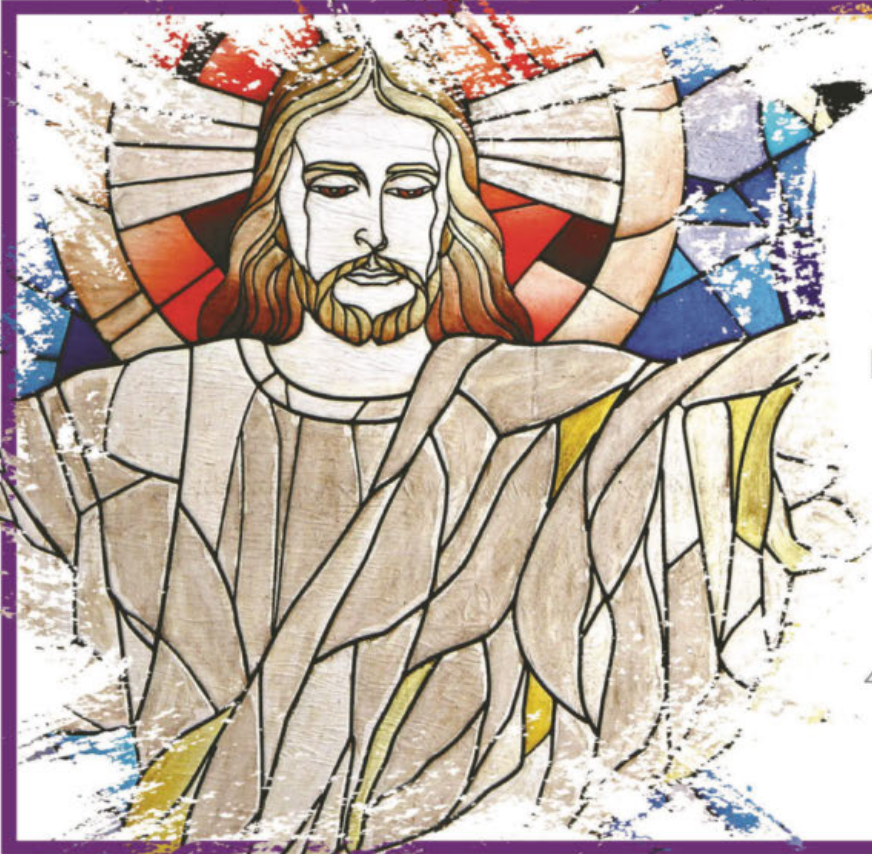




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“HIS FATHER ORDERED HIS SERVANTS, 'LET US CELEBRATE WITH A FEAST, BECAUSE THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD, AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN.'” - LK 15:24A

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 27, 2022 Fourth 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

“Power” is not a word often associated with religious faith – quite often power is seen in opposition to humility.

In reality, “power” is nothing but the ability to act, the ability to do. To be “powerless” is to be inert, frozen in place, static. Thomas Aquinas speaks of God as “actus purus” ultimate power, total activity, continuously creating.

The word “humility” comes from the Latin word “humus”, which means earth. To be humble is to be earthy. Jewish and Christian beliefs about human creation come from the images derived from the 1st and 2nd chapters of Genesis.

In Chapter 2 we read that God creates the human being from the clay of the earth. The human creation is the crowning of all other creation and integrally bound to the other creation. The symbol of Ash Wednesday is to remind us where we come from; that we are an integral part of divine creation – “Remember you are earth and to earth you will return”.

To be humble is to have a true estimate of who I am and for what purpose I exist. The opposite of humility is on one side arrogance and on the other side low self-esteem.

The humble person is the one who acts out of who he/she truly is – created in the very image of God and called to act through the power of the Holy Spirit.

God’s ongoing creative work is done in partnership with human beings, we are to risk being an instrument of God’s plan – we are called to be “powerful”.

God told Moses to hold his staff over the Red Sea, saying that the waters would part and create a path for the Israelites to cross to safety. Legend says that the waters didn’t part until the first group of Israelites actually stepped into the sea.

