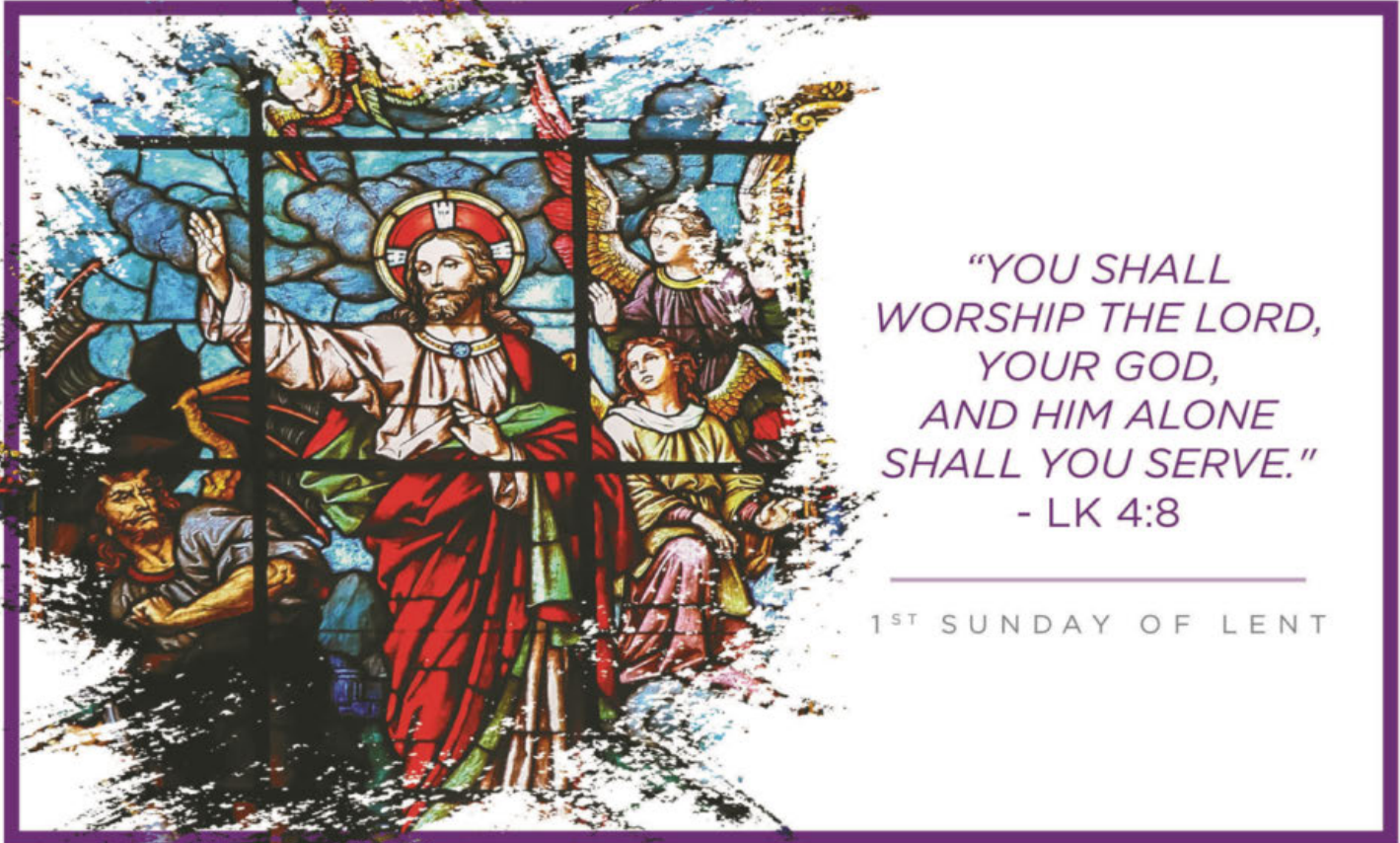




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- LK 4:8*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 6, 2022 First 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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Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fridays Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

This is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is not an event; Lent is a process, a journey. Liturgically that journey finds its fulfillment in Jesus, who suffers and who dies and who is raised to life. In the classical English liturgy, we had an acclamation at the time of the consecration that summed up the mystery of faith: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

From very early in the life of the Church people of faith kept this season – either to prepare for baptism or to renew one's baptism.

Lent was an invitation to honestly and courageously take stock of one's life and to be open and ready for the transformation of the grace of Christ. It is a time to rediscover who I am; and more often than not, I do that by reflecting thankfully on the myriad of ways the grace of God has filled my life.

In December of 1965 Robert Menchin wrote to Thomas Merton about a project he was involved in, helping people make "career changes"

On January 15, 1966 Merton wrote to Menchin: "You ask for advice. I would say that there is one basic idea that should be kept in mind in all the changes we make in life, whether of career or anything else. We should decide not in view of better pay, higher rank, "getting ahead", but in view of becoming more real, entering more authentically into direct contact with life, living more as a free and mature human person, able to give myself more to others, able to understand myself and the world better. I hope this may be of some use."

Merton later wrote, "For me to be a saint means to be myself." Lent is a time of self-discovery.

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 March 11, April 1, April 8, and April 15 to serve as **Food Runners** – to bring orders to the kitchen and take completed orders out to the cars.

THANK YOU: To **Wanda** who has offered to be a Eucharistic Minister at the Saturday 4:15 pm Masses.

THANK YOU: To the **91 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday February 26th 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 **John** who handled the opening announcements at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass and **Shelly** at 10:15 am on Sunday. To our pianist **Jill** on Saturday and Sunday and to guitarist **Chris** and trumpet player **Phil** on Sunday. Cantors **John** on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Ellen** on Saturday and **Joanne** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Kathy, Mary** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Paul, Joe** and **Florida** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Kevin** and **Doris** Saturday; **Ginny** and **Steve** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday, **Joanne** and **Ginny** - Sunday. Thank you to **John, Ann, Tim, Corrine, Dave,** and **Ginny** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass that weekend.

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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.

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!

Phil Grant
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Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

On March 9, Faith Formation students have class in the Parish Center as usual, and Father Adrian will be in the chapel to hear confessions. Students who have already made their First Communion will be released from class to go to confession that evening, and, after confession, they will return to class. Faith Formation family members are also welcome to go to confession on March 9 between 6:30 pm and 7:45 pm in the chapel.

News and Events

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 **March 11, April 1, 8, and 15**. Contact Tim Nowak (timothy.nowak@usfamily.net) to find out how you can help. Thank you for your support!

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All adult women of all ages are invited to the next **Rosary Society meeting**, which is **Tuesday, March 8th from 1:30 to 3:00 pm**. We meet in the lower level of the Parish Center. For our program, please bring a prayer, poem, quote, etc. that provides you with inspiration, comfort and/or joy. We will share those with one another for this month's program. In addition, there will be Saint Patrick's Day refreshments and games. Come and enjoy the company of one another. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend a meeting. For the care and protection of one another, all attendees are requested to wear masks if possible.

The April Rosary Society meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Please note the change in meeting time. More information about the April meeting will be provided before we meet.

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 **Bill Brengman, Marlene Brown, Bernie Klein, Greg Lothenbach, Annamarie Moseng, Ray Knotts** and **Marie Scanlan**.

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 February 26 and 27, 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 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
Living and Deceased Rosary Members
+Roger Goldberg

Sunday, March 6

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Aurora Hernandez
+Barb Lofquist

Monday, March 7

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, March 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, March 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 11

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

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
1:30 pm—3:00 pm Rosary Society Meeting
3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
6:30 Faith Formation

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

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

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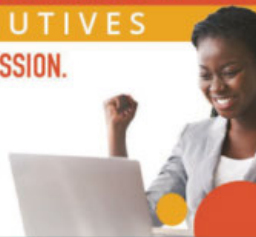
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