



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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January 29th and 30th, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

At time we all have to deal with disagreeable people; people who are selfish and abrasive.

The mitigation efforts practiced in the current pandemic have caused some backlash, and even some rageful behavior. Venues have policies with regard to masking and social distancing – schools, restaurants, stores and shops, airlines, governmental buildings, etc.

Stories appear daily about the rude behavior of patrons when a waitress reminds a customer that wearing a mask when not eating is required. Airline personnel have been treated rudely and sometime violently by a passenger told the wearing of a mask is required. Often those who are badly treated are service personnel; people who don't make the rules, but are asked to monitor compliance.

Rude and nasty people are difficult. The person on the other end becomes frustrated and defeated by having to deal with these situations. Some people have left their job because of the stress.

A story is told about a father and son on a train. When the conductor came for the tickets, he spoke angrily and abusively to the father. The father, in turn, did not grow angry; he remained calm and silent. After the incident, the son said, "Dad, why didn't you tell him off?" The father replied, "Why? That man has a problem and has to put up with himself every day. I have to put up with him for only a few minutes."

I urge those on the front line, dealing with difficult people to remember this story and perhaps to come to feel some compassion.

Sydney Harris opined: "If a small thing has the power to make you angry, does that not indicate something about your size."

Father Steve Adrian

Father Adrian is on Vacation

Father Adrian will be on vacation, returning the weekend of February 5th and 6th. Father Thomas Kommers, who is retired, will be substituting for Father Adrian. We wish Father Adrian a very restful and relaxing vacation!

VOLUNTEER COLUMN continued:

THANK YOU: To Becky, who during the absence of an Administrative Assistant, has been faithfully preparing our bulletin and insert. Then getting it sent to the printing company so we have it all ready for distribution at the weekend masses. We are discovering that it **does** "Take a village to make a church!"

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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

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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 is needed. To help, contact: Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org , mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

Webmaster opportunity:

The Saint Matt's Volunteer Webmaster completes the following tasks:

- Assumes the role of content manager (editor) for the WordPress website st-matts.org.
- Posts the parish bulletin and inserts each week.
- Posts the Men's Club newsletter once a month.
- Posts a PDF of the "The Good News" (the Community of Saints Regional Catholic School newsletter) two or three times a year.
- Posts miscellaneous news as it occurs (parish events, Faith Formation news, COS updates, liturgical ministry schedule, etc.).
- Edits existing online signup forms for Faith Formation using Formidable Forms.
- Cross-posts occasional articles to St. Matt's Facebook page (will coordinate with Alan Christensen)
- Monitors WordPress security and plugin updates
- Reports any problems to web administrator Richard Schletty

THANK YOU: To all who attended the 4:15 mass last Sat and 10:15am Sun. Thank You to **Fr. Thomas Kommers** who volunteered to offer mass with us while **Fr. Adrian** is on a well-deserved vacation. To **Kathy** who on Sat. handled the opening announcements and served as Lector. To **Joanne** who read the opening announcements on Sun. and to **Jerald** who served as Lector at the **Sunday** mass. To Pianist **Jill** who provided the music for both masses. Cantor **John** on Sat & **Linda** on Sun. Our Eucharistic Ministers **Maggie, Jeanne & Suzanne** on Sat. & **Joanne, Mooreen & Dave** on Sunday. Ushers **Doris, Tim & Kevin** on Sat & **Ginny & Steve** on Sun. Sacristans **Mary, Sat & Ginny & Joanne** on Sun. Thank You to **Tim, Corrine, John, & Ginny** who took the Eucharist to family and friends who are unable to attend in person.

Parish Administrator's Notes

I'm delighted to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Angela Rakow. She brings great experience to us, and I'm confident that she'll soon be up to speed in her new position.

In her application, Angela wrote that she was interested in our opening, "because it combines two things I am passionate about: helping others and organizational and problem-solving service." Welcome, Angela!

Contribution Statements. If you would like an annual contribution statement, call the parish office. I've learned that St. Matt's practice has been to send these statements out upon request. (According to the IRS, it is the donor's responsibility to ask for such statements.) That's different from some parishes (including my last one), which automatically send out statements to everyone each year.

These annual contribution statements differ from the contribution acknowledgments we routinely send out for any single contribution over \$250.00. These can happen at any point in the year.

COVID adaptations. In response to the current surge of the Omicron variant, we've taken steps to shorten our Masses. Less time = less exposure. We'll keep adjusting as we go along. If you prefer, our Saturday 4:15 p.m. Masses are recorded and go live on Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

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News and Events

Prayers For Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of 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, Pam Perkovich, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison, Jerry Jenniges, Mike Bauer, Aileen Koehnen, Jack Heitzinger, Jim LeTourneau and Leo Kegler.**

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a Community praying together*

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 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.



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the Parish Office at 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Class Schedule: On Wednesday, February 2, *ONLY* students preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion have class; all other students do not have class that evening. On February 2, First Communion students will meet in church and at least one parent needs to attend with the student preparing for First Communion. On Wednesday, February 9, all Faith Formation students are off and do *NOT* have class. Regular weekly classes resume on February 16 in the Parish Center.

First Communion Parent and Child Meeting:

Community of Saints parents and Faith Formation parents with a child in grades 2 and up who would like to make his or her First Communion this May at St Matthew should attend a meeting and class on Wednesday, February 2. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM in St Matthew church. If you have your child's proof of baptism, please bring it to this meeting, which is a **REQUIRED** meeting. COVID-19 protocols apply. Plan to wear a mask inside (we will have disposable adult and child face masks for those who do not bring their own mask), and keep distance between your family and the next family. Do *not* come, however, if you or your child are in quarantine or are not feeling well. For questions or to report absence due to illness, email Janelle Rohr at Janelle@st-matts.org or send a text to 651-242-6004.

NEWS AND EVENTS continued:

Webmaster Opportunity Available

If you like working with computers, we have an opening for the position of Webmaster! The job description and contact information can be found in this week's Volunteer Column. You do not need to be an IT professional to take on this very important role.

Rosary Society News

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the very contagious Omicron variant, the February 8th meeting of the Rosary Society has been cancelled. We hope to be able to meet again on March 8th.

Weekly Contributions January 23rd and 24th, 2022

Will be provided in a future bulletin.

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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 should be sent to Phil Grant at pgrant@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of January 30th, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Our Parish

+Helen Leibl

+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler Sr.

Sunday, January 30

10:15 am Mass

Our Parish

Monday, January 31

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, February 1

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, February 2

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, February 3

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, February 4

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, February 5

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Our Parish

Sunday, February 6

10:15 am Mass

Our Parish

Tina Saucedo-Baker, Special Intention

+Claudette Borgan

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 31st - Friday, February 4th

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

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

Monday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 1st

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

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, February 2nd

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

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

6:30 pm - Faith Formation only for students preparing for
First Communion and First Reconciliation

6:30 pm – First Communion Parent and Child Meeting

Thursday, February 3rd

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

6:00 pm AA Parish Center

Friday, February 4th

Saturday, February 5th

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, February 6th

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

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