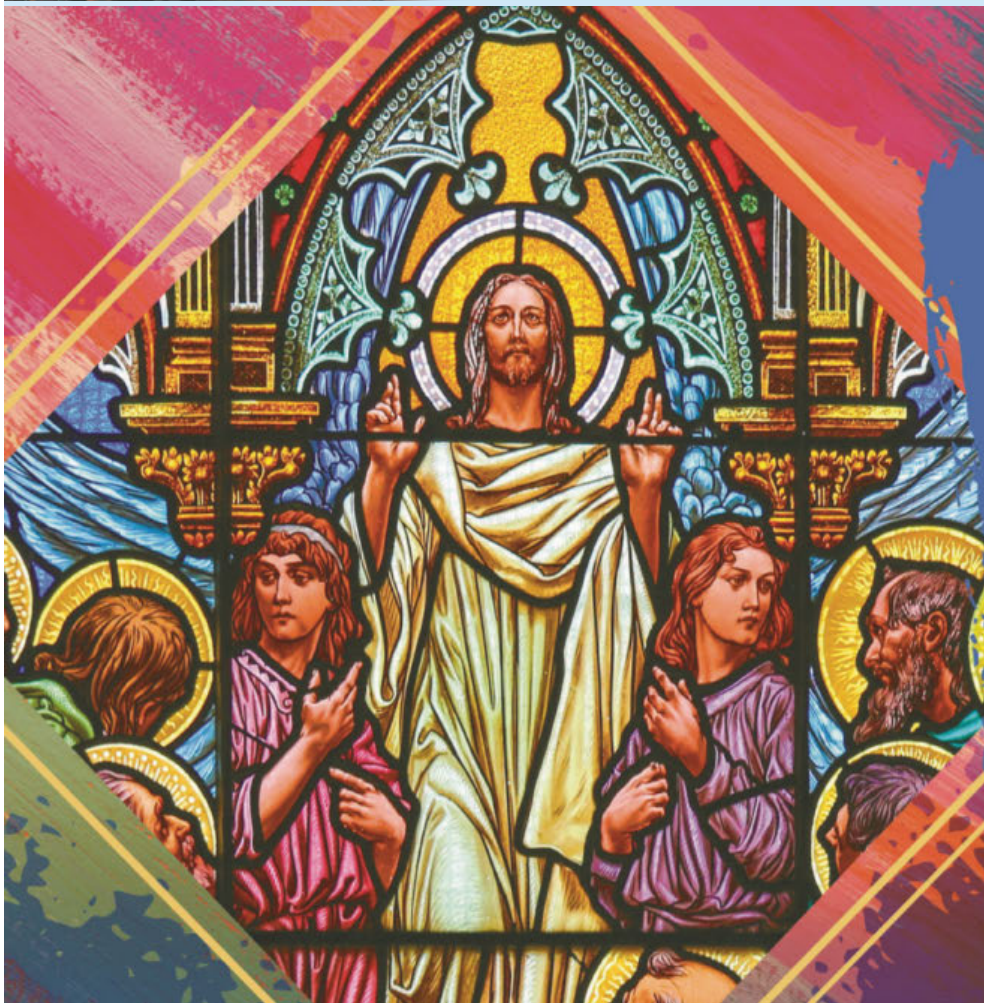




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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

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February 12, 2023 **6th 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

Continuing from last week: The second paragraph of the Introduction of the Vatican II teaching on the Liturgy focuses on the Eucharist – our weekly gathering at the altar. Once again, my comments are found in the italic script.

Fr. Steve

For the Liturgy, “through which the work of our redemption is accomplished”, most of all in the Divine Sacrifice of the Eucharist, is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church.

Our Sunday liturgy is to both express who we are and witness to others the nature of the Church. In the Eucharist is found the apex or summit of all of Christian life. The Church is most the Church in the celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

It is of the essence of the Church that she be both human and divine, visible and yet invisibly equipped, eager to act and yet intent on contemplation, present in this world and yet not at home in it; and she is all these things in such wise that in her the human is directed and to the divine, the visible likewise to the invisible, action to contemplation, and this present world to that City yet to come, which we seek.

To be a member of the Church I must have my feet in two worlds and while I use well the things of this earth I seek and love the things of Heaven. The Mass doesn't end with the final hymn; the Mass moves out with each of us into our daily world and through us, and our work, the world is sanctified.

While the Liturgy daily builds up those who are within into a Holy Temple of the Lord, into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ, at the same time it marvelously strengthens their power to preach Christ, and thus shows forth the Church to those who are outside as a sign lifted up among the nations under which the scattered children of God may be gathered together, until there is one sheepfold and one Shepherd.

The concluding rite of the of the Sunday liturgy impels us as missionaries, as ambassadors to carry the truth of the love and mercy of God in all that we do and all that we say – the purpose of which is that the world might believe the truth of Jesus Christ. I am challenged to get the concluding rite right.

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. This ministry is done from your home and at your convenience. There is strength in numbers! Can you devote some time during the day to pray for those in need? If so, please 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 with the assembly. Online Mass participants only hear the responses if they are said into a microphone. You could do this ministry from your favorite chair in the congregation, using a portable mic. This mic can be clipped to your collar or lapel and be very inconspicuous! Your assistance will help our online viewers to participate more completely in the Masses. We only need one Mass response minister each week but would like enough volunteers to share the ministry. Please contact the parish office or jillkilzer@st-matts.org.



