December 3

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, December 4

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, December 5

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
✠Jim PirkI

Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 27 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
4:15 pm Mass (in person)
Reconciliation following Mass

Sunday, November 28 1st Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Mass (in person)
10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

Monday, November 29 - Friday, December 3

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

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

Monday, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

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

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, December 1

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

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

6:45 pm Faith Formation Parish Center

Thursday, December 2

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

6:00 pm AA Parish Center

Friday, December 3

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

Reconciliation following Mass

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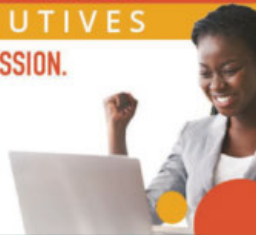
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