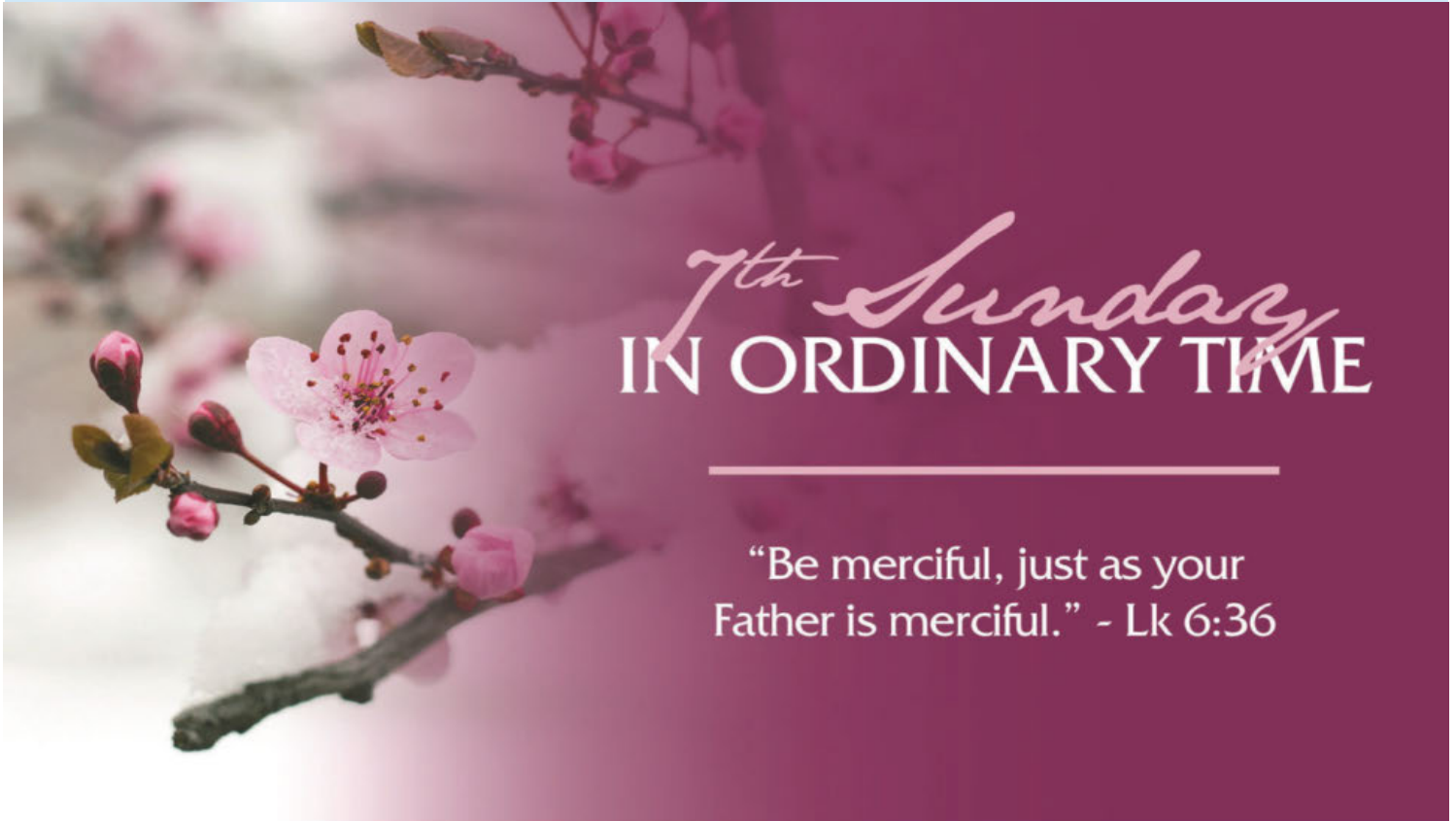




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7th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” - Lk 6:36

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February 20, 2022 **Seventh 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

2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 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

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

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

Fridays Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

In a remote preparation for Lent, I invite you to examine your practice of reading. Lent may be the time to quiet the social media, turn down the sound, find a quiet place and open a book.

As a young college student, I admired the thought of James P. Shannon, then the President of Saint Thomas College. In a gathering of students in the field house he told us, "Every student must have two chairs in his room; a straight-backed chair before a table where class work is done, and an easy chair in which the student sits to read for pleasure."

