



# Church of St. Matthew

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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### **May 1, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter**

#### **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**

**Please contact the Parish Office regarding  
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion,  
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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 was ordained a priest on December 8, 1968. Two days later Thomas Merton, author and spiritual master from the Trappist Monastery of Gethsemane, died. He was participating in an international meeting of monks from various religious traditions in Bangkok. He was electrocuted when he touched a badly wired electric fan.

I was introduced to him in the reading of his memoir, [The Seven Story Mountain](#). Then through my college and seminary years I read many of his books on the spiritual life, the meaning of holiness, the place of the Word of God in one's life, the sacramental life.

In 1964 the Second Vatican Council taught that there was a universal call to holiness; that each human being is called into an intimate relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ. What is this holiness to which all are called? What do I need to do? Many books were written about "doing" the work of holiness. Merton wrote, not about "doing", but about "being".

He writes in his memoir that shortly after he was baptized Catholic, one of his college friends asked him, "What do you want to be now that you are a Catholic?" Merton answered, "I don't know. I guess what I want is to be a good Catholic." His friend (a non practicing Jewish philosopher) corrected him, "What you should say is that you want to be a saint. The secret to being a saint is to want to be one. Don't you believe that God will make you what he created you to be, if you consent to let him do it?"

Much of Merton's subsequent journey can be seen as a response to that challenge. His journey can be seen as putting off a series of masks – that bad boy, the sophisticated twentieth-century man, the good Catholic, the perfect monk – to become his true self, the saint, as his Columbia friend put it, that God created him to be. The path to sanctity for Thomas Merton the monk was not really so very different from the path of every other person in the world.

Merton said " Don't try to become another Thomas Merton or anyone else, but become your own true self, the very self that God made you to be; and that is a life long journey."

*Father Steve Adrian*



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

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit April 30 – May 7, 2022 in memory of **Tessie Thompson-Sylvester**.

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](mailto:jill.kilzer@st-matts.org), [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto: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, May 7 from 9:00 am to 11:00 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. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church! The more volunteers, the sooner the jobs will be completed. Please volunteer and show that being a "**Volunteer Parish**" works for St. Matts!

**THANK YOU:** To all who helped to make Fr. Steve's birthday a memorable celebration - **John, Peg, Karen, Kathy, Josie, Steve, Mary, Suzanne, Becky, members of the Rosary Society and the Men's Club.**

**THANK YOU:** To all who came and offered birthday wishes and thanks to **Fr. Steve** for all he does for our parish!

**THANK YOU:** To **Peg** who filmed Fr. Steve's autobiography. If you haven't had an opportunity to view the film, check it out on the parish website [st-matts.org](http://st-matts.org) or on YouTube.

**THANK YOU:** To the **156 people** who attended the Saturday Mass and **175 people** who worshipped on Sunday. Thank You to **Fr. Frank Fried**, classmate of Fr. Steve, who concelebrated Mass with Fr. Steve. To our Saturday pianist **Brian** and Sunday pianist **Jill** and trumpeter **Phil**. Our cantors **Christina** on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Mary** on Saturday and **Joanne** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Jeanne, Karen, Tim** and **Mary** on Saturday; **Dave, Joe, Florida** and **Janelle** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Tom, Kevin** and **Doris** on Saturday; **Pete, Ginny** and **Steve** on Sunday. To greeters **Chris** on Saturday and **Josiah** on Sunday. To Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday and **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday.

**THANK YOU:** To **Braiden, Matt** and **Scott** from Faith Formation who removed the Easter vigil lamps around the perimeter of the church and packed them away for next year.

**THANK YOU:** To **Jason** who has volunteered to mow the parish lawn!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

## Parish Administrator's Note

### MY FIRST YEAR

I find it a bit hard to believe, but it's been one year since I began my work here at St. Matt's as your Pastoral Administrator.

It was last April when I spent two weeks with my predecessor, John Riehle, to learn the ropes here. Those weeks were a great help, and yet there has been a great deal more for me to learn. Hardly a week has gone by when I haven't heard a sentence that starts out, "Well, Phil, it's (fill in a date) and this is the time of year when we (fill in an activity). . . ."

