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FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

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**February 26, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

### 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

In January I was encouraged to write something about what I am reading. Reading has been a significant part of my life since childhood. As an elementary school child I begged my dad to take me with him when he went downtown on Saturday mornings to do some business; I asked him to drop me off at the main library and then pick me up when he was finished. There was a section on the lower level of the library "The Children's Room". It did not take long for me to decide that I wanted something more challenging than what this room provided. The next room was called "The Skinner Room". It had books that high school age students would find interesting and exciting. That's where I wanted to go, and that is where this 10-year old boy would hang out on Saturday mornings.

I have been reading two mystery novels set in northern Wisconsin; Figure Eight and Spider Lake; both written by a new author, Jeff Nania.

I like history and in January I read two works by John T. McGreey, retired history professor from Notre Dame: Catholicism and American Freedom and Catholicism – French Revolution to the Papacy of Francis.

A new biography of Dorothy Day was shared with me and I found it insightful. The author D. L. Mayfield is a non-Catholic woman who discovered Dorothy's writings; her reading of Dorothy changed her life. The book: Unruly Saint: Dorothy Day's Radical Vision and its Challenge for Our Times.

I encourage you to read, and read widely. Maybe read authors who wrote when they were your present age, see of the author saw the meaning of life in the way you do.

Fr. Steve Adrian



**Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Randy Carpenter, Rita Eckert, Enrique Gutierrez, The Karas Family, 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.*



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

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.

## 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 Leibl** or 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 **Jill Kilzer**.

**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.

**OFFERTORY:** Would you like to carry the bread and wine forward at the offertory? We are looking for volunteers for both the Saturday and the Sunday Masses. If interested, please call the parish office and leave your name and Mass time.

**THANK YOU:** To **Corrine** and **Josie** who are serving as volunteer receptionists during February and March.

**THANK YOU:** To the **212** 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 pianist **Brian** and guitarist **Chris** on Saturday; pianist **Jill** accompanied by **Phil** and **Keith** Sunday. Cantors **Andy** on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Marie** on Saturday and **Pat** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Wanda, Kathy, Josie, and Tim** on Saturday; **Janelle, Linda and Joe** on Sunday. To **Christina** and **Orlando** who brought up the gifts on Sunday. To ushers **Tim, Karen, and Scott** on Saturday; **Ginny and Steve** on Sunday. To greeters **Chris, Tim and Doris** on Saturday. To sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Ginny and Kathy** on Sunday.

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

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
**mleibl@st-matts.org**

## Parish Administrator's Note

### MINISTRY OF LECTOR

Earlier this month, we offered a lector workshop, led by Moya McGinn-Matthews of Christ the King parish in Minneapolis. The workshop was for all lectors, as well as for those interested in becoming a lector.

The workshop went well. The 14 participants reflected on what it means to be "Proclaimers of the Word". Moya then reviewed how to prepare for this important ministry, as well as how to approach, stand and read at the microphone. Brave volunteers served as examples, and I was impressed by the high quality of our lectors.

Lectors are a critical ministry in our worship. Quoting Fr. Steve, "When the Word is proclaimed in our assembly, there's sacramental power. The Holy Spirit is present." Those are good reasons to review and improve lector skills!

I expect our next lector workshop will be in the fall. Might you be called to this ministry? If so, let Jill Kilzer know.

### FACILITIES

I have good news and bad news. Let's start with the bad: the school building's elevator shaft leaked on February 14, due to the heavy rains and melting snow that day. Yikes! Water and electrical components aren't a good mix.

The good news is that we were able to get our elevator tech in right away. He shut down the elevator, for safety reasons. Safety is good. It's a colossal difficulty for the school, however. Several students rely on the elevator to get to their classes and the gym.

It was also good that we were able to get roofers in right away. They patched a large area around the elevator. This past week's snow will test that patch job. If all goes well, and the patch holds, we can restore the elevator to service relatively soon.

It was good to learn that our insurance company (Catholic Mutual) will likely cover most of the cost of elevator repairs. Unfortunately, we have to pay for the roof repairs.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To request an annual contribution statement for 2022, call the parish office or email Angela. (According to the IRS, it is the donor's responsibility to ask for such statements.)

These annual contribution statements differ from the contribution acknowledgments we routinely send out for any single contribution over \$250.00. These can happen at any point in the year.

Regardless of how or when you contribute, thank you! We could not sustain our service to our community without your generous support.

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



## News and Events

### SATURDAY MORNINGS WITH FR. STEVE ADRIAN

During this year's Lenten season, Fr. Steve will present a three part series on the Acts of the Apostles. The New Testament readings for weekend Masses during the Easter Season are all taken from the Acts of the Apostles. These three talks will take place on Saturday, **March 11, 18 and 25 at 9:30 AM** in the Church. Light refreshments will be provided. This Lenten activity is sponsored by the Rosary Society and Liturgy Committee.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be on **all Mondays during Lent at 7:00 PM**, led by Anthony Minus. You can also view anytime on St. Matthew's YouTube channel.



### ST. MATT'S 34TH ANNUAL FISH FRY



The Fish Fry Fridays has returned! Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

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

Today we come together as a community of faith to generously give to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your gift 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. With your gift, you are making Jesus known and loved to people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Our goal is 100% participation. Please complete and return your pledge card or make a secure gift online at Give CSAF - Catholic Services Appeals Foundation ([csafspm.org](http://csafspm.org)).

### 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 the church or call the parish office.

## Faith Formation News

**FAITH FORMATION IN EARLY MARCH:** On March 1, Faith Formation students in grades K to 7 have class in the Parish Center starting at 6:30 PM. Faith Formation students in grades 8 to 10 have class in the Parish Center starting at 6:45 PM. On March 8, students have class, and for part of the evening, Fr. Steve will hear confessions from students in the church. Faith Formation parents and family members are also welcome to go to confession on March 8.

## Parish Leadership

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## Finance Council Members

Alan Christensen	John Sekevitch
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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 26, 2023**

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-  
8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm  
1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, February 25**

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

### **Sunday, February 26**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Cindy Michlitsch

### **Monday, February 27**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, February 28**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, March 1**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, March 2**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, March 3**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, March 4**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Gerard Jenniges  
+Leo Kegler  
+Dorinda Martineau

### **Sunday, March 5**

10:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Aurora Hernandez  
+Glen Opine

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, February 27 - Thursday, March 2**

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

### **Monday, February 27**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 28**

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

### **Wednesday, March 1**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting  
6:30 PM Faith Formation

### **Thursday, March 2**

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

### **Friday, March 3**

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

### **Saturday, March 4**

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### **Sunday, March 5**

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

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