True self-understanding plus a true sense of one’s mission is what makes for an “active Christian” – a real sparkplug capable of taking action, lighting the fire.

Jesus cries out: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Jesus is looking for sparkplugs—AC Spark-plugs – AC = Active Christians.

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, 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.

PARISH CLEAN-UP: Mark your calendars to take part in the Parish Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 30, 2022 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.

THANK YOU: To the **127 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday, March 19 and the **70 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 **Shelly** at 10:15 am on Sunday. To our pianist **Brian** accompanied by **Chris** on Saturday and pianist **Jill** accompanied by **Phil** and **Genevieve** on Sunday. Cantors **Andy** on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Mary** on Saturday and **Becky** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Karen, Mary** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Jerald, Florida** and **Paul** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin** and **Doris** Saturday; **Steve** and **Al** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne** on Sunday. Thank you to **Ann, Tim, Dave, Wanda, Dick** and **Debbie** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass that weekend.

THANK YOU: To **Josiah**, a 5th grader at **Community of Saints**, who has volunteered to be a greeter at the weekend Masses.

THANK YOU: To all who came to the Fish Fry on Friday, March 18. **382 meals** were served at the 3rd 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.



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 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. Thank you for your patience while we get the voicemail up and running again.

TECH NOTES: SPEAKING OF VOICEMAIL

"Phil, when can we expect voicemail service again?" Good question. I'm closer to an answer. Please indulge my review of our tech budget and improvements over the past few months.

In the fall, we replaced four old office laptops. Hardware, software, and installation amounted to about \$3,500.

In December-January, we shifted our internet service provider and most of our phone lines from CenturyLink to Comcast. There were about \$1,000 in one-time transfer and installation costs.

In January-February, we spent just over \$5,000 on the WiFi improvement project. As a result, we now have an up-to-date system in place in the Parish Center and the church building, including the Social Hall. (Many thanks to Alan Christensen, Tom Kegler and Bob Bejblik for their help with this project.)

Meanwhile, one of the unexpected consequences of the phone line shift was loss of our voicemail. Rather than spend money for a temporary fix for very, very old phones, I decided to move forward with a new phone system. A new system will include voicemail. We have vendors coming in this week and next to demonstrate possibilities.

If you add up costs above, we've invested about \$9,500 in tech during this fiscal year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). To help with those costs, our November fundraiser raised almost \$17,000. Thank you, parishioners, for your generous support of needed tech improvements!

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

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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 March 30 and April 6. Classes resume April 13.

CONFIRMATION: Faith Formation students in Grades 8 to 10 and Community of Saints 8th graders who are part of the St. Matthew Confirmation group will attend the 10:15 am Mass on Sunday, April 3, at the Church of St Matthew. Confirmation candidates will be blessed in preparation for the Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on Saturday, April 9, at 10 am. The Confirmation family and Confirmation sponsor need to attend on April 3 with the candidate, and there will be a meeting after Mass to prepare the student, sponsor, and family for what they do at the Cathedral. April 3 is a **REQUIRED** Mass and meeting.

*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

7:00 pm (*livestreamed*)

Good Friday – April 15

Stations of the Cross – Noon
Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm
(*livestreamed*)

Easter Vigil, Saturday – April 16

7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 17

10:15 am (*livestreamed*)



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, Marlene Brown, Bernie Klein, Caroline Gomez, Ray Knotts, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, 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.*



Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers. They worked!

Bill and Corinne Brengman



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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: 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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 28

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, March 31

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, April 1

8:00 am Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 28 - Thursday, March 31

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

Monday, March 28

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

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

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

Thursday, March 31

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

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 3

10:15 am Mass (in-person)
10:15 am Saturday Mass available for viewing
2:00 pm Communal Penance Service

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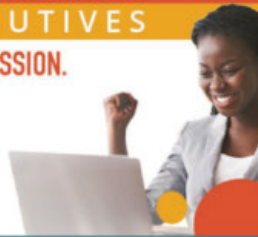
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