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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.” Mt 5:39

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February 19, 2023 7th 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

This Wednesday, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the Season of Lent 2023.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy is at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Lent is the annual opportunity for each of us to look at our Christian lives; and make some adjustments in our religious practice or attitudes.

Mostly the season is the annual time to remember that our love of God is found only in our love of neighbor. We are called to see the face of Christ in our neighbor, co-worker, or family member – not always an easy thing to do.

We are asked to see the social sin around us that so often is neglected or avoided because I do not know what to do or I am afraid of what might be asked of me. When I think of the social sin that plays out in my world I feel I can't do anything about it – I can't solve it; my involvement doesn't make a difference.

Maybe this Lent I can be careful about how I treat the earth, our home – compost rather than throwing in the garbage, recycle paper and cans and glass; be aware of the inbred racism that is part of our national life and has been from the beginning; be more aware of the tens of millions of refugees – driven from their homes by war, famine or political oppression. Get to know some of the asylum seekers who live at Casa Guadalupana.

The challenges can be overwhelming. Remember, you can't do everything, but you can do something; and if we all do something that overwhelming challenge does not seem so impossible.

Fr. Steve Adrian



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**. 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.

GREETERS: St. Matthews parish seeks additional "greeters", for Sunday Masses. We welcome people who are able to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew are all that is needed. To help, contact: jillkilzer@st-matts.org, mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

THANK YOU: To the **250 people** who attended our Masses last weekend. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian**, who through his homilies, helps us to see how the readings pertain to our own lives. To our Saturday and Sunday pianist **Jill** with trumpeter **Phil** and guitarist **Chris** on Saturday. Our cantors **Kathy** on Saturday and **Amanda** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Ellen** on Saturday and **Miles** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Karen, Mary, Ann, and Tim** on Saturday; **Ginny, Jerold and Maggie** on Sunday. To the **Garvey Family** who brought up the gifts on Sunday. To ushers **Tim, Mark, and Scott** on Saturday; **Ginny and Steve** on Sunday. To greeters **Chris and Doris** on Saturday; **Nataly** on Sunday. To sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Ginny and Kathy** on Sunday.

THANK YOU: To **Kathy**, who last Saturday began our **Response Ministry** for the filming of the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass. This is a wonderful addition to the online Mass. Now those watching can hear the responses that we say during the Mass.

THANK YOU: To **Tim, Dave, Mary, Ginny, Debbie, and Denise** who took the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit February 25-March 3, 2023 for **Donna Roethler'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

CHURCH

What comes to mind when you hear the word, "church"?

When I was a child, I'd think of the Catholic church building where I attended Mass. Years later, with the benefit of theology courses at St. Thomas, I learned the word *church* could refer to more than a building.

Indeed, *church* can refer to an institution or to a community, among other possibilities. How we refer to *church*—how we think about church—influences our planning, budgeting and ministries.

When I think of our church as a community, I tend to think of people's names and faces. I offer support to other people, and I feel supported. I don't think about money.

When I think of our church as an institution, I think of an organization that spans millennia and the world. It was here before me; it will be here after me. I think about money, budgets, and facilities.

At our local level, we're working to assure our branch—St. Matt's—can continue to minister to our community. That takes resources: time, talent and treasure.

As Lent begins this week, take a look at the video on our website. Use the video to review our history. See how you can help St. Matt's sustain its ministries into the future. If we all do something, we can meet our challenges.

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION METHODS

As part of our Lenten fundraising effort, we're using DonorBox to support our #1 project this year: replacing the old electric panel in the church. It's designed to make it easy to give. It's also time-limited, ending at Easter.

The monthly Capital Needs envelopes are another contribution method. They're in the bi-monthly envelope packets and at the back of the church.

We've used EFTs (Electronic Funds Transfers) for years, primarily for operational needs. We're also starting to use that method for Capital Needs. Indeed, someone recently made my day when he switched from PayPal to EFT. In the EFT system, you can designate a portion for Capital Needs or Community of Saints, in addition to regular contributions. (Fees for EFTs are less than for PayPal.) Call or email me for more information.

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, Carol Mike, 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

COMMUNITY ROSARY CANCELED FOR FEBRUARY 21

Due to our very snowy winter with unpredictable driving conditions, the Rosary Society is canceling our February 21 community rosary, originally scheduled for 10:00 AM in the Parish Center Lower Level. Please watch the bulletin for future dates, times and locations, and consider praying the rosary with us in the future!

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!



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Next weekend is our commitment weekend for the Catholic Services Appeal. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal supports an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church. Please prayerfully consider making a gift that will impact the lives of so many people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis through your generosity. To learn more about the Catholic Services Appeal, please visit the CSAF website: csafspm.org.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION ON ASH WEDNESDAY: Instead of class in the Parish Center, **on February 22 all Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 should gather at 6:45 PM in church** for Ash Wednesday Mass. Students will sit with their families, so parents and guardians, please plan to attend the Mass.

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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 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1
Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2
Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see
3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

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

Monday, February 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 AM Mass
Our Parish
7:00 PM Mass
Our Parish

Thursday, February 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, February 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, February 25

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Arthur Geis

Sunday, February 26

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Cindy Michlitsch

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 20 - Thursday, February 23

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

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Mass (in-person and online)
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass (in-person)

Thursday, February 23

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, February 24

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday, February 25

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

Sunday, February 26

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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