



Church of St. Matthew

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THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

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March 12, 2023 Third 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

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 weekend marks the tenth anniversary of the election of Pope Francis – in many ways an historical milestone- the first Jesuit to be elected Pope; the first Pope from the Southern hemisphere; the first Pope to carry the name Francis.

Pope Francis is the first Pope to be ordained a priest after the Second Vatican Council – his entire life as a priest has been in the post—Vatican II Church.

Pope Francis is not born and bred in a euro-centric Church; Church experience for Francis is the Church of the South.

Two of the many gifts that Francis brings to the Church: a spirituality grounded in the mercy of God and a Church defined by synodality.

In the Old Testament God is described and named by the two Hebrew words *hesed* and *emet*. The words mean “merciful fidelity”. When Jesus tells his disciples to be “holy as the Father is holy” he is telling them to witness to the mercy they receive from the faithfulness of God. God’s holiness is God’s mercy. The disciples are to show mercy to others as God has done to them. Francis says “in human relationships mercy trumps justice”.

Synodality is the virtue that best identifies and defines the Church. Synodality is the quality by which individuals listen to each other and institutions listen to each other. The listening is inclusive, the voice of no one is excluded—especially the marginalized and the ignored. This listening is not primarily a physical experience; it is as Saint Benedict teaches, “listening with the ear of the heart.” It is in this “listening” that one can discern the presence and will of the Holy Spirit.

Let us give thanks for the gift God has given us in Pope Francis.

Fr. Steve Adrian

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.



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. If you can you devote some time during the day to pray for those in need, please contact **Mary Leibl** (mleibl@st-matts.org) 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**.

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 the **423** people who attended our second Fish Fry of the Lenten Season. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food and sell tickets. To the Scouts 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 the **227** 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 **Jill** on Saturday and Sunday, accompanied by **Phil** and **Keith** on Saturday and **Chris** on Sunday. Cantors **Lisa** on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. We thank **Jeanne** who did welcome on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. Lectors **Jeanne** on Saturday and **Ginny** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Karen, Kathy, Mary, and Wanda** on Saturday; **Joe, Mooreen** and **Dave** on Sunday. To **Joanne** and **Chris** who brought up the gifts on Saturday; **Rita, Paul** and **Janelle** on Sunday. To ushers **Scott** and **Dave** on Saturday; **Anthony** 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 **Dave, Ginny, Denise, Mary Claire** and **Zach** who took the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

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Mary Leibl
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Parish Administrator's Note

FUNDING OUR FACILITIES—PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Next month, I'll complete my second year here at St. Matt's. I've learned a lot about this great community since I began. As a former history teacher, it's been fascinating to dig into the history.

The other day, for example, I saw a copy of a 2003 letter from Fr. Steve to the parish. In it, he talked about the progress of that year's capital campaign. Goals at that time included tuckpointing, windows and restorative work on the historic school building.

"So that's why the brickwork looks so good," I said to myself. And I was glad to have a better idea of which work was done when. That's helpful as our Facilities Committee and Finance Council plan for our future.

Our current fundraising efforts—for the school's flat roof and the electric panel—aren't as visible as brick and windows. They're extremely important, however, which is why our top priorities for 2023 are the roof and e-panel projects.

We're in the final stages of gathering bids for the roof and panel, after which we'll choose contractors and proceed.

In my almost two years here, I've also learned much about St. Matt's financial condition. We have debts, which we're paying off. We've also been able to allocate a portion of our regular weekend collections to necessary maintenance.

What we can't do without additional help is pay for the roof and panel. That's why we've added a monthly Capital Needs envelope into the bi-monthly envelope packet. They're also available at the back of the church.

I'm also promoting EFTs (Electronic Funds Transfers) for capital as well as operational expenses. It's straightforward to do both at the same time, allowing for support of today's expenses as well as tomorrow's. If interested, call me to set up an EFT. I'm happy to help.

LENTEN PRAYER

We're well into Lent now. How's it going for you? Praying for an enemy, as recommended by Fr. Steve in a recent homily?

That's one of my Lenten practices. Another is to listen more. In another recent homily, Fr. Steve talked about how listening to God will lead to a change of heart. Hmmm, I think I see the connection.

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

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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, March 12 after the 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. There will not be Coffee Sunday in April due to it being Easter weekend.



ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting on **Tuesday, March 14 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM** in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. Please note the new meeting time for our March meeting. Come and enjoy as we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and learn the story of Saint Patrick, play Saint Patrick's Day games and enjoy refreshments, including some Irish treats. You do not need to be a member to attend the meeting.

HAM BINGO

St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting its annual Ham Bingo featuring twelve games for hams and three games for cash on **Saturday, March 18**. Doors open at **5:00 PM** and games start at **5:30 PM**. Food, beer, wine and pop available for purchase. Expected completion time is between 8:30 to 9:00 PM.



Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE: On March 15, only Faith Formation students who are preparing for a sacrament have class. Students preparing for First Communion will be in the church from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Students preparing for Confirmation will be in their Parish Center classroom from 6:45 PM until 7:50 PM. Students NOT preparing for a sacrament have at-home learning on March 15. All Faith Formation students return to the Parish Center for class on March 22.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SACRAMENT STUDENTS:

Community of Saints students who are preparing for First Communion at St. Matthew have class in the church building on Wednesday, March 15, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. This is a required class for students. Parents do not need to attend. Community of Saints 8th graders who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation with St. Matthew have class on Wednesday, March 15, from 6:45 to 7:50 PM in the Parish Center.

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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 March 12, 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+John Sperl
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Sunday, March 12

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerard Jenniges
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Monday, March 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, March 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, March 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Linda Owens
+Ted and Connie Rivera

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 13 - Thursday, March 16

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

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting

Wednesday, March 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
7:45 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, March 18

9:30 AM Saturday Mornings with Fr. Adrian
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
5:00 PM Ham Bingo

Sunday, March 19

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
Confessions after Mass
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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