A philosophy professor told me, "Keep a couple of books at your bedside – a book of poetry and a good mystery novel." He encouraged the regular reading of poetry because as the practice progresses one begins to think and speak in colorful, compelling, poetic language. He promoted the reading of good detective fiction because the good mystery novel is structured with the principles of logic and mathematics – again, regular reading of mystery helps one become more adept at thinking logically.

Good literature embodies unity, coherence and emphasis. Reading is a training ground to develop those same qualities in one's life – writing and speaking.

If you don't have a regular practice of reading, Lent is a good time to reconnect with the art of reading. Lent is a time of readiness for new beginnings. In his journal, Saint John XXIII writes of the year he undertook for his practice of penance for Lent to fast from the preoccupations and hurriedness of life and set aside the time to listen to the symphonies of Beethoven and reread a few of the classics.

Happy Reading!

Father Steve Adrian

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: Church of 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, mleibl@st-matts.org or the Parish Office.

THANK YOU: To the **99 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday, February 12 and the **58 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 **Kathy** who handled the opening announcements at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass and **Joanne** at 10:15 am on Sunday. To our pianist **Brian** and playing the trumpet, on Saturday, **Phil**. To pianist **Jill** on Sunday. Cantor **Kathy Lee** on Saturday and **John Riehle** on Sunday. We thank lector **Anthony** on Saturday and **Jerald** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Kathy, Maggie Lee, and Tim** on Saturday; **Josie, Mooreen and Joanne** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin and Doris** Saturday; **Ginny** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne and Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to **Isabella, John, Tim, Corrine, Ginny, and Kathy** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass that weekend.

THANK YOU: To **Linda** who meets with families as they prepare the funeral for a loved one. To **Father Steve** who provides consolation and hope to families during funeral and burial. To **Jill** who prepares the worship aid and, along with various **cantors**, provides the music at funerals. To the **Funeral sacristans** who make sure everything needed for the service is in place as well as provide hospitality to families during visitation. To all volunteers who serve luncheons after the funeral service. These people regularly demonstrate the meaning of the Corporal Work of Mercy – To bury the dead!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit February 26 – March 5, 2022 for **Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler Sr.**

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 21, 2022 in memory of **Rita Moser's birthday**.

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.

Parish Administrator's Note

PARISH OFFICE VOICEMAIL

Our office voicemail is currently unavailable. To leave a message, please call during office hours (Mon-Thurs, 9:00am – 1:00pm). You can also reach us by emailing Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. Thank you for your patience while we get the voicemail up and running again.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We continue to mail out annual contribution statements upon request. If you would like one for 2021, please call the Parish Office.

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. However you contribute, thank you!

COVID ADAPTATION

Now that the Omicron surge is receding, we invite you to sing behind your masks at Mass. Note that we're adding some music back into our worship as well.

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Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

All Faith Formation students have in-person class in the Parish Center on February 23. Faith Formation on March 2 will be the Ash Wednesday Mass; all students should come to church at 6:45 pm. Parents, please come to Mass on March 2 with your students so that the family sits together as a household during the service.

If your student will be receiving a sacrament this year and if you have not turned in proof of baptism yet, please contact the parish office at the church where your student was baptized and ask for a proof of baptism to be sent to Church of St. Matthew, Attn: Angela Rakow. Questions? Contact Faith Formation Director Janelle Rohr, (651) 242-6004 or janelle@st-matts.org.

Weekly Contributions for February 12 and 13, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

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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.

MUSIC AT ST. MATTHEWS

It's no secret that the people of St. Matthew love good music! Here's what we have to look forward to in the coming months:

- **SUNDAY, March 6, 10:15 am Mass** - A group of young violinists from Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony (GTCYS) will share music with us during mass.
- **SATURDAY, April 9, 7:30 pm** - "Consortium Carissimi," Baroque Ensemble, will perform Lenten music of Italian Composers and the Bach motet, *Jesu Meine Freude*.
- **SUNDAY, May 1, 10:15 am Mass** - GTCYS string players to share music at mass.
- **SUNDAY, May 22, 4:00 pm** - "WolfGang," performs music of Baroque and Classical composers on period instruments.

Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details about these upcoming concerts!

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, Marlene Brown, 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.*

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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 20, 2022

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
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/
Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 19

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

Sunday, February 20

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish

Monday, February 21

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, February 22

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, February 23

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, February 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, February 25

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, February 26

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Pam Stickler
+Lucille Stickler
+Robert Stickler Sr.

Sunday, February 27

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 21 - Friday, February 25

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

Monday, February 21

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

Tuesday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 23

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 24

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
6:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Center)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday, February 25

Saturday, February 26

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

Sunday, February 27

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

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