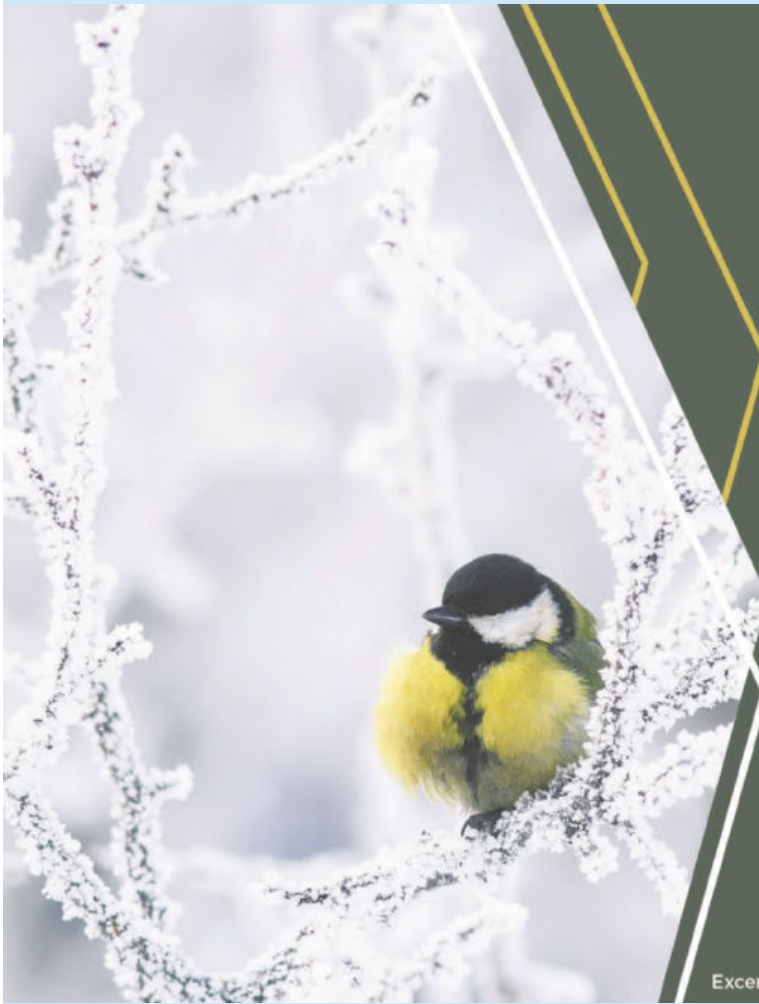




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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God”  
- Jn 1:34

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### **January 15, 2023** **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **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, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick**

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Friday Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

This Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, marks the annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is known as MLK Day.

Those younger than 65 years old have no personal recollection of Dr. King and the dynamic force he brought to the “cry for civil rights.”

Dr. King was not a politician, neither was he a journalist nor a television personality. Dr. King succeeded his father as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

He framed the call for justice in the teaching of the Scriptures, the prophetic teaching of the Old Testament and the teaching of Jesus in the New Testament.

King ignited a fire which drew men and women out of churches and synagogues to make public their demand for racial justice.

King affirmed that justice and equity were rooted in the Word of God.

In an international Synod of Bishops, convoked by Pope Paul VI, the principle was proclaimed: “A constitutive element of the identity of the Church is action in behalf of justice and peace.”

Worship, evangelization and justice are the “three legs of the milk stool” on which the Church rests – each of them is constitutive of the Church.

So much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century call for justice and peace is reflected in the life and death of Martin Luther King Jr. Monday is not just a national holiday; it is a time to remember, celebrate and rededicate ourselves to “The Dream”.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*

### FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation from January 9 to February 7, 2023. Fr. Leo Schneider, Fr. Matthew Linn, and Fr. Joseph Bambenek will be substituting for Fr. Adrian. We wish Fr. Adrian a very restful and relaxing vacation!

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

*Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ~ Isaiah 6:8*

**MASS RESPONSE MINISTRY:** St. Matts needs a volunteer at the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass to read the Mass responses and prayers into a microphone for the pre-recorded Masses. You would say the prayers and responses you always say, but into a microphone to share with online Mass participants. You could do this ministry from your favorite chair in the congregation using a portable microphone. Online viewers do not hear the assembly’s responses and prayers unless they are spoken into a microphone for recording. Your assistance will help our online viewers to participate more completely in the Masses.

Several Mass Response Ministers are needed. Please contact the parish office or [jillkilzer@st-matts.org](mailto:jillkilzer@st-matts.org).

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs (cont’d)

**PRAYER LINE:** We are looking for volunteers who are willing to pray for the intentions of those who leave messages on our **Prayer Line**. When a prayer request is called in, the moderator of the Prayer Line will call “Prayer Volunteers” to inform them the “Prayer Request” and those volunteers will take some time to pray for the person requesting prayers as well as the intention mentioned in the request.

If you feel you can devote some time during the day to pray for those in need, please contact Mary Leibl.

**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND:** We are looking for a volunteer to take communion to a homebound parishioner. It can be either after the Saturday 4:15 PM or Sunday 10:15 AM Mass. The parishioner lives within ½ mile of St. Matthew Church. If you are able to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Mary Leibl or call the parish office.

**FUNERAL MINISTRY:** We are looking for three to four volunteers to form a 2<sup>nd</sup> team of Funeral Ministers. Included in the duties: Having church open to meet the Funeral Directors when they arrive at the church; offer hospitality to families and guests; prepare that everything needed for funeral service is in proper place; help the Readers and Gift Bearers to feel comfortable in their roles; return the church to normal set-up after the funeral. Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving this important ministry, contact Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the parish office.



