



Church of St. Matthew

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

5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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February 5th and 6th, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<p>Liturgy Schedule</p> <p>Masses Saturday 4:15 pm (in-person) Sunday 10:15 am (in-person) Sunday 10:15 am (streamed)</p> <p>Reconciliation 2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following mass</p> <p>Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick - Please call the parish office for each</p>	<p>Church 510 Hall Avenue Parish Center 490 Hall Avenue St. Paul, MN 55107</p> <p>Telephone (651) 224-9793 Fax (651) 222-2688 Prayer Line (651) 457-0228 Website st-matts.org Facebook www.facebook.com/churchofstmatthew YouTube youtube.com/stmattswestside Twitter twitter.com/stmattswestside</p> <p>Office Hours Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Fridays Closed</p>
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Reflection from Father Steve

During the Great Depression a government agent was making on-the-spot grants to poor farmers for seed and needed improvements. One day he came upon a woman in the Tennessee Valley. She lived in a dirt floor cabin whose broken windows were covered with tarpaper. The agent asked her, "If I allotted you \$200, what would you do with it?" She thought a minute and said, "I reckon I'd give it to the poor."

The willingness to see those around me as my sisters and brothers – without concern about age or race or nationality or education or wealth – this is what it means to be mature, this is what it is to be single hearted. Maturity is marked by the movement from "me" to "us", from "mine" to "ours; it is to move from the "individual" to the "community" and therein to discover one's identity.

In reflecting on the spiritual journey, Thomas Merton says: "The purpose of our lives is to find the purpose of our lives." And to do this we must first recognize "the greatest need of our time; to clean out the enormous mass of mental and emotional rubbish that clutters our minds."

"Blessed are the pure of heart (the single hearted) for they shall see God."

I cannot see God in my neighbor, not as an idea, but as an experience, until I clean out all that rubbish that clutters my soul.

A month from now is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent – a time to rediscover the purpose of our lives. It is not too early to begin preparation for this annual gift, "the springtime of the human soul."

Father Steve Adrian

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

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 are all that is needed. To help, contact: jill.kilzer@st-matts.org, mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

THANK YOU: To the 84 people who attended the 4:15 pm mass last Saturday and the 58 people who worshipped at the 10:15 am Sunday mass. Thank you to **Father Thomas Kommers** who volunteered to offer mass with us while **Father Adrian** is on a well-deserved vacation. To **Karen** who on Saturday handled the opening announcements and to **Jeanne** who served as lector. To **Linda** who read the opening announcements on Sunday and to **Mooreen** who served as lector at the Sunday mass. To pianists **Brian DeYoung** on Saturday and to **Jill** and **Phil** on Sunday. Cantors **Christina** on Saturday and **Linda** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Karen, Josie** and **Mary** on Saturday and **Mooreen, Florida** and **Joe** on Sunday. Ushers **Doris, Tim** and **Kevin** on Saturday and **Ginny** and **James** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday and **Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to **Tim, Corrine, John, Deb** and **Ginny** who took the Eucharist to family and friends who are unable to attend in person.

THANK YOU: To **Mary S.** and **Jackie L.** who have joined our Sunday team of money counters.

THANK YOU: To **David Swedin** who has offered to train and eventually take over the position of our Parish Webmaster.

THANK YOU: **Richard Schletty** who is helping David become familiar with our website and the duties of serving as the Webmaster!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Parish Administrator's Notes

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.

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Faith Formation News

NO FATIH FORMATION CLASS THIS WEEK

On Wednesday, **February 9th**, Faith Formation students in all grades do NOT have in-person classes at the Parish Center. Regular weekly classes resume on **February 16th** in the Parish Center. Parents, please mark **March 2nd** on your calendar. That evening, families attend Ash Wednesday Mass together in church.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit February 5 – 12, 2022 for **Aileen Koenen**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 8, 2022 in memory of **Louise Rodriguez's 84th 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.

Weekly Contributions for January 29 and 30, 2022

will be provided in a future bulletin.

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News and Events

Gifted And Belonging (GAB) 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 18th**. For more details contact: Megan Dunsmore at 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, **Shelly McMonigal, Gwen Powell, Grant Littler, Pam Perkovich, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison, Jerry Jenniges, Mike Bauer, 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.*

ROSARY SOCIETY

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**.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will have its general meeting on **February 9th** at 8:00 pm in the Social Hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

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.

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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 6, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 5

4:15 pm Mass

Our Parish

Tina Saucedo-Baker, Special Intention

+Claudette Borgan

+Margaret Jenniges

Sunday, February 6

10:15 am Mass

Our Parish

Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Monday, February 7

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, February 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, February 9

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, February 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, February 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, February 12

4:15 pm Mass

Our Parish

+Dorinda Martineau

+Roger Goldberg

Sunday, February 13

10:15 am Mass

Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 7 - Friday, February 11

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

Meals are being served as take-out only at this time

Monday, February 7

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

Tuesday, February 8

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

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS (Church)

Wednesday, February 9

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

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

6:30 pm – No Faith Formation this week

Thursday, February 10

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

6:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Center)

Friday, February 11

Saturday, February 12

10:00 am AA Meeting (Parish Center)

4:15 pm Mass (in-person)

Sunday, February 13

10:15 am Mass (in-person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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