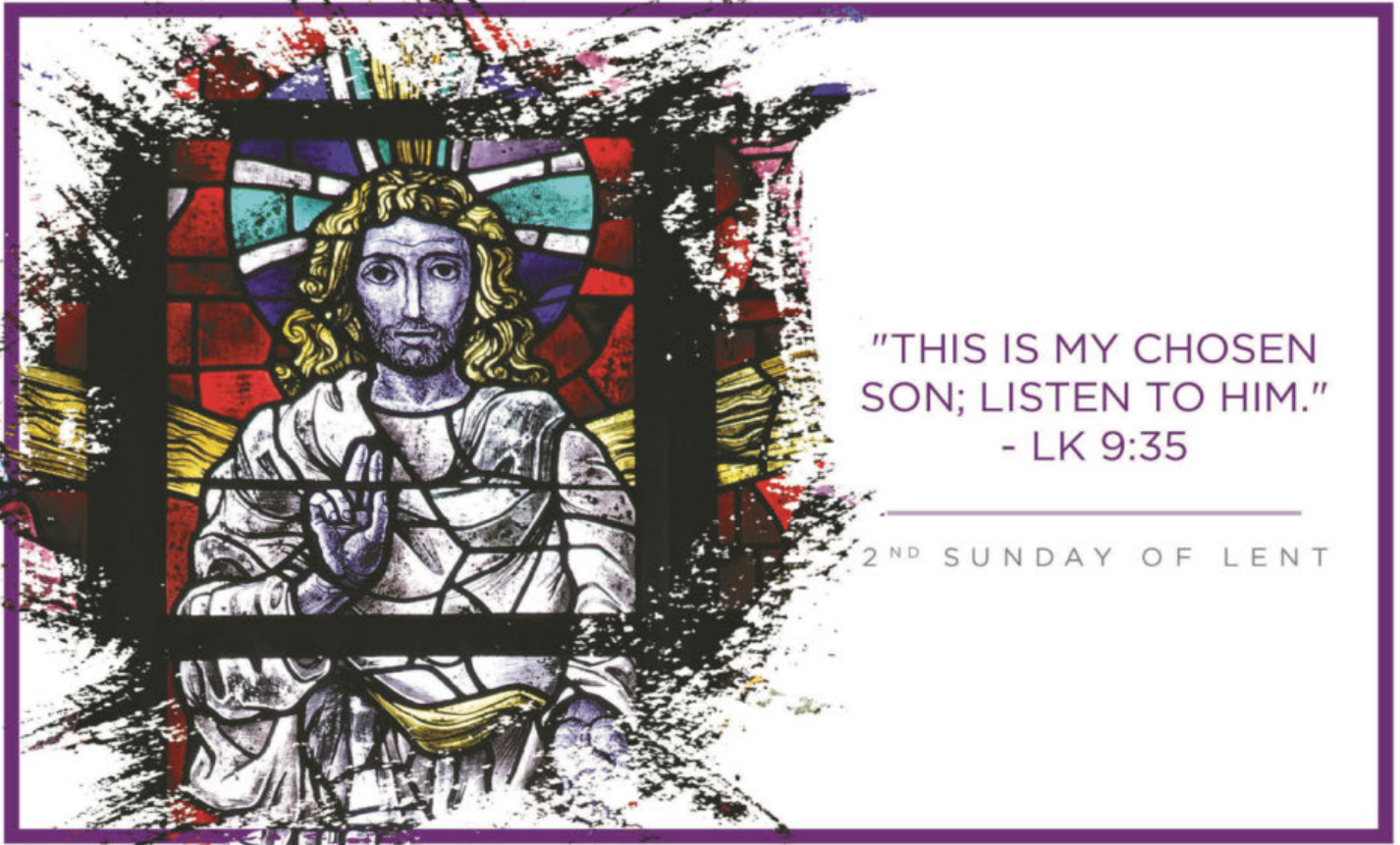




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"THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON; LISTEN TO HIM."  
- LK 9:35

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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## **March 13, 2022 Second 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month following Mass**

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#### **Office Hours**

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

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**Fridays** Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

The “code words” for Lent are – prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Today, let’s look at fasting.

When I was a child fasting meant giving up something – so I gave up candy or dessert or soda or movies or TV watching. The focus was that these actions would make me a better person, a better follower of Jesus. The focus was on me.

The fact is, “giving something up” is a form of fasting, and Isaiah lays out what true “giving up” fasting is about:

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin? (Is 58:6-7).

The focus of fasting is to be on my neighbor, my neighbor’s need. Fasting asks me to put my neighbor first, to be more concern about my neighbor than I am about my own comfort. Fasting is to reject “life is all about me.”

Eating simple meals allows me to give the saved money to feed my neighbor in need.

Following the encouragement of the Letter of James, I fast when I harness my tongue, when I refrain from hurtful, abusive, demeaning speech.

I fast when I choose not to use products or materials produced in unjust and oppressive labor conditions.

What I do gain, when I give pride of place to my neighbor, is a way for simple living.

Simple living is a condition of discipleship. In Mark’s Gospel Jesus is approached by a man who asks, “what must I do to gain eternal life?” Jesus says, “dispose of those possessions that control you and your energy; your worry and your fear. Give those possessions away to those in need, then, come, follow me.”

Fasting is one of the three pillars upon which discipleship is built.

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

**FISH FRY:** Volunteers are needed April 1, 8, and 15 to serve as **Food Runners** – to bring orders to the kitchen and take completed orders out to the cars.

**THANK YOU:** To the **88 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday March 5 and the **75 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 **Karen** who handled the opening announcements at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass and **Andy** at 10:15 am on Sunday. To our pianist **Brian** and trumpet player **Phil** on Saturday and pianist **Jill** with **Chris** playing guitar on Sunday. **Gen** on guitar with **GTCYS students** playing along! Cantors **Christina** on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Mary** on Saturday and **Becky** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Maggie, Tim, and Karen** on Saturday; **Mooreen, Ginny and Dave** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin and Doris** Saturday; **Tim and Steve** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne and Ginny** - Sunday. Thank you to **John, Ann, Tim, Corrine, Dave, Wanda, Dick, Sue, Isabella** and **Ginny** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass that weekend.

**THANK YOU:** To all who came to the **Fish Fry** on Friday March 5. **432 meals** were sold at the first Fish Fry of 2022.

**THANK YOU:** To the many parishioners who came forward to help prepare, serve and clean-up at the Fish Fry.

**THANK YOU:** To members of the **Men’s Club, Rosary Society, Parents and Teachers** from our **Faith Formation program** and **Teachers and Parents from COS!** Special thanks to the **Students from our Faith Formation program** and **Students from COS.** These young people spent 3+ hours running from cars to kitchen with food orders and back again to vehicles to deliver the meals. A good amount of this was running up and down the stairs! Oh, to be young again!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**



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

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 FINANCES

I'm pleased to report that our parish financial situation continues to be stable. At our February 24 Finance Council meeting, we reviewed the December financial report. It showed that at the halfway point of our fiscal year (July-June), we are in the black. That's due in great part to your generous support—thank you! This means we can continue to be current with all bills.

For more detailed information about our finances, please reach out to me or other members of our Finance Council: Joe Stevens, chair; Becky Montgomery, John Sekevich, and Joanne Smith; and trustees John Del Vecchio and Karen Thompson.

### 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.

### 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!

### PARISH OFFICE VOICEMAIL

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

*Phil Grant*

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## Faith Formation News

All Faith Formation students in Grades 2 to 10 have class in the Parish Center on Wednesday evening, March 16.

On Wednesday, March 23, Faith Formation and Community of Saints students in Grades 2 to 7 who are preparing for First Communion will have class in St. Matthew Church from 6:30 pm to 7:40 pm. Also, on Wednesday, March 23, Faith Formation students in Grades 8 to 10 and Community of Saints 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are preparing for Confirmation will have class in the St. Matthew Parish Center from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. Faith Formation students who are not in a sacrament year do NOT have class on March 23.

## News and Events

### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, which was filmed at St. Matthew and led by Father Steve Adrian, are available for viewing anytime on Facebook and YouTube.

### 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.

To make this year's Fish Fry a success, we need your help! Please consider volunteering on **April 1, 8, and 15**. Contact Tim Nowak ([timothy.nowak@usfamily.net](mailto:timothy.nowak@usfamily.net)) to find out how you can help. Thank you for your support!

### 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 **Jeremiah Baker, Louise Breidel, Bill Brengman, Marlene Brown, Bernie Klein, Ray Knotts, Greg Lothenbach, and Annamarie Moseng, .**

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 March 5 and 6, 2022** will be provided in a future bulletin.

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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 March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, March 12**

4:15 pm Mass  
Our Parish  
+Dorinda Martineau  
+James Hobbie

### **Sunday, March 13**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish

### **Monday, March 14**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Tuesday, March 15**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Wednesday, March 16**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Thursday, March 17**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, March 18**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Saturday, March 19**

4:15 pm Mass  
Our Parish  
+Ted Rivera  
+Connie Rivera  
+Linda Owens  
+Joe Savard

### **Sunday, March 20**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish

## Calendar of Events

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

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

### **Monday, March 14**

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

### **Tuesday, March 15**

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

### **Wednesday, March 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

### **Thursday, March 17**

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

### **Friday, March 18**

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

### **Saturday, March 19**

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

### **Sunday, March 20**

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

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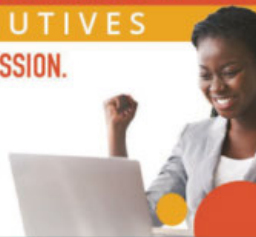
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