**THANK YOU:** Thank You and welcome to our newly formed **Maranatha Choir!** Their lovely singing brought added beauty to our services during the Christmas season. Thank you to **Jill Kilzer**, our Director of Music and Liturgy, who organized the choir and prepared them for the Holiday season.

**THANK YOU:** To all Faith Formation students and parents, our parishioners, and the members of the Liturgy committee, who remained after the 10:15 AM Mass last week to “Take Down & Put Away” all the Christmas decorations.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY:** Thank you to **Ellen Schneider** who organized the return of the Children’s Liturgy at the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass. We thank **Myrna and Anthony** who have volunteered to help with the program as well as **Confirmation Candidates**. Also we thank our Faith Formation Director, **Janelle Rohr**, who has offered her guidance and expertise in the re-launch of this popular parish ministry!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
[mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)



The St. Matthew parish office is closed on Monday, January 16, 2023.

## Parish Administrator's Note

### WHERE WE WORSHIP: A HOUSE OF PRAYER

I recently ran across a great line from the prophet Isaiah (56:7): "For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

There are two main reasons I like the line. The first is that Isaiah clearly supports wide ranging hospitality. That works for me. And it certainly fits with St. Matt's tradition of hospitality to all peoples.

The other reason is more prosaic. It's that the bricks, mortar, and other concrete aspects of our house of prayer need constant attention. Buildings are expensive. We have to take care of them, however, so that we can take care of people.

I see our two main capital needs in 2023 as (a) replacement of the flat roof of the 1928 (north end) portion of our school building; and (b) replacement of the 1970s-era electrical panels in the boiler room of the church.

We had originally hoped to work on the school roof last year, in conjunction with the smaller roof projects on the Parish Center and church building. However, we didn't have financing in place. For projects of this size (c. \$250-300 thousand), we work with experts from Catholic Finance Corporation (CFC). That's how the parish was able in 2016 to install an elevator in the school building (\$800 thousand) and replace aging boilers in the church (\$200 thousand). We took out loans, and we're paying them off on schedule.

As for the electric panel in the church, a preliminary estimate is \$150-200 thousand. That means we're in the neighborhood of \$500 thousand in capital expenditures this year. (Insert *gasp* here.) How will we do this?

The answer is multi-part: through prayer, the continued generosity of St. Matt's supporters, and financial assistance from CFC. I'll expand on all of these in the coming weeks, as we learn more about each step of the process.

In the meantime, I ask for your continued support in prayer. There's an additional step I ask everyone to consider: contributing to our St. Matt's Capital Needs Fund. You might have noticed a new monthly envelope to that effect. Feel free to use that.

Alternatively, let me know if you'd like to set up a regular Electronic Funds Transaction (EFT) dedicated to our capital needs. Email me or call the office for more information.

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

*Phil Grant*

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### 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!



REMEMBER  
*in your prayers*

**Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Rita Eckert, Enrique Gutierrez, Paul Heitzinger, Ralph Herrera, The Karas Family, Sharon Knops, Reyes Ledesma, Don Leibl, Theresa Lopez, Becky Montgomery, Annamarie Moseng, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Mike Poe, Dennis Robinette, Virgil Roethler, Margaret Savard, Alice Schletty, Jean Troje, Joshua Viellieux and Patricia Weisman.**

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.*

## News and Events

### LECTOR WORKSHOP: PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS!

Saturday, February 4, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, Church of St. Matthew

This workshop is for experienced and new lectors to brush up or learn new skills. Confirmation candidates are welcome.

The workshop will cover:

- How to prayerfully prepare to share the Word of God
- How to proclaim the words of scripture for greatest effect
- Learn how to do "lectio divina" (Latin for "divine reading")

Our workshop clinician will be Moya McGinn Mathews, Director of Music and Liturgy at Christ the King Parish in Minneapolis.

There is no cost to attend. Current lectors, please bring your 2023 Lector Workbook. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. For more information contact [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org).

## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION, CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Students in grades K to 10 who attend public school have Faith Formation class this Wednesday, January 18. Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and most children finish at 7:40 PM. Grades 8 to 10 have class from 6:45 to 7:50 PM. Community of Saints 8th graders who are preparing to be confirmed with our St Matthew group should also attend class on January 18. Classes are held in the Parish Center.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION:

On Wednesday, January 25, students from Faith Formation and Community of Saints who are preparing for First Communion with St. Matthew have class in the church. That evening, parents should also attend a meeting for them held in church. The meeting and class start at 6:30 PM and will be done by 7:45 PM. **January 25 is a required meeting and class for First Communion families.** Questions? Email Janelle Rohr [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call or text her at 651-242-6004. ¿Habla español? Text Myrna, 651-285-8112.

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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 Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

### **Readings for the week of January 15, 2023**

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 14

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+William Brengman  
+Gerard Jenniges  
+Glen Opine

### Sunday, January 15

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
Carolina Gomez  
Kendrick Morrison  
Pablo Munoz

### Monday, January 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, January 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, January 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, January 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Friday, January 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Saturday, January 21

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler Sr.  
+Sherry Simpson

### Sunday, January 22

10:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Gerard Jenniges  
+Louise Rodriguez

## Calendar of Events

### Tuesday, January 17 - Friday, January 20

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

*Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.*

**No meal service on Monday, January 16.**

### Monday, January 16

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Closed

7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Tuesday, January 17

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

10:00 AM Parish Rosary Prayer

### Wednesday, January 18

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, January 19

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Friday, January 20

### Saturday, January 21

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### Sunday, January 22

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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