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“LET THE ONE
AMONG YOU WHO IS
WITHOUT SIN BE THE
FIRST TO THROW A
STONE AT HER.”
- JN 8:7

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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April 3, 2022 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

The number of people who claim to be atheist or agnostic seems to be increasing.

A college student said in a discussion, "I cannot believe in God any longer." The Professor replied, "Maybe I should congratulate you." "What do you mean?" the student asked. The professor replied, "Perhaps the idea of God you reject should be rejected."

The professor's point is important. Often the "god" that people project is not the true God, but an erroneous notion of God that exists only in their mind.

The clearest image of God is to be found in Jesus – the human face of God – who said: "Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father."

Often times religious leaders and religious institutions project an erroneous image of God, an image that does not project the gracious, accepting, compassionate merciful God, the God and Father whom Jesus reflects. Jesus tells his disciples that they are "to be merciful as the Father is merciful."

The fundamental truth about God is that God is mercy.

Sometimes people watch us, listen to us, observe our attitudes and biases, and from that vantage point reject what we proclaim is the truth of God in the way we live. We don't act out the God of mercy and compassion.

This Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00 pm we will celebrate Lenten Communal Penance. We come together as sinners, confident in the mercy of God. We come to acknowledge that we have not always proclaimed the graciousness of God – that we have been a source of scandal, a stumbling block to others, especially those weak in faith or those looking for an excuse to reject faith.

Let us come together and pray, Sunday April 3rd at 2:00 pm. Let us pray that through the mercy of God we may be healed and truly be instruments of God's mercy.

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 Sunday Mass. We welcome people who are able 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.

FISH FRY: Volunteers are needed April 8, and 15 to serve as **Food Runners** – to bring orders to the kitchen and take completed orders out to the cars.

Volunteer Column Continued

PARISH CLEAN-UP: Mark your calendars to take part in the Parish Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 30 from 9 am to 11 am. We will gather to clean the inside of the church and chapel as well as the grounds around the buildings. Cleaning supplies will be provided. If you prefer to use your own cleaning products, feel free to do so.

LAWN MOWING: We need a volunteer to mow the grass on parish property. This only includes the square block where church, school and parish center are located (**not Casa Guadalupana property**). Mowing would need to be done about once a week or when needed. Since the square block is mostly concrete and asphalt, mowing consists of the boulevards and the grass on Humboldt street side of school property and inside of the fence around the parish center. If you can help, please contact mleibl@st-matts.org.

THANK YOU: To the **129 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday, March 26 and the **74 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Thank You to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope as we continue praying for the people of the Ukraine. To **Karen** who handled the opening announcements at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass and **Linda** at 10:15 am on Sunday. To our pianists **Brian** on Saturday and **Jill**, accompanied by Phil and Chris, on Sunday. Cantors **Christina** on Saturday and **Linda** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Jeanne** on Saturday and **Anthony** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Josie** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Ginny, Joanne** and **Becky** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin** and **Doris** Saturday; **Ginny** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to all who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass that weekend.

THANK YOU: To all who came to the **Fish Fry** on Friday, March 18. **Over 300 meals** were served at the 4th Fish Fry of 2022.

THANK YOU: To the many parishioners who came forward to help prepare, serve and clean-up at the Fish Fry. Also, Thank You to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who ran from car to kitchen and back to car with the orders. In bitterly cold weather! As a parish, we thank you!

THANK YOU: To **Pete** and **Linda Rivera** who donated a beautiful wooden tabernacle for our chapel, to replace the one that was stolen a couple of years ago. Fr. Steve blessed the new tabernacle Saturday, March 26. If you come to the chapel on Holy Thursday for adoration, you will have an opportunity to see our new tabernacle. It is a beautiful addition to our chapel!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Weekly Contributions for March 26 and 27, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

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Parish Administrator's Note

PARISH OFFICE VOICEMAIL

Our office voicemail is currently unavailable. To leave a message, please call during office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm). 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.

