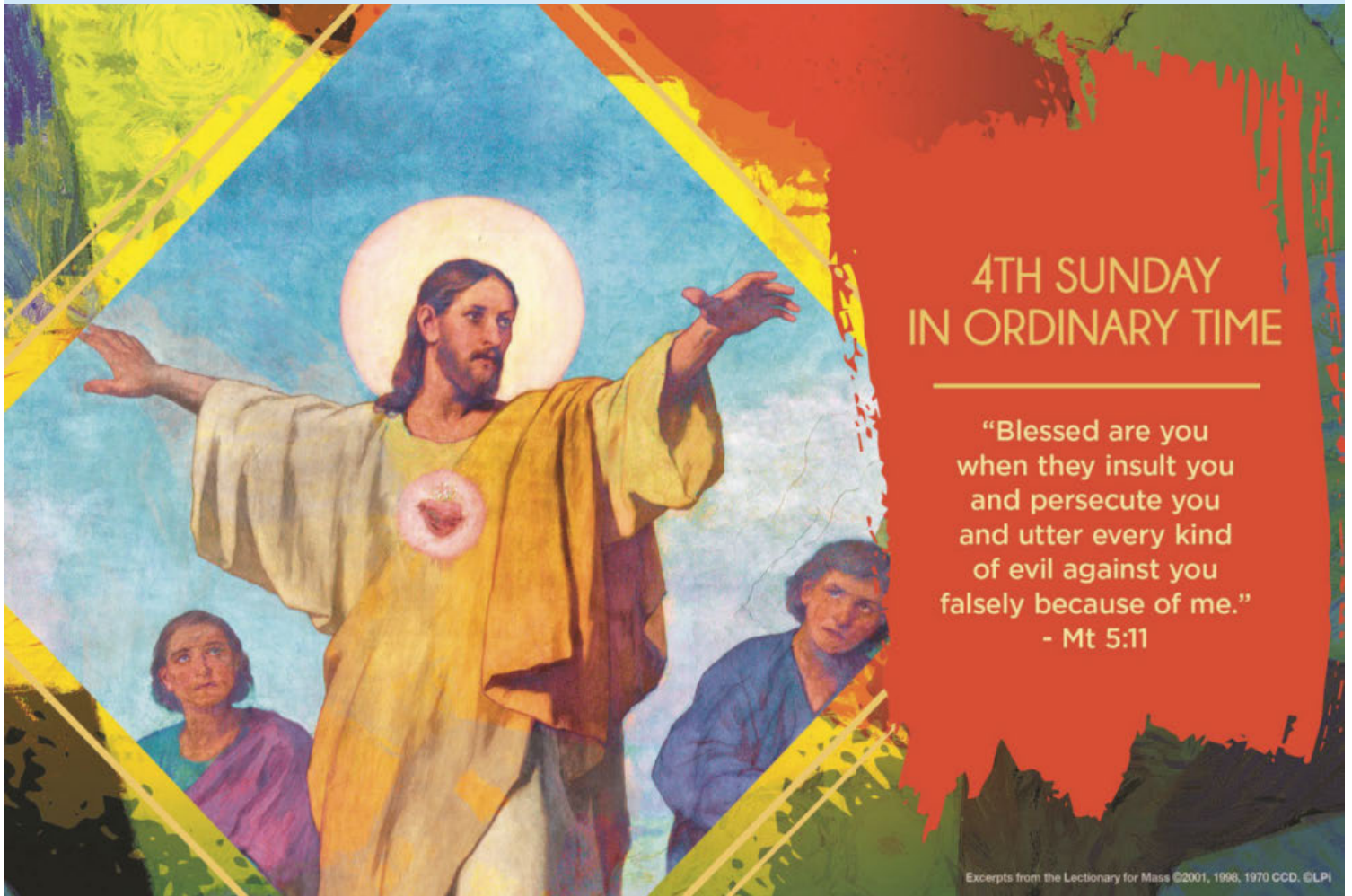




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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you
when they insult you
and persecute you
and utter every kind
of evil against you
falsely because of me.”
- Mt 5:11

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January 29, 2023 4th 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

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

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

Reflection from Father Steve

I am writing this while shut down by the Christmas freeze and blizzard. Like the shelter in place of the pandemic, being stranded because of weather is frustrating and advantageous.

Frustrating because you are stuck and cannot go where you want to go; advantageous because you have time and opportunity to do things around the house that you normally wouldn't get done. Finally, you have the chance to simply be quiet, read, reflect and pray.

It enabled me, in the middle of winter, to reflect on the difference of not merely surviving, but thriving. What's the recipe for this. What follows is a kind of examination of life I came to for myself, and I offer it to you.

Lord, what can life legitimately keep asking of me—and me of myself and of life—when there is really no demand that I obey the morning alarm clock?

Lord, encourage me to be more readily forgiving, not just of other, but myself.

Lord, help me to firm up my patience with imperfection now that it is more difficult to avoid.

Lord, remind me that those who serve me (at check-out, driving the bus, taking a restaurant order, et.) have bad days, too.

Lord, allow me a reasoned opinion without becoming opinion-bound.

Lord, remind me that you had a reason for creating things that eventually wear out.

When circumstances beyond my control force me into isolation and quiet – there is something to learn, if I have the courage to be quiet and let my heart do the talking.

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, The Karas Family, Don Leibl, Theresa Lopez, Becky Montgomery, Annamarie Moseng, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Mike Poe, Virgil Roethler, Margaret Savard, Doris Schillinger, 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 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.



THANK YOU: To **Tom Kegler, Bob Bejblik, John Del Vecchio, Bob Creamer** and **Tony Postilgione** who built and installed the new ramp in our church. A beautiful job!! This now makes our sanctuary handicap accessible.

THANK YOU: To **Corrine** who has volunteered to pray for those requests which come into our **Prayer Line**.

THANK YOU: To **members of the Men's Club** who dismantled the nativity scene in the front yard of Casa Guadalupana and removed the Christmas greenery from the entrance of the church.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

"I BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE"

Pop quiz: what comes to mind when I say, "What is St. Matt's about?" Take a moment. I'll wait.

Ready? OK, for me, several things come to mind. First, we have a strong emphasis on social justice. That's apparent when you start naming our ministries, such as Loaves & Fishes, Casa Guadalupana, St. Mary's Free Clinic, Gifted and Belonging, and AA support groups.

Another part of our identity is that "we're a Vatican II parish." Among other things, that means we take seriously the Second Vatican Council's teachings on the importance of **all** the baptized. We value everyone's participation, involvement, and engagement with our faith community. We're a volunteer parish; we expect people to contribute time, talent and treasure.

One treasure close to my heart is hospitality. It's easy to welcome our friends and neighbors. Let us also welcome the stranger.

I had the opportunity last weekend to greet one of our guest priests, Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ. I thanked him for subbing for Fr. Steve. I liked hearing his reply, "I believe in what you're doing here."

FACILITIES (AND FINANCE) NOTES

What we do here in terms of ministry depends on care for our facilities. That's why I'm grateful to our Facilities Committee members, other volunteers, and staff members. We work together to identify needs, priorities, and timing. For example, I've written about our plans this year to replace our main electric panel and the flat (north end) roof on the school building.

By the time you read this, we'll have had another meeting of our Finance Council. That's the group that helps identify ways to pay for our capital projects as well as our regular operational needs. I'm grateful to all members of the Council, especially Joe Stevens. Joe's served as chair for years, and he's recently stepped down. Thank you, Joe, for your many contributions to the Finance Council!

To all of you, thank you for your prayers, time, and financial support of St. Matt's. Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: On **Wednesday, February 1, Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 have class in the Parish Center.** Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. If your student is preparing for either Confirmation or First Communion and you have not yet turned in proof of baptism, you can do that any Wednesday evening when we have class.

News and Events

METROPOLITAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RETURNS TO ST. MATTHEW - Sunday, February 5 at 3:00 PM

The MSO and *Hip-Hop, History and the Arts* presents a special one-hour, family-friendly concert titled ***Peter and the Timberwolf***.

William Schrickel and Jinqi Zhu, conductors

Jake Enres, narrator

Members of Hip-Hop, History and The Arts, instructed by Chadwick "Miles" Phillips, performers

- Adolphus Hailstork - *Celebration!* and *Fanfare on Amazing Grace*
- Ludwig van Beethoven - *Overture to Egmont*, op.84
- Sergei Prokofieff - *Peter and the Timberwolf*, op. 67



Concert is free but donations are welcome.

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.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SCHOOL COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Catholic School. Thank you for your continued generous support!

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.

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. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



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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 29, 2023

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

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 29

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

Monday, January 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, February 2

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, February 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, February 4

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Claudette Borgan
+Glen Opine

Sunday, February 5

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Barbara Zimmer
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 30 - Friday, February 3

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

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

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, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lector Training Workshop
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, February 5

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
After Mass Confession
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online
3:00 PM Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
Concert

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