FUNERAL MINISTRY: Thank you to **Sandy O.** who has volunteered to not only help with funeral luncheons, but to also help as a funeral sacristan. We now have two teams available to serve as sacristans at funerals. This will help us to better serve those who are dealing with the death of a family member or friend.

LENTEN MAILING: Thank you to **Chris W., Chris M., Linda, Angela, Mary,** and **Phil** who prepared the Lenten Mailing.

METROPOLITAN SYMPHONY: Thank you to all who helped prepare the church for the concert last weekend by moving furniture out of the sanctuary before the concert and returning them when the concert ended. Thank you to the Rosary Society who provided refreshments after the concert.

ELECTRIC PANEL VIDEO: If you haven't already viewed the video explaining the urgent need we have to replace the main electric panel, please go to the St. Matts website and watch the video. It will help everyone to understand how important our parish is, not just for parishioners, but also for the larger neighborhood community. We hope many will want to contribute. **We thank all people who have ever had St. Matts in their lives for making this video possible.**

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 rang on February 1, 2023 for **Steven Grundei's** birthday.

The Bells of St. Matthew rang on February 9, 2023 in memory of **Louise Rodriguez's** birthday.

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

ISAIAH'S WORDS FOR ST. MATT'S

Who else noticed how the Prophet Isaiah's words last weekend (58:7-10) were a remarkable survey of our parish missions? I mean, c'mon:

- Share your bread with the hungry (Loaves & Fishes; Food Shelf)
- Shelter the oppressed and the homeless (Casa Guadalupana)
- Clothe the naked (Isaac's Blessing Bags)
- Do not turn your back on your own (Mutual support, prayer, Faith Formation, St. Mary's Clinic, AA, GAB)

I first noticed these words on Saturday morning (Feb. 4), at our Lector Training Workshop. Then, at the 4:15 p.m. Mass, guest presider Fr. Leo Schneider highlighted this reading. I appreciated his reminder that in all we do, we're more than just social workers. Yes, we engage with the world. And, we also sit with Jesus.

Think of the classic Martha & Mary story. Martha's engaged, practical, getting things done. Mary. Just. Sat. There. With. Jesus.

Our overall parish mission is to be a visible expression of God's love. We do that like Martha very well. How well are we being like Mary?

When we're really busy, we probably need to take more time to sit with Jesus. Let's use Lent as an opportunity for more of that Jesus seat time.

STEWARDSHIP

Invoking practical Martha, here's an update on stewardship activities. That is, how responsible are we being in the service of God?

- Every month, our Finance Council reviews our financial reports. We continue to be on track for a balanced **operational** budget for the current fiscal year.
 - Members of the Finance Council and Facilities Committee are researching two major **capital** projects for 2023: (a) replacement of our main electric panel in the church; and (b) the possibilities of a solar panel installation combined with roof replacement on the school's flat roof.
 - To help finance these major projects, please contribute what you can to our **Capital Needs Fund**. Our regular, operational budget, is insufficient.
 - To support our most pressing capital need—the electric box, or e-box—volunteers have created a video. Check it out on our website: <https://st-matts.org/ebox/>
- Many thanks to John Del Vecchio, Richard Schletty, and all those who made the video.

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

Phil Grant

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February 22, 2023
8:00 AM (in-person and online)
7:00 PM (in-person)



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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, 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

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is this Sunday, **February 12, 2023**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. Coffee Sunday is held on the second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!



ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting, which is **Tuesday, February 14 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM** in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. Come and enjoy as we celebrate Valentine's Day by sharing memories, playing games and enjoying refreshments. You do not need to be a member to attend the meetings.

GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING

The next Gifted and Belonging meeting is **Sunday, February 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** in the St. Matthew Social Hall. Gifted and Belonging aims to provide Catholic fellowship for young adults with disabilities, seen and unseen. For more information, contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

ST. MATT'S 34TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

Mark your calendar for The Fish Fry Fridays, **February 24 - April 7 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM**. Both dine-in and curbside pick-up options will be available.



To make this year's Fish Fry a success, we need your help! Contact **Tim Nowak** (timothy.nowak@usfamily.net) to find out how you can help. Thank you for your support!

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 have class on Wednesday, February 15, in the Parish Center. Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. Parents, please note that on February 22, we meet in the church at 6:45 PM and have Ash Wednesday Mass that evening. Students sit with their family for the Ash Wednesday Mass; parents, plan to attend Mass on February 22 with your Faith Formation student.

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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 February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1
Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk
8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and
9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk
8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
(8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-4

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 11

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+Dorinda Martineau
Tina Saucedo Baker, Special Intention

Sunday, February 12

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerard Jenniges
+Joe Savard

Monday, February 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, February 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, February 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, February 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Mary Ann Roscoe
Peter Rivera, Special Intention

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 13 - Friday, February 17

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

Monday, February 13

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

Tuesday, February 14

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting

Wednesday, February 15

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, February 16

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

Friday, February 17

Saturday, February 18

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, February 19

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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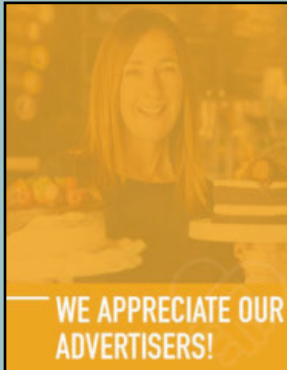
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