



# Church of St. Matthew

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.”  
- Lk 6:22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### February 13, 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Liturgy Schedule

##### **Masses**

Saturday 4:15 pm (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 am (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 am (Saturday mass available for viewing online)

##### **Reconciliation**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fridays Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

Louise Penny's main character, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, lays down rules for a rookie homicide officer.

"Arriving at the crime scene Chief Inspector Gamache, in a quiet voice, instructed the young agent on what to do and what not to do. "Don't disturb the evidence and don't touch the body. Also there are four sentences that lead to wisdom." Jean-Guy stared at this older man who spoke so softly. He found himself actually listening. "I'm sorry. I was wrong. I don't know. I need help." (The Madness of Crowds, Louise Penny, 2021, page 63.)

The advice is good, not only for Jean-Guy, but for you and me. It isn't easy to admit a dependence on someone else, to recognize that I do not have the answers, to admit my weakness; to live out the truth that no one is an island. We are connected and we need each other.

To be able to say and mean those four simple sentences is the glue that holds communities together; they affirm the corporate nature of human life.

When we become highly competitive the practice is "to do it myself". In this arrogant haughtiness, process and partnership can be less efficient in getting the chore done, but it is essential in building a cohesive group.

Living this interdependence makes families, neighborhoods, the work place or the classroom, and yes, the Church community models of effective living.

The Catholic Community of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, under the leadership of Archbishop Hebda, is preparing for a synod – a gathering in which we – the entire local church – speak the truth about who we are and who we are called to be. Out of that we restructure our resources – human, economic, institutional – in a renewal, truly becoming what we say we are.

It might be a good idea to take the four sentences of Gamache as part of the way of life for men and women as we build a church that speaks with credibility to the twenty-first century.

Father Steve Adrian

**Weekly Contributions for February 5 and 6, 2022** will be provided in a future bulletin.

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## Volunteer Opportunities and 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**

**GREETERS:** St. Matthew seeks additional "Greeters", for both Saturday and Sunday masses, to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew are all that's needed. To help, contact: [jill.kilzer@st-matts.org](mailto:jill.kilzer@st-matts.org), [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU:** To the **156 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm mass last Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and the **57 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday mass. Thank You to **Father Adrian**, who through his homily, gives us strength and hope as we continue to deal with the pandemic. To **Jeanne** who handled the opening announcements at the Saturday 4:15 pm mass and **Becky** at 10:15 am on Sunday. To our pianist Jill and playing the recorder, Phil on Saturday. To pianist Jill on Sunday. Cantor Christina on Saturday and **Shelley** on Sunday. We thank lector Tim on Saturday and **Joe** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers Suzanne, Jeanne, Ellen and Karen - Saturday; **Paul, Becky and Ginny** on Sunday. Ushers Tim, Tony, Kevin and Doris Saturday; **Ginny, James and Steve** on Sunday. Sacristans Mary - Saturday, **Joanne and Ginny** - Sunday. Thank you to **John, Tim, Corrine, Ginny, Debbie and Kathy** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend mass that weekend.

**THANK YOU!!!** To our generous parishioners, **The Ahern Family and Evergreen Industries**, who supplied the wreaths and garland inside and outside our church during the Christmas season!

**THANK YOU!** To **Bernie** who picked up our Christmas greenery and delivered it to the parish complex.

**THANK YOU!** To members of the **St. Matthew Men's Club** who again this year put up the parish manger scene on the corner of Hall Avenue and Robie Street. A tradition that is nearly as old as the parish. A continuation of our parish history, that we all look forward to each Christmas season!

**THANK YOU!** To **Tim Nowak** who set aside time each weekend during the holiday season, to sell **SCRIP** after the weekend masses before Christmas. Many parishioners appreciated it and took advantage of the opportunity!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

## Parish Administrator's Note

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We've begun mailing out annual contribution statements. If you would like one, please 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 ADAPTATION

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 pm masses are recorded and go live on Sunday at 10:15 am.

### PARISH OFFICE VOICEMAIL

The Parish Office voicemail is currently unavailable. Please call the Parish Office during the office hours to leave a message with a receptionist. You can also reach us by emailing Angela Rakow at [arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org). Thank you for your patience while we get the voicemail up and running again.

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## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

St. Matthew Faith Formation classes for students in public school in Grades 2 to 10 resume on **Wednesday, February 16th**. Grades 2 to 5 start at 6:30 pm, Grades 6 and 7 at 6:40 pm, and Grades 8 to 10 at 6:45 pm. Community of Saints 8<sup>th</sup> graders preparing for Confirmation with St. Matthew should also attend on February 16th. Classes are held in the Parish Center. COVID-19 protocols apply, including staying home when sick or in close contact with someone who has tested positive recently for COVID-19, and wearing a face mask covering the nose and mouth.



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit February 19 – 26, 2022 for **Rita Moser**.

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.

## News and Events

### Who Will Answer the Call?

The Community of St. Matthew includes more than parishioners. Loaves and Fishes, St. Mary's Clinic, Casa Guadalupana, People of Praise and Quantum STEAM Academy all benefit from St. Matthew's presence on the West Side. And these programs serve many people, well beyond the parish membership.

We need strong parish leadership to continue to be the Good Samaritan on St. Paul's West Side. **We will have 5 vacancies on the Parish Council this spring, and are looking for replacements:** people who care about the parish as well as the community around us, people who want us all to thrive. Will you consider joining the Council for a 3-year term, beginning June 1?

Watch for details about joining the Council in a future bulletin, and contact **Joanne Smith** at **(651) 270-9748** if you have questions or would like to attend a meeting to learn how the Council functions.

### GIFTED AND BELONGING (GAB)

Gifted and Belonging 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! - **Our next event will be on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. For more details contact: Megan Dunsmore at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com).

### PRAYER 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 **Mike Bauer, Louise Breidel, Bill Brengman, Cecelia Glenn, Carolina Gomez, Jack Heitzinger, Jerry Jenniges, Jim LeTourneau, Grant Littler, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, Gwen Powell and Joe Savard**.

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 masses. 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.

## Parish Leadership

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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 February 13, 2022**

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26  
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1  
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, February 12**

4:15 pm Mass  
Our Parish  
+Dorinda Martineau  
+Roger Goldberg

### **Sunday, February 13**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis

### **Monday, February 14**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Tuesday, February 15**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Wednesday, February 16**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Thursday, February 17**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, February 18**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Saturday, February 19**

4:15 pm Mass  
Our Parish  
Pete Rivera, special intention  
+Rita Moser

### **Sunday, February 20**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, February 14 - Friday, February 18**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes  
*Meals are being served as take-out only at this time*

### **Monday, February 14**

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

### **Tuesday, February 15**

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS (Church)

### **Wednesday, February 16**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

### **Thursday, February 17**

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
6:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Center)

### **Friday, February 18**

### **Saturday, February 19**

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

### **Sunday, February 20**

10:15 am Mass (in-person)  
10:15 am Saturday mass available for viewing

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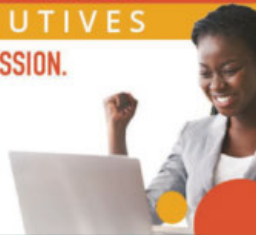
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