



# Church of St. Matthew

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## *8<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

“How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?” - Lk 6:42a

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

### **February 27, 2022** ***Eighth 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

Before becoming a grade school principal, my sister, Mary's career was the care and education of severely disabled children. Her particular interest was the care and education of Down syndrome children.

"I have learned much about life from these children. They are kind and content. They do not judge. They don't hide their feelings. There is no hidden agenda. Complete acceptance. If that isn't grace, I don't know what is. It is not that people with Down syndrome are perfect or always easy. That would trivialize them, making them sound like pets. In my experience they make better humans than most". (Louise Penny, The Madness of Crowds, 2021, page 196.)

Those qualities of people with Down syndrome are the qualities found in integrated living. Dr. Josef Goldbrunner often wrote about the process of "individuation", the coming to wholeness. These qualities are some of the one's Goldbrunner says are ingredients in the "wholeness" of the human being.

The challenge of living the Gospel in daily life is found in those qualities. Jesus says, "Unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven". "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Give and it shall be given back to you."

Goldbrunner, in his book Holiness is Wholeness, sees in the invitation of Jesus the invitation to the fullness of human life. Jesus came not only to reveal God to us; He came to live among us so as to show us what it is to be truly human. Jesus is the model of not only holiness, but also human wholeness.

Well, Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. I am going to walk the journey of Lent with the company of the Down syndrome child and hope to learn from the child what it is to truly embrace life. Come, join me in this journey.

Father Steve Adrian

### Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, March 2 8:00 am and 7:00 pm  
(Ashes are distributed with COVID precautions in place)



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

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 27, 2022 for **Donna Roethler's 92nd 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.

## 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](mailto:jill.kilzer@st-matts.org), [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU:** To the **88 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday, February 19th and the **67 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 **Andy** who handled the opening announcements at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass and **Becky** at 10:15 am on Sunday. To our pianists **Brian** on Saturday and **Jill** on Sunday with **Phil** playing the trumpet. Cantor **Andy** on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday. We thank lector **Kathy** on Saturday and **Miles** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Karen, Ann and Ellen** on Saturday; **Ginny, Maggie Lee and Becky** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin and Doris** on Saturday; **Ginny and James** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne and Ginny** - Sunday. Thank you to **John, Tim, Corrine, Dave, and Ginny** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass that weekend.

**THANK YOU:** To our teams of money counters, **Ann, Joan, Jackie, Mary, Joanne and Ginny**. They faithfully gather each week to count the weekly collection, along with any other special collections that took place. We also thank **Bill, Jan, Marci** and posthumously **Leo**. They have recently retired as money counting volunteers, most of them after 15 – 20 years of service. We thank them for their dedication to our parish!

**THANK YOU:** To **Reyes** who gathered all the fabric chairs and had them placed by the front entrance, making it easier for the purchasers from Iowa to load the chairs into their trailer. Thank you to **Mary** who met the buyers early that morning and helped to make the transition seamless.

**THANK YOU:** To **Kathy and Al** who faithfully come weekly to change and clean the vigil light holders. They also make sure the altar and ambo candles are changed out when needed.

These are added examples that:  
**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

## Parish Administrator's Note

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)

This year's CSA is underway. It's a worthy cause, as a sort of United Way for Catholics. It's one of the best ways I know of to support ministries beyond the scope of any single parish.

If you did not receive a CSA mailing in the mail, please do a couple of things. Pick up an envelope from the back of church to make your contribution. Next, notify Angela in our Parish Office of your address. The CSA Foundation depends on parishes to keep the Foundation's mailing list accurate. Thank you for your support.

### 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](mailto: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!

*Phil Grant*  
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## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

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. On March 9, students have class in the Parish Center as usual, and Father Adrian will be in the chapel to hear confessions. Students who have already made their First Communion will be released from class to go to confession that evening, and, after confession, they will return to class. Faith Formation family members are also welcome to go to confession on March 9 between 6:30 pm and 7:45 pm in the chapel.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

Faith Formation students who are preparing for First Communion and Community of Saints students in Grades 2 and above who have registered for First Communion at St. Matthew should attend our **First Reconciliation service on Saturday, March 5, at 10 am in St Matthew Church.** Before arriving, students can use the pink sheet to examine their conscience in preparation for confessions with Father; the pink sheet is in the packet parents received at the information meetings. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org) or text 651-242-6004.

## News and Events

### ST. MATT'S 33RD ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Fish Fry Fridays will be March 4 - April 15, 2022 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. It will be a drive-up, to-go event. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.

### ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All adult women of all ages are invited to the next **Rosary Society meeting**, which is **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm.** We meet in the lower level of the Parish Center. For our program, please bring a prayer, poem, quote, etc. that provides you with inspiration, comfort and/or joy. We will share those with one another for this month's program. In addition, there will be Saint Patrick's Day refreshments and games. Come and enjoy the company of one another. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend a meeting. For the care and protection of one another, all attendees are requested to wear masks if possible.

The April Rosary Society meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Please note the change in meeting time. More information about the April meeting will be provided before we meet.

### 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, George Derringer, Cecelia Glenn, Carolina Gomez, Jack Heitzinger, Jerry Jenniges, Bernie Klein, Jim LeTourneau, Grant Littler, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, and Gwen Powell.**

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.

**Weekly Contributions for February 19 and 20, 2022** will be provided in a future bulletin.

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## 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 27, 2022**

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **Monday, February 28**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Tuesday, March 1**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Wednesday, March 2**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Thursday, March 3**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, March 4**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Saturday, March 5**

4:15 pm Mass  
Our Parish  
Living and Deceased members of Rosary Society  
+Roger Goldberg

### **Sunday, March 6**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis  
+Aurora Hernandez  
+Barb Lofquist

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, February 28 - Friday, March 4**

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

### **Monday, February 28**

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

### **Tuesday, March 1**

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

### **Wednesday, March 2**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
8:00 am Ash Wednesday Mass  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

### **Thursday, March 3**

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

### **Friday, March 4**

4:30 pm—7:30 pm Fish Fry (take-out only)

### **Saturday, March 5**

10:00 am Faith Formation  
First Reconciliation (Church)  
10:00 am AA Meeting (Parish Center)  
4:15 pm Mass (in-person)

### **Sunday, March 6**

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

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