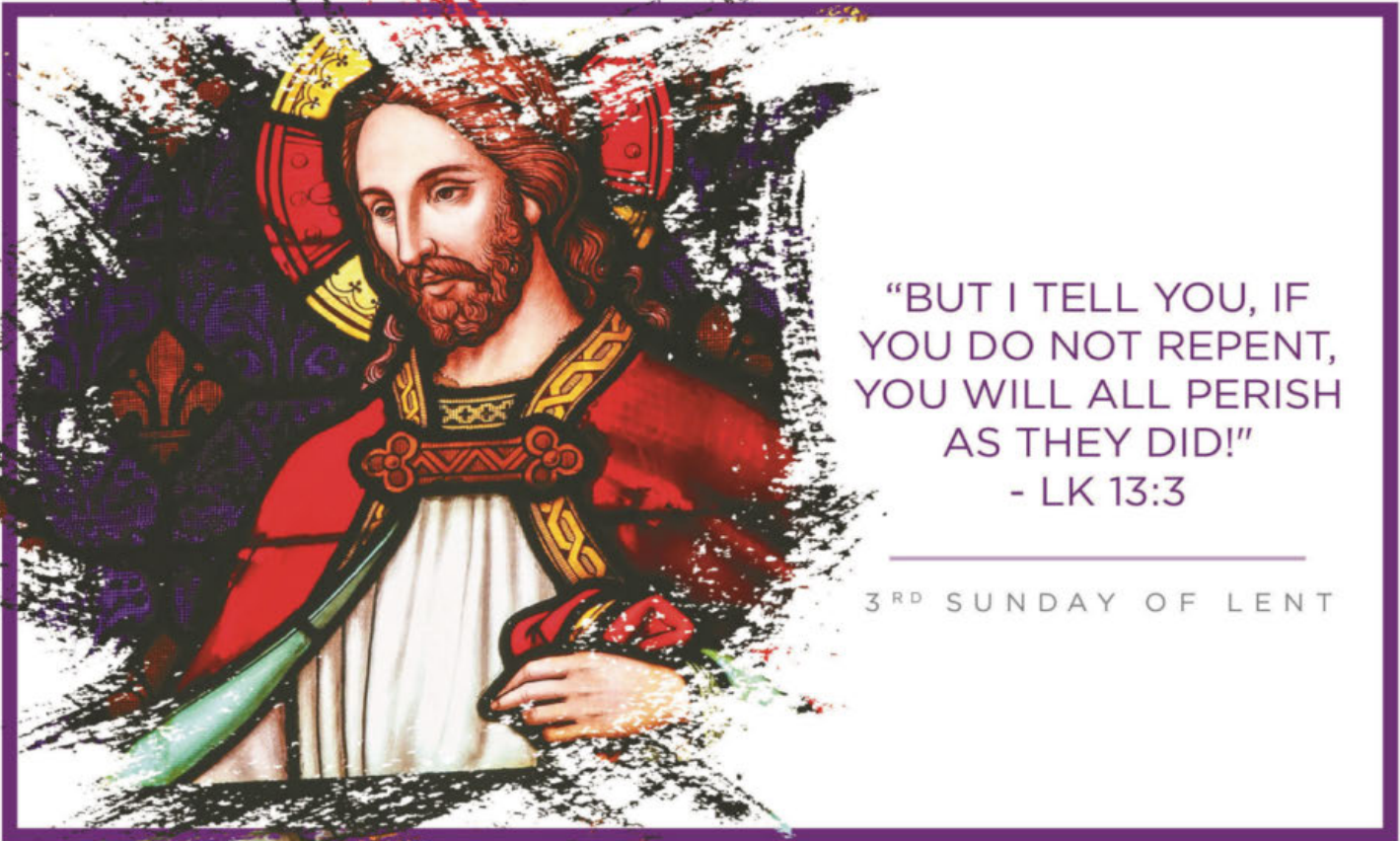




# Church of St. Matthew

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**"BUT I TELL YOU, IF YOU DO NOT REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH AS THEY DID!"**  
- LK 13:3

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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## **March 20, 2022** **Third 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**

**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

Just before Matthew writes the gospel story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus he describes the final judgment (Chapter 25).

"I was hungry; I was naked; I was a stranger – and you fed me, you clothed me, you welcomed me and gave me a place to be."

