



# Church of St. Matthew

*A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love*



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

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### January 8, 2023 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

#### 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

Some have asked for a copy of the examination of conscience at the Penance Service on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is found below.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*

### Examination of Conscience

Can you set aside your need to be in control?  
Can you stop being judgmental, intolerant, and self-righteous?  
Can you let go of the grudges you have been holding onto?  
Can you be generous with your love and attention?

Are you strengthening your faith through worship?  
Are you using your talents at the service of the common good?  
Are you faithful and honest in your relationships?  
Are you honoring creation by taking good care of it?

Are you gentle with those who try your patience?  
Are you kind – not just to those you like, but to everyone?  
Are you sensitive to others' pain and suffering?  
Are you visiting the sick, comforting the grieving, giving your time to the lonely?

Do you find time each day for quiet prayer?  
Do you slow down and really listen to others?  
Do you hold back the inclination to continuously be busy about something?  
Do you stop yourself from wanting to have the last word?

Are you a sign of hope and joy for others?  
Are you willing to forgive as well as ask for forgiveness?  
Are you grateful?

### FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation from January 9 to February 7, 2023. Fr. Leo Schneider and Fr. Matthew Linn 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*

**PRAYER LINE:** We are looking for volunteers who are willing to pray for 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.

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

**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).



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Thank you to **Ellen Schneider** who has 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**. We also thank our Faith Formation Director, **Janelle Rohr**, who has offered her guidance and expertise in the re-launch of this popular parish ministry!

**PERIMETER LIGHTS:** Thank you to the Faith Formation students and their families who helped set up and take down the Perimeter Candles for Christmas and New Year's Masses: **Hayden John, Elyse John, Merlin John, Jennifer Bazan, Salvador, Gina and Jackie Salazar, Julius Valentine, Myrna Beltren and Sylvia Valentine**.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:** Thank you to **Fr. Adrian, Jill Kilzer, Phil Grant**, Musicians, Cantors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Gift Bearers and Volunteers who set up the Christmas decorations, arranged and cared for all the plants and Christmas flowers, and kept the Church clean and inviting for our Christmas guests. Last but not least, thank you to the **406** parishioners and friends who worshipped with us at the two Christmas Masses and the **177** guests who joined us during the New Year's weekend!

### WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on January 13, 2023 for **Virgil and Donna Roethler's 74th 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.

## Parish Administrator's Note

### WHERE WE WORSHIP

I was delighted to see so many people at Mass during the Christmas season! I like the feeling of solidarity with fellow believers. We're strengthened by everyone's presence.

It also helped that our church building, where we worship together, was wonderfully beautiful during the past few weeks. Many thanks to all those who decorated the church for the season--especially Mary and Bob Bejblik. Thanks also to our younger volunteers from our parish Faith Formation program, coordinated by Janelle Rohr.

### 2023 – IT'S AN ODD YEAR

- Retired Pope Benedict recently died. It was very unusual for a pope to retire, yet Benedict did so. May he rest in peace.
- Pope Francis continues to promote *synodality*, the church's term for a process that emphasizes **listening to everyone** in our Roman Catholic church. I think that's a very healthy approach to facing today's challenges. It reflects the thinking of the Second Vatican Council, which called for increased engagement with and by the laity.
- Locally, Archbishop Hebda has asked all parishes to continue participating in our archdiocesan synod process. That means continued opportunities to ask questions, listen, and respond to local challenges. Let's do that.
- Very locally: we're a volunteer parish, led almost entirely by lay people. We're fortunate at St. Matt's to have many volunteers engaged in multiple ministries, councils and projects. Let us pray that even more volunteers come forward this year. (Maybe you're one of them?)
- It's far easier to see in hindsight what the Holy Spirit is doing among us. Still, I feel like there's an emerging pattern, a pattern that emphasizes a form of church with extensive lay leadership. That's an opportunity. It's also a challenge.
- I wonder, what lies ahead for us in 2023? This is St. Matt's, so I expect a great New Year!

Have a great week!

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**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, Annamarie Moseng, Eileen Norton, 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.*

## 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!



## News and Events

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY STARTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Young children who attend the Sunday Mass with their family are invited to the chapel during Mass to hear the Gospel and do crafts and activities related to the Gospel, led by a catechist. They are returned to the main church shortly after the homily.

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is this **Sunday, January 8 after the 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. Coffee Sunday is on the second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

### NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. A basket is located by the entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. **During the month of December, St. Matthew donated 124 pounds of food.** On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

### THE TREASURE WITHIN OUR TEARS: Reflections on Grief, Hope & Resurrection

by William C. Wacker  
Written by a local author, some of our staff found this book to be helpful when dealing with grief and loss. If you are interested in purchasing this book (\$10), contact **Matt Wacker at 651-324-6308.**

*You will be able to pick it up in the Parish Center during normal business hours.*

## Faith Formation News

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME:** Students in grades K to 10 who attend public school have Faith Formation class this Wednesday, January 11. 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. All classes on January 11 are held in the Parish Center. Students in grades K to 10 also have class on January 18 in the Parish Center.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** On Wednesday, January 18, Community of Saints 8th graders and Faith Formation students in grades 8 to 10 attend class in the St. Matthew Parish Center from 6:45 to 7:50 PM.

**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.

## Parish Leadership

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Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

## Finance Council Members

Alan Christensen	John Sekevitch
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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 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 7

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis  
+Margaret Gentle  
+Elaine Pesek  
+Barbara Rau

### Sunday, January 8

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Sherry Simpson  
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

### Monday, January 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, January 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, January 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Friday, January 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Saturday, January 14

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

### Sunday, January 15

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

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, January 9 - Friday, January 13

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

### Monday, January 9

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

### Tuesday, January 10

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, January 11

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 12

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

### Friday, January 13

### Saturday, January 14

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### Sunday, January 15

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)  
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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