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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

- Jn 20:28-29

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April 24, 2022 **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

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

Please contact the Parish Office regarding
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion,
Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

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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

I grew up at a time the Church taught much about meriting the grace of God; my good works would result in God's favor toward me. It was a kind of spirituality where much was placed on the shoulders of the individual.

Only as I grew older did I come to realize that the grace of God is total gift – there is nothing I can do to achieve or merit God's favor. There is much I can do to show gratitude to God for the many ways He has blessed my life.

I came across a piece written by Henri Nouwen that captured well, for me, an image of my relationship with God. Nouwen was much taken with the circus; in fact for a time he attached himself to a circus troop and traveled with them.

In his relationship with the Flying Rodleights, a trapeze act, he found a new vocabulary for the spiritual life. He was fascinated by a remark from one of the flyers – the seeming start of the trapeze act. He said: "The flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When I fly to the catcher I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me and pull me safely over the apron behind the catch bar. A flyer must fly and a catcher must catch. The flyer must trust with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him."

I find it a great image of the spiritual life. I am created to fly and to trust. In those seconds between the time I let go of the bar and am suspended in mid air it is only the action of the catcher that keeps me from falling. I do nothing.

I pray that I be a good flyer. I know that God is a great catcher.

Father Steve Adrian



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 1, 2022 in memory of **Mary and John Sperl's 74th wedding anniversary.**

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.

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: 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 is needed. To help, contact: jill.kilzer@st-matts.org, mleibl@st-matts.org or the Parish Office.

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.

THANK YOU: To **Fr. Adrian** who led us in the **Palm Sunday Masses, Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, Good Friday Service of the Cross, the Easter Vigil, and the Easter Sunday Mass.** Through his homilies he helped us understand more fully the importance of the Triduum. To **Jill**, our Liturgist and Music Director. To our pianists **Brian, Jill and Phil.** Cantors **Kathy, Shelley, Christina and Linda.** We thank lectors **Tim, Kathy, Anthony, Joanne, Karen, Mary and Joe.** Eucharistic Ministers **Tom, Karen, Tim, Jerald, Maggie, Dave, Paul, Ann, Janelle, Linda, Kathy, Joanne, Florida and Ginny.** Ushers **Tim, Tom, Kevin, Doris, James, Ginny and Steve.** To those who took part in the Passion readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday - **Mary, Jeanne, Ellen, Zach, Anthony, Kathy, Tim and Ginny.** Thank you to **Joe and Tim** who carried the cross on Good Friday and **Chris and Tony** who steadied the cross through the Veneration of the Cross. Thank You to Easter Vigil readers, **Anthony, Miles, and Zach. Isabella, Kathy and Mary** who lit the candles for the congregation. To **Scott** who lit the Easter Fire and handled the censor.

THANK YOU: To **Anthony and Isabella** who led the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

THANK YOU: To **Katie** who vacuumed and dusted the church and chapel to make it beautiful for all who came to worship during the holiest of weeks!

THANK YOU: To **Bob and Mary Bejblik and family** who decorated the church for the Easter feast.

THANK YOU: To the **families from Faith Formation** who put the vigil lamps around the perimeter of the church. Walking many steps up and down the ladder to set the lights in place!

THANK YOU: To **Ann, Linda and Chase** who brought forward Holy Oils on Holy Thursday.

THANK YOU: To all who attended the Holy Week services, and to the 316 people who worshipped at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services! **Your presence added to the joy of the season!**

Parish Administrator's Note

HAPPY EASTER!

Rejoice, our Lord is risen! I wish you and yours all the best in this season of joy. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to successful Holy Week and Triduum services. That includes all our liturgical ministries at St. Matt's: art and environment, cleaners, greeters, ushers, sacristans, typists and printers, online streaming, communion, lectors, presider and preacher, music, and—last but not least—assembly.

Yes, the ministry of the assembly—everyone gathered for worship—is the most important ministry of all. New members, old members, children, adults. As Fr. Steve has said, we need each other's support. We're on this journey together.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT - VIRTUS

It's safe to say that everyone wants a safe environment here at St. Matt's. One way we provide safety is to make sure that our employees and volunteers—especially those who work with children—are up to date with required training and documents. We do that through the online VIRTUS system. If you're already in the VIRTUS system, you might recall signing a Code of Conduct, getting a background check, and doing some online training. These are standard requirements in support of a safe environment.

Someone at each parish has to be in charge, i.e., serve as the Safe Environment Coordinator (SEC). At St. Matt's, I'm that guy. If you have any questions, let me know.

In addition, we're supported by the Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY). Their website is www.safe-environment.archspm.org. The Victim Assistance Hotline numbers are (651) 291-4514 and (651) 291-4475.

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.

Phil Grant

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News and Events

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE FR. STEVE'S 80th BIRTHDAY!

Please help us honor Father Steve's service to St. Matt's community and students at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. There will be two opportunities to join the festivities at St. Matthew's:

**Saturday, April 23 after 4:15 pm Mass
in the back of the church**

**Sunday, April 24 after 10:15 am Mass
until 2:00 pm
in the Social Hall**



To see Fr. Steve's invitatory video and learn more, visit www.st-matts.org/birthday.

ST. MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again?

Please contact Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org to become a member of our parish. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



Faith Formation News



Congratulations to the 24 students in Grades 8 to 10 who were confirmed through St. Matthew on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Pictured here at the Cathedral of Saint Paul with presiding Bishop Joseph A. Williams and Father Steve Adrian are 15 students from Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, 1 student from St Croix Lutheran, and 8 students who were prepared through weekly Faith Formation classes at the Church of St Matthew. May God continue to bless the students, their sponsors and parents.



FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Faith Formation students in Grades 2 to 7 have class on Wednesday, April 27, in the Parish Center. Grades 2 to 5 meet from 6:30 pm to 7:40 pm and Grades 6 to 7 meet from 6:40 pm to 7:50 pm. Parents, mark your calendars for May 4, when all students and parents will meet in church at 6:30pm for a short prayer service followed by bingo. Faith Formation classes for the 2021-2022 school year end on May 4.

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. MATTHEW

Faith Formation and Community of Saints students who have registered to make their First Communion at St Matthew have class on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm in the church. At least one parent should also attend on May 11; this is practice for students and our final meeting before the First Communion Masses. Questions? Contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr via email janelle@st-matts.org or phone/text at 651-242-6004.

Weekly Contributions for April 16, and 17, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

Paypal QR Code: Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment. Thank You!



Saturday, April 30, 2022 Mass will not be recorded and unavailable for viewing online. Thank you for your understanding.

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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 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-
11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-
36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
[2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Ken Gilberg
+Leo Kegler
+Jerry McEllistrem

Sunday, April 24

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Maurice Grundei
+Aileen Koenen

Monday, April 25

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, April 28

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, April 29

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 1

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Aileen Koenen

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 25 - Friday, April 29

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

Monday, April 25

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

Tuesday, April 26

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

Wednesday, April 27

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, April 28

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

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am - 11:00 am Church Spring Cleaning
10:00 am AA Meeting
4:15 pm Mass (in-person)

Sunday, May 1

10:15 am Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass
10:15 am NO Saturday Mass available online

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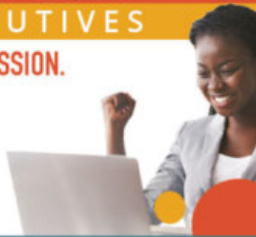
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