In the past weeks millions of old men, women and children have fled their homes in Ukraine to seek asylum in Poland or Germany or Italy, etc.

We, along with NATO allies have provided humanitarian aid – food, shelter, clean water, warm clothes, safety and security.

We, along with almost all nations of the world, have excoriated Putin and the Russian army for the unprovoked aggression against the free nation of Ukraine.

This tragedy is about people, suffering people, people escaping violence, innocent people – many of them children – running for their lives.

All of our citizens condemn the violence and support the humanitarian efforts to serve the needs of these refugees.

I am confused. I fear we are schizoid.

Why is the crisis on our southern boarder ignored, while we work so hard to provide for refugees a half a world away? Why are we so willing to support refugees from other countries, and yet seem so resistant to helping those closest to us, who are also fleeing serious violence, political persecution and economic oppression. We support refugees around the world, but on the southern boarder it's illegal to give them shelter or a ride.

It couldn't have anything to do with race and color. If they were white, would it make a difference?

Remember the words of Jesus without reference to race, color, religion, ethnicity, gender or political persuasion: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me. When you did it to the least, you did it to me."

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 **102 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday March 5 and the **68 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 **Jill** and accompanied by **Phil** and **Andy** on Saturday and **Jill** on Sunday. Cantors **Kathy Lee** on Saturday and **John** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Jeanne** on Saturday and **Joe** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Kathy, and Mary** on Saturday; **Joanne, Becky** and **Dave** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin** and **Doris** Saturday; **Ginny** and **James** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne** and **Ginny** - Sunday. Thank you to **John, Ann, Tim, Corrine, Dave, Wanda, Dick** 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 12. **Over 300 meals** were served at the second 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** and **Rosary Society**, along with **Parents** and **Teachers** from our **Faith Formation program**. Special thanks to the **students from our Faith Formation program** - these young people spent 3+ hours running from cars to kitchen with food orders and back again to vehicles to deliver the meals. They worked non-stop on a bitterly cold and windy night!!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**



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

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on March 21, 2022 for **Rita Moser's birthday**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on March 25, 2022 for **Living and Deceased Rosary/CCW Members**.

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

### 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

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. **There is NO Faith Formation class for any students on March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## Prayer REQUESTS

### 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, Annamarie Moseng and Lorraine Tabor.**

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.*

Weekly Contributions for March 5 and 6, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

#### Paypal QR Code:

Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment. Thank You!



## 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!

### CONSORTIUM CARISSIMI CONCERT

Consortium Carissimi is coming to St. Matthews on **Saturday, April 9, 7:30 pm!** "Miserere: Music for Holy Week," program of early Baroque sacred music settings for SATB choir and full continuo of period instruments will be shared with our community.



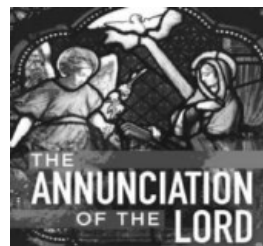
The program begins with three *Responsori* of Holy Week by Italian composer, Graziani, (1604-1664) and motets by his contemporary, Carissimi. Then follows a setting of *Miserere - Psalm 51 (early publications in 1665 Venice entitled, The Tears of David)* by Northern Italian composer, Marini, (1594-1663). The program concludes with Johann Sebastian Bach's (1685-1750) motet, *Jesu, meine Freude.*

*Consortium Carissimi was founded in 1996 by Artistic Director, Garrick Comeaux, with the intent of uncovering and bringing to modern day ears the long forgotten Italian-Roman sacred and secular music of the 16th and 17th century through voice and historically informed instruments. Musicians include the vocal and instrumental talents of early music specialists from around Minnesota, including Andrew De Young, accompanist at St. Matthews.*

*All are welcome! Suggested donation is \$25.*

### 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.



## 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 March 20, 2022

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **Monday, March 21**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Tuesday, March 22**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Wednesday, March 23**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Thursday, March 24**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, March 25**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Saturday, March 26**

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

### **Sunday, March 27**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish  
+Carol Grundei  
+Marge McEllistrem  
+Joe Savard

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, March 21 - Thursday, March 24**

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

### **Monday, March 21**

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

### **Tuesday, March 22**

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

### **Wednesday, March 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

### **Thursday, March 24**

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

### **Friday, March 25**

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

### **Saturday, March 26**

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

### **Sunday, March 27**

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

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