FINANCE COUNCIL

At our last parish Finance Council meeting on March 24, we discussed what a new Council member might want to know. Topics included how to read a financial report, a history of our liabilities, and materiality. I found it all pretty interesting, especially as I come to finance with a background in education, not accounting. (I am not an accountant, nor do I play one on television. I did study Minnesota school finance extensively, however.)

If you find these topics interesting—regardless of your background—have you thought of joining the Finance Council? If so, please talk to Joe Stevens, our chair; or me; or anyone else on the Council: Bernie Klein, Becky Montgomery, John Sekevich, Joanne Smith, and trustees John Del Vecchio and Karen Thompson.

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 BREAK: Faith Formation students and teachers are on spring break and there are NO Wednesday evening classes on April 6. Classes for Grades 2 to 7 resume on April 13 in the Parish Center.

CONFIRMATION: This week, parishioners, please pray for our 25 Confirmation candidates, 9 of whom are in the Faith Formation program and 16 who have attended Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. They will be confirmed on April 9, 2022, 10:00 am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Thanks for the help these students have provided to St. Matthew as part of their service projects. Confirmation candidates have worked at several Fish Fry dinners, prepared Children's Liturgy packets, helped at Loaves and Fishes, decorated and undecorated the church for Christmas, used their musical talents at Sunday Mass, cleaned grandparents' homes and shoveled neighbors' walks, among other tasks. Thanks to their sponsors for walking with these students on their faith journey. Thanks to parents and other family members who have supported them. Thanks to Confirmation teacher Dave Sondag. God bless our students and their families and may they use well the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



*All services are in-person.
Some services are also streamed.*

Communal Penance Service

Sunday, April 3 – 2:00 pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9 – 4:15 pm

Sunday, April 10 – 10:15 am (*online*)

Holy Thursday – April 14

Celebration of the Supper of the Lord

7:00 pm (*livestreamed*)

Good Friday – April 15

Stations of the Cross – Noon

Good Friday Liturgy – 3:00 pm (*livestreamed*)

Holy Saturday – April 16

Easter Vigil – 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 17

10:15 am (*livestreamed*)

Individual Private Confessions (in the Chapel)

Saturday, April 9

after the 4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, April 10

after the 10:15 am Mass

Monday, April 11

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 13

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

May this week be truly an occasion of grace for all of us.

News and Events

PRAY A CONTEMPLATIVE ROSARY WITH US

The rosary is the story of Jesus told through the New Testament. The Mysteries of the Rosary are a collection of scripture passages for us to read and reflect on as we pray.

During Holy Week, you are invited to join the Rosary Society on **Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel** as together we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary and read scripture passages describing Jesus' journey to the Cross. This will be a slow, contemplative way of praying the rosary, maybe a change from your past experiences.

Handouts from the website learntherosary.com will be provided as well as rosaries. A visit to the learntherosary.com can provide a helpful refresher on how to pray the rosary.

Please join us!



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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 April 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Sister Otto Mueller
Sister Cathryn O'Donnell
All School Sisters of Notre Dame

Sunday, April 3

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Mary Del Vecchio

Monday, April 4

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 5

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, April 7

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, April 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 9

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Leo Kegler
+Dorinda Martineau
+Rudy Saucedo Jr.

Sunday, April 10

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Joe Savard
Living and Deceased Rosary Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 4 - Thursday, April 7

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

Monday, April 4

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
5:00 pm Facilities Meeting
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 7

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

Friday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 9

10:00 am AA Meeting
4:15 pm Mass (in-person)
7:30 pm Consortium Carissimi Performance

Sunday, April 10

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

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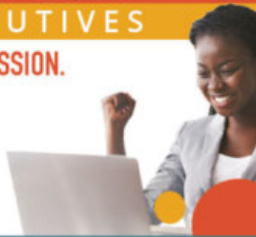
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