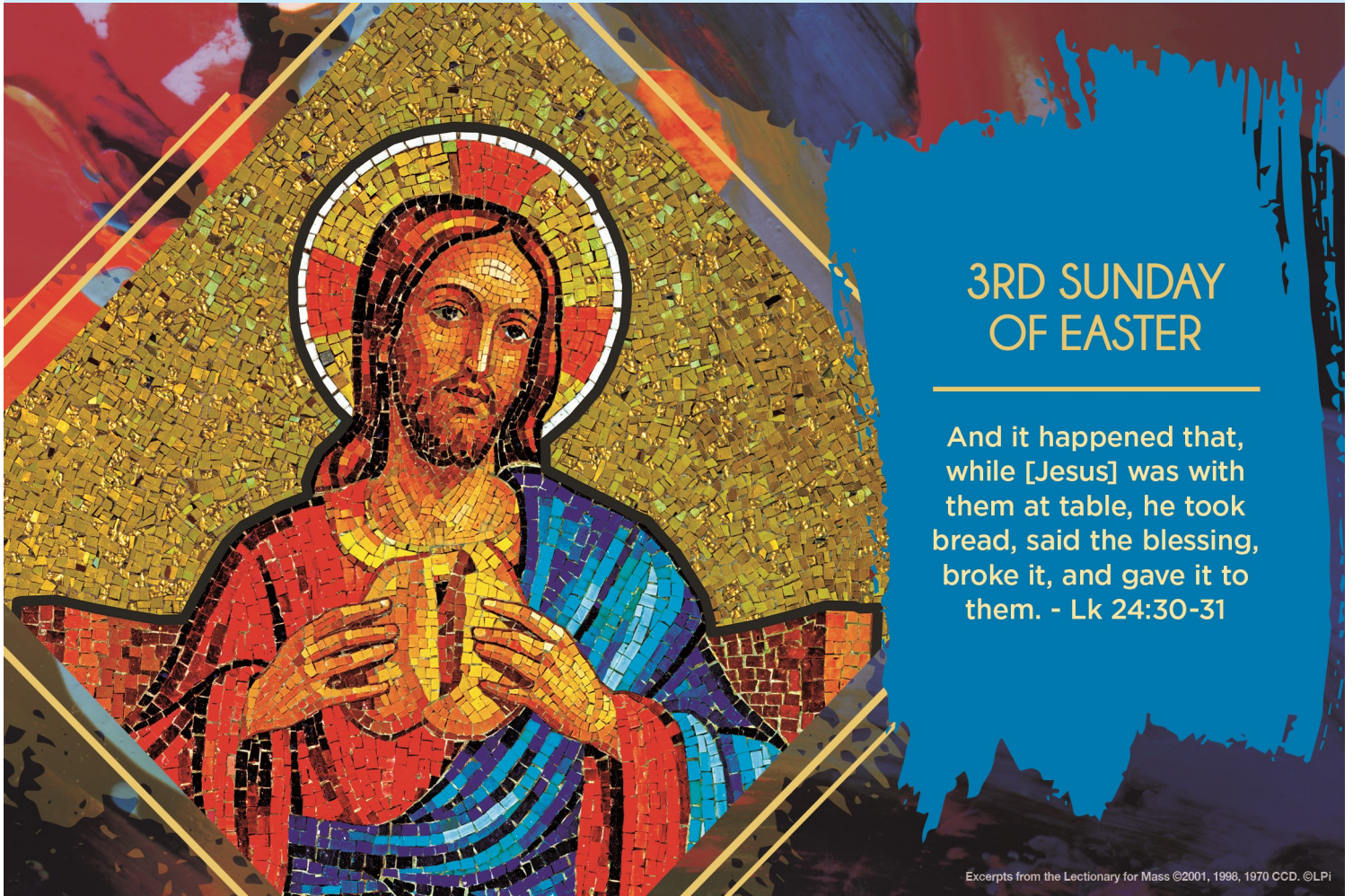




Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

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April 23, 2023 **Third Sunday of Easter**

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM

Sunday 10:15 AM (online Mass is on hiatus)

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 - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

During the Easter Season, the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost, the Gospel according to John and the Acts of the Apostles are the scripture readings at Mass.

The Acts of the Apostles is the second volume of a two-volume work, the first of which is the Gospel according to Luke. In the Gospel Luke writes of the ministry and teaching of Jesus and in Acts he writes of the spread of that teaching and ministry. As Jesus left the Apostles he told them to go throughout the world and teach what He had taught them.

Today's Gospel reading is from the Gospel according to Luke. We are told of two people traveling from Jerusalem to the small town of Emmaus. Jesus comes and walks beside them. They do not recognize him. One person's name is Cleopas, and the other person is unnamed. Early writers suggest that the unnamed person is you or I or the one reading or hearing the story.

Jesus opens their hearts to understand all that the scriptures told of his mission and suffering, death and resurrection. The travelers listen carefully; the scriptures came alive for them. Later, after recognizing Jesus, they said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us"?

You and I, like Cleopas, listen to the words of Jesus with the "ear of the heart". The scriptures come alive, they sear our hearