



# Church of St. Matthew

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men.”  
- Mt 4:19

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### **January 22, 2023** **3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Since the time of the First Vatican Council the practice in the church has been to see the leadership in the faith resting with the pope and through him with the bishops. Dioceses were seen as “branch offices” of the Vatican and bishops were the local “branch managers”, the representation of the pope.

Meanwhile voices were heard in the Church, such as the voice of Saint John Henry Newman, which insisted that the laity must be consulted in any Church decision regarding faith and/or morals.

Little, if any, attention was paid to the role of the believing community of the baptized as possessing a legitimate role in determining expressions of the Faith of the Church.

Vatican Council II refocused on the whole Church, all the baptized. The Council presented revelation, not primarily as data or doctrine, but as an event of the Divine communication of God’s very self in Jesus Christ, the visible face of God, the living Word of God. This living Word of God is offered not just to the pope and bishops, but also to the whole Christian faithful. “All the baptized are called to exercise their own ‘supernatural instincts for the faith’ “.

This “instinct” is itself a gift of the Holy Spirit. It allows ordinary believers to receive God’s Word, search its depth, and creatively apply it to their daily lives.

Pope Francis has taken this teaching and made it the center to his vision of the Church. Participation in the faith life of a parish community is not a hobby or merely a volunteer experience; it is the very heart of what it means to be a baptized Christian—to take a rightful role in the ownership of the life of the Church. We all, all of us, form the Body of Christ.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*

### FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation until 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!



**Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Randy Carpenter, Rita Eckert, Enrique Gutierrez, Paul Heitzinger, 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.*

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**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.

**FUNERAL MINISTRY:** We are looking for three to four volunteers to form a second 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.

**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).



**THANK YOU:** To our Confirmations candidates who helped to “un-decorate” the church after the Christmas season: **Claudia, Jennifer, Yari, William, Hayden, Kayson, and Brody**. We also thank these younger students, many who were siblings of Confirmation candidates – **Max, Sam, Leo, Ruby and Camryn**. Thank you the following parents who also helped – **Michelle, Angela, Shalene, Laura and Josh!**

**THANK YOU:** To **Ann** who has volunteered to help with the second team for funeral ministry.

**THANK YOU:** **Kathy S.** who has volunteered to help with the Mass response ministry at the 4:15 PM Mass filming.

**THANK YOU:** To **Kathy G.** and **Jill** who worked on the dedication plates inside the new hymnals.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

## Parish Administrator's Note

### WHERE WE WORSHIP: A HOUSE OF WELCOME

"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." (Hebrews 13:1-2)

Hospitality. It's one of the many things I've appreciated about St. Matt's since I began work here in 2021. I notice it when greeters by our entry doors offer a smile, hymnal and list of music for each Mass. Hospitality is also apparent in the way people socialize before and after Mass, and at Coffee Sunday, or when office staff and volunteers help visitors.

I could go on, but I expect you get the idea. Let us welcome everyone. Some might be angels.

### FACILITIES NOTES

I wrote last week about major facilities needs we've identified for 2023: a roof on the school's flat (north) section, and the electric panels in the church basement. When all bids come in, we might well be in the neighborhood of \$500,000 for those projects. That amount calls for prayer and planning.

Part of our planning is to work with Catholic Finance Corporation (CFC) to finance the projects. That allows us to spread costs over 10-20 years, as we did with the elevator and boilers a few years ago. It's important to take care of our buildings, so that we can continue to take care of people.

In addition to your prayers, please consider supporting 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.

### WHAT IS THIS EFT OF WHICH YOU SPEAK?

Several dozen parish supporters already contribute with regular (monthly or weekly) transfers from their bank to our bank. When I set up an EFT, I note which donations go to our general fund, to our Capital Needs Fund, or flow through to support Community of Saints School. It's entirely up to donors to choose funds, amounts and timing. 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!



## 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).

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The new ministry schedule will run from Ash Wednesday, February 22 through Sunday, May 28. Holy Week, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be written separately at a later date.

Let Mary Leibl know any weeks you **will not** be available and any dates you prefer to serve by **February 5**. If you have requests for Holy Week, you can also include that information at this time.

### HONOR A LOVED ONE

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize a loved one? Consider dedicating a new hymnal in their honor. You may choose your own wording. Suggested donation is \$20. Forms are in the back of church, on our website or call the parish office.

## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE:

On Wednesday, January 25, ONLY students who are preparing for First Communion should attend Faith Formation. All other Faith Formation students have the evening off. For those preparing for First Communion, we meet in the church from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Parents also need to attend; they will have a parent meeting in the church. Community of Saints families who have children registered for First Communion with St. Matthew this May should also attend class and the meeting on January 25 — both the students and at least one parent. **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.

## Parish Leadership

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## Parish Council Members

Zach Czaia	Anthony Minus
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Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

## Finance Council Members

Alan Christensen	John Sekevitch
John Del Vecchio	Joe Stevens
Bernie Klein	Karen Thompson
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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 22, 2023**

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

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, January 21**

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

### **Sunday, January 22**

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

### **Monday, January 23**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, January 24**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, January 25**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, January 26**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, January 27**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, January 28**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Helen Leibl  
+Herman Todd

### **Sunday, January 29**

10:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Angie Abbott  
+Mary Ann Roscoe

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, January 23 - Friday, January 27**

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes  
*Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.*

### **Monday, January 23**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 24**

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

### **Wednesday, January 25**

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 26**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
5:00 PM Finance Council Meeting  
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Friday, January 27**

### **Saturday, January 28**

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### **Sunday, January 29**

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

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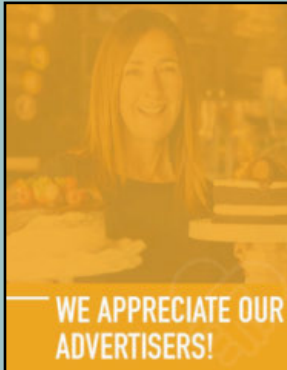
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