For me, it's been a great year. I've noticed the warm hospitality people have shown to me and other new members of the parish. I've been impressed by the depth and breadth of our mission work, notably Loaves and Fishes, Casa Guadalupana, and St. Mary's Free Clinic. And I admire the hard work of staff and volunteers, getting things done, enriching our faith community, and visibly expressing God's love.

This is a really good parish. I'm glad to be here.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT - VIRTUS

One of my roles here at St. Matt's is that of Safe Environment Coordinator (SEC). In our Archdiocese, every parish has an SEC. Our task is to make sure that everyone in our parish—especially children and vulnerable adults—is safe from all forms of sexual or other harassment and abuse. I think of it as the necessary flip side of our parish mission to be a visible expression of God's love. Safe Environment regulations, training, and background checks work to protect us from unloving behavior.

SEC's and their parishes are supported by the Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY). Their website is [www.safe-environment.archspm.org](http://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 still 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](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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Congratulation to long time parishioners **Larry and Shirley Smith** as they celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### 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](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org) to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



### 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:

**Jeremiah Baker, Louise Breidel, Bernie Klein, Carolina Gomez, Ray Knotts, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Esther Snaza 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.*



### Faith Formation News

#### FAITH FORMATION CELEBRATION

Faith Formation students in Grades 2 to 7 have their final session on Wednesday, May 4. Students and parents will meet in church at 6:30 pm for a short prayer service with Father Steve followed by bingo. This is the last regular session.

#### 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](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org) or phone/text at 651-242-6004.

### News and Events

#### RETURN OF THE WOLFGANG!

Sunday, May 22, 7:00 pm - Church of St. Matthew

Now in its 26th season, The WolfGang reappears after a pandemic drought. We are very excited to perform flutist Paul Jacobson's new transcription for The WolfGang of Mozart's last symphony, #41 in C ("Jupiter"). In a slightly delayed homage to Beethoven's 250th anniversary (two years after the fact), pianist Gail Olszewski and cellist Jane Cords-O'Hara will perform Beethoven's Sonata in G for Piano & Cello, Op. 5 #2. Rounding out the program will be Mozart's Rondo in A, played by Gail Olszewski, piano.

The WolfGang, as the name implies, is a Mozart-era chamber ensemble comprising instrumental virtuosi who perform on late 18th century instruments, including a replica of a 1785 Stein piano identical to one that Mozart himself used, a string trio and late 18<sup>th</sup> century flute. We perform music of Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and their contemporaries and predecessors, obscure and well-known, and strive to make the music of this lively era accessible, contemporary, and exciting for our 21st century audiences.

\$20 free will offering suggested.

**Weekly Contributions for April 23, and 24, 2022** will be provided in a future bulletin.

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



## Parish Leadership

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### **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 May 1, 2022**

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 30

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

### Sunday, May 1

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis  
+Aileen Koenen  
+Tessie Thompson-Sylvester

### Monday, May 2

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, May 3

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, May 4

8:00 am Cancelled

### Thursday, May 5

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, May 6

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, May 7

4:15 pm Mass  
Our Parish  
+George Lackner  
Sister Cathryn O'Donnell  
Sister Germaine Mulcahey

### Sunday, May 8

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish  
+Joe Savard  
Rudy Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention  
Living and Deceased Members of Rosary Society

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, May 2 - Friday, May 5

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

### Monday, May 2

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
5:00 pm Facilities Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm AA Meeting

### Tuesday, May 3

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

### Wednesday, May 4

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
12:00 Noon Liturgy Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm Faith Formation

### Thursday, May 5

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

### Friday, May 6

### Saturday, May 7

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

### Sunday, May 8

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

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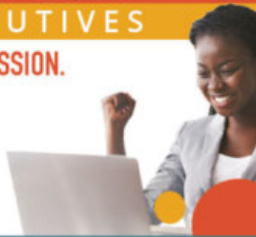
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