



Church of St. Matthew

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."
- Mt 21:5*

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April 2, 2023 *Palm Sunday of the Passion 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

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 is the week called "Holy" in which we observe, as the ancients said, "The days of Awe."

Today we begin with Palm Sunday, or as it is now called, the Second Sunday of the Passion. The central piece of this celebration is the commemoration of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord according to Matthew. Worshipers take pieces of palm home and display them as a way of saying through out the year "in this house Jesus is King and Lord."

Thursday, Holy Thursday, is the solemn celebration of the supper of the Lord.

Friday, Good Friday, the Church with reverence recalls the death of the Lord. The Passion of the Lord according to John and the solemn prayers for the needs of the world comprise the Word Service. We are called to physically reverence the wood of the cross. It is not the crucifix that is revered, it is the wood of the cross.

Saturday, Holy Saturday is the Great Vigil. We are told the story of God's work in human history and the promise of the Covenant. We renew our own baptism, that sacrament by which we became incorporated into the Body of Christ. We celebrate the Easter Eucharist in which we proclaim: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

As Easter Sunday dawns the earth is alive and blanketed with the mercy of God, poured out in Jesus His Son.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) in the Chapel during Holy Week:

- Saturday, April 1st following the 4:15 pm Mass
- Sunday, April 2nd following the 10:15 am Mass
- Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 4th at 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm

Fr. Steve Adrian



Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Sue Ann Meisinger Brown, Rita Eckert, The Karas Family, Sharon Knops, Carol Mike, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, Mike Poe, Virgil Roethler, Alice Schletty, Mary Lou Shields, 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.*

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. If you can you devote some time to pray for those in need, please contact **Mary Leibl** or the parish office.



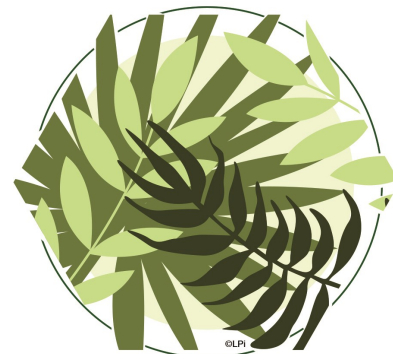
THANK YOU: To all who attended our Friday Lenten Fish Fry. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food and sell tickets. To the youth who delivered orders to the kitchen and then delivered meals to tables and cars in the "pick-up" line. The meals were delicious, and the service was excellent! Fish Frys are every Friday during Lent, 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Dine In or Take Out!

THANK YOU: To **all** 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 music ministers who played and sang on Saturday and Sunday. We thank **Kathy** who did welcome on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. Lectors **Tim** on Saturday and **Pat** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Jeanne, Tim, Josie** and **Kathy** on Saturday; **Becky, Janelle** and **Paul** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Scott** and **Dave** on Saturday; **Ginny** and **Steve** on Sunday. To greeters **Chris** and **Doris** on Saturday; **Josiah** on Sunday. To sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Ginny** and **Kathy** on Sunday.

THANK YOU: To **Becky** and **Suzanne** who coordinate the funeral luncheons and a HUGE thank you to all the **women and men who volunteer** to serve at these luncheons. The service you provide to families in their time of grief is immeasurable!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

SCHOOL ELEVATOR UPDATE

Because of a roof leak, the elevator in the school building was damaged by water in February. It's been shut down ever since.

I recently met with the St. Paul City Elevator Inspector, a maintenance supervisor from All City Elevator, and our insurance liaison, John Peterson. (John works for Catholic Mutual, our insurance company.)

The good news is that the emergency roof patch has held through the past few weeks of rainy, snowy weather. That gave us the confidence to proceed with the inspection meeting.

Guided by the inspector, All City Elevator folks are ordering parts. Once they arrive, the repairs can be scheduled. They think it'll be 4-6 weeks until the elevator's back in service.

John from Catholic Mutual said that the repairs are covered by our insurance policy, less our \$1000 deductible. That's good news, as repairs could easily run into five figures.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND US

I find it useful to distinguish *technical challenges* from *adaptive challenges*. Technical challenges can be complicated—elevator repair, anyone?—and yet they're often pretty straightforward. Find technically skilled people and put them to work.

By contrast, adaptive challenges involve learning. Answers are unclear at first. In fact, even the questions can be unclear. A lot of patience and listening are usually required.

As I listened to Fr. Steve's recent talks on the *Acts of the Apostles*, I kept thinking of this distinction. Members of the early church had a lot of learning to do. What aspects of Jewish life, belief and worship should be retained? What should be changed? And what do we do with Gentile converts?

Fast forward to the early 1960s and the Second Vatican Council. That council emphasized that "People of God" refers to all of us. In other words, the Council reaffirmed what the book of *Acts* records: Jesus wants us to go out to the world.

I'm going to have to keep thinking about how we do that at St. Matt's. What do you think? What might our parish do to adapt to current and probable future realities in our world?

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

Phil Grant

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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.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION SPRING BREAK: Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 do NOT have class on Wednesday, April 5, due to spring break in the local school district. Classes resume in the St. Matthew Parish Center on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 PM for public school students in Grades K to 7 and at 6:45 PM for public school students in grades 8 to 10.

CONFIRMATION THIS MONTH: St. Matthew Confirmation candidates have three weeks left to prepare for the sacrament, which will be celebrated on April 23 at 2:00 PM in the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Confirmation candidates, sponsors, and families should come to **St. Matthew at 4:00 PM on April 15** for Mass and a meeting after Mass in Church. Then on **April 19** all Confirmation candidates (Faith Formation and Community of Saints students) have their final **class in the St. Matthew Parish Center from 6:45 PM until 7:50 PM**. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to enter more fully into the life of our church.

News and Events

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In-person Children's Liturgy will not take place on Easter Sunday, April 9 at the 10:15 AM Mass. Children's Liturgy packets are available near the doors of the church for both Saturday and Sunday Masses. In-person Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, April 16.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

This annual appeal on Good Friday supports the Church in the Holy Land. Pope Francis has asked parishes to help the Holy Land, which relies on pilgrimages and visitors and has been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land continue their efforts maintaining our sacred shrines, in parishes and formation programs, in Catholic schools, and providing basic humanitarian needs of food and shelter. When you contribute to the Good Friday collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, including our brothers and sisters in Damascus. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you!



Holy Thursday – April 6

Celebration of the Supper of the Lord – 7:00 pm
(in-person and online)

Eucharistic Adoration for one hour after the Mass (Chapel)

Good Friday – April 7

Stations of the Cross – Noon (in-person)
Good Friday Liturgy – 3:00 pm (in-person and online)

Easter Vigil, Saturday – April 8

7:00 pm (in-person)

Easter Sunday – April 9

10:15 am (in-person and online)

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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 April 2, 2023

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerard Jenniges
+John Leibl
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, April 2

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Nancy Aguilar
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Glen Opine

Monday, April 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, April 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, April 6

7:00 PM Celebration of the Supper of the Lord
Our Parish
+Bill Brengman
+Roger Goldberg

Friday, April 7

3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 8

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Dorinda Martineau
+Rudy Saucedo, Jr.
Sue Ann Meisinger Brown, Special Intention

Sunday, April 9

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerard Jenniges
+Mary Ann Roscoe
Deceased and Living Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 3 - Thursday, April 7

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

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Private Confession

Wednesday, April 5

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Private Confession

Thursday, April 6

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Celebration of the Supper of the Lord
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, April 7

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, April 8

7:00 PM Easter Vigil (in-person)

Sunday, April 9

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

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