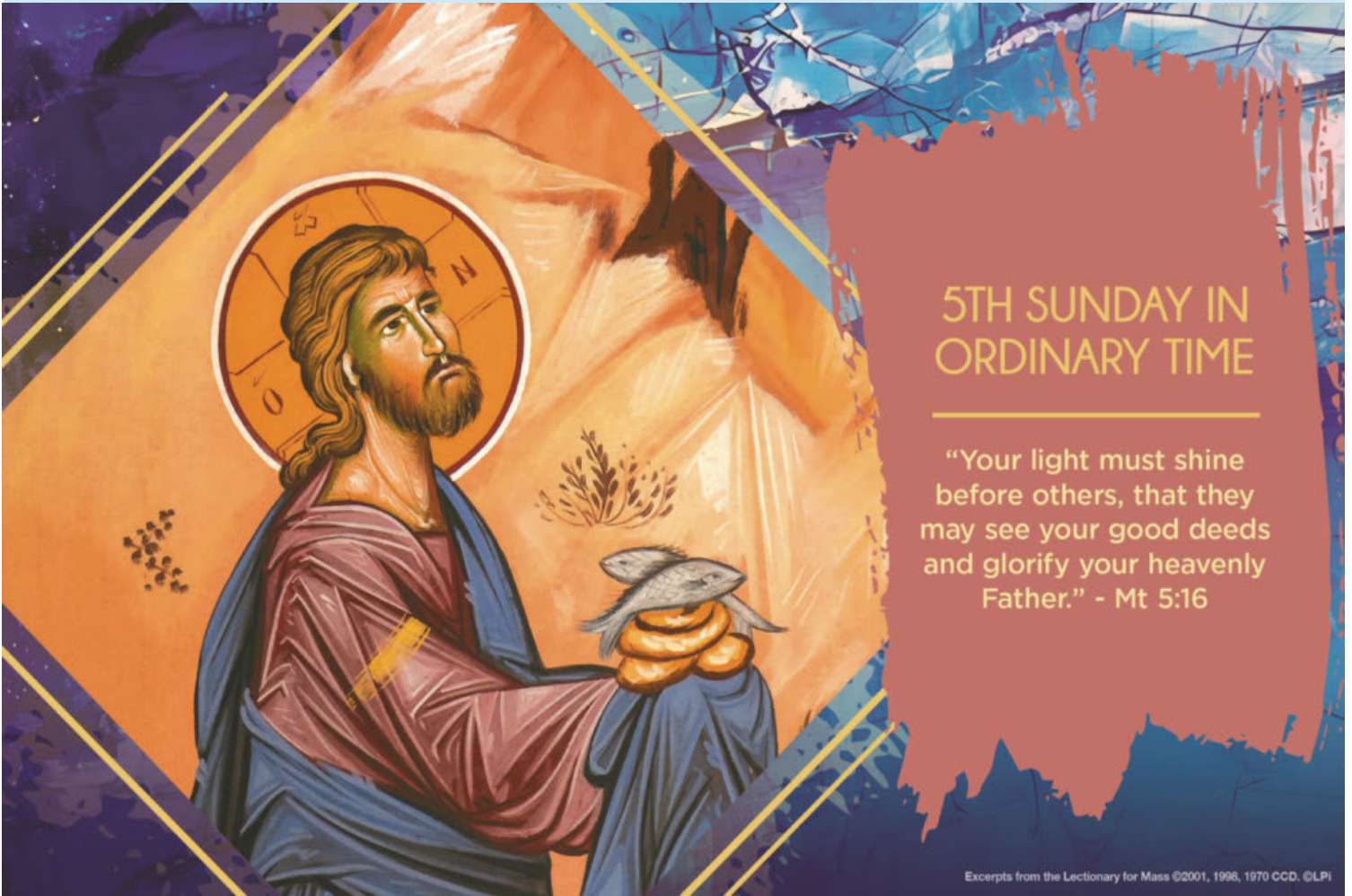




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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:16

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February 5, 2023 5th 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

As we approach the Season of Lent and strive more fully to enter into the celebration of the Eucharist, in which the very presence of the death and resurrection of the Lord is found, it seems an appropriate time to reflect on the principals found in the introduction of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II. This is the first of two weeks reflection. I have written little statements in between the text of the Council. My remarks are in italic script.

Fr. Steve Adrian

*Sacrosanctum Concilium – Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy – Second Vatican Council
Promulgated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI On December 4, 1963*

INTRODUCTION

This Sacred Council has several aims in view:

These four objectives are the focus of the whole Council. We have here an outline of the Council's work.

it desires to impart an ever increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful; grow deeper in our faith;
The first aim of the Council is internal—that you and I grow in our Christian lives.

to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change;
The second aim is to reform the structures of the Church.

to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ;
The third aim is to foster ecumenical union of all Christian churches. Notice: Here, for the first time, Rome refers to Protestant communities as “churches” and not “sects” or “our separated brethren.”

to strengthen whatever can help to call all humanity into the household of the Church.
The fourth aim is to embark on a strong evangelism effort through out the world. The implication being that the Church is eager to adapt to the cultures and traditions other than European and American.

The Council therefore sees particularly cogent reasons for undertaking the reform and promotion of the Liturgy.
The Council affirms that the primary means to achieve these aims is through a reformed liturgy.

FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation until February 7, 2023. We thank Fr. Leo Schneider, Fr. Matthew Linn, and Fr. Joseph Bambenek who substituted for Fr. Adrian during his time away.

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!



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.

FUNERAL MINISTRY: We are looking for one more volunteer 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**.

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**.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: A volunteer is needed to take communion to a parishioner after **either the Saturday or Sunday Mass**. She lives less than one mile from the church. If you are able to bring the Eucharist to her, please contact **Mary at mleibl@stmatts.org**.



FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: Thank you to the volunteers who faithfully come to serve the funeral luncheons in our parish. You offer a necessary and appreciated service to those in our parish who are having a funeral for a family member. You live out the Corporal Work of Mercy – To Bury the Dead! Families and guests often express their gratitude and comment on the professionalism shown by our volunteers!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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

Parish Administrator's Note

PARISH COUNCIL

At our January 26 Parish Council meeting, someone suggested we start putting Capital Needs donation envelopes in the back of the church. I think that's a good idea. (Not everyone receives the bi-monthly envelope packet, which includes Capital Needs envelopes.) We're planning some major capital projects this year, such as replacement of the main electric panel and roof work on the school building. To pay for them, we'll need a combination of **fundraising** and **financing** tools.

One **fundraising tool** is the envelope system. We're also planning on online effort—more on that in a few weeks. Finance Council members are aware, involved, and helping with financial planning and fundraising.

As for **financing** tools, we have an excellent partner in Catholic Finance Corporation (CFC). Their expertise will enable us to take out a line of credit. That will help us take care of urgent problems—and we'll save money over the long term. Financing can also spread costs over 10-20 years, as opposed to a capital campaign in a given one- to three-year period.

In sum, we want your help with capital needs. In order to take care of people, we have to take care of our buildings.

As an alternative to using envelopes, please consider setting up a monthly Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Many parishioners already use EFTs for operational support. More recently, some donors have added a Capital Needs component to their online giving. Call or email me for more information about EFTs.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like an annual contribution statement for 2022, call the parish office or email Angela. We send these statements out upon request. (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.

Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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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, 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.*

News and Events

COFFEE SUNDAY



Our next Coffee Sunday is **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!

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!



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

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: On Wednesday, February 8, 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR COS 8TH GRADERS: Community of Saints 8th graders who have registered to be confirmed with the Church of St. Matthew have their monthly class this Wednesday, February 8, from 6:45 to 7:50 PM in the Parish Center. COS Confirmation candidates needing extra service projects can help with Coffee Sunday the morning of February 12 and help with the Fish Fry late afternoon and evening on February 24.

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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 5, 2023

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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4

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

Sunday, February 5

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

Monday, February 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, February 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, February 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 6 - Friday, February 10

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

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

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 9

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

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
After Mass Coffee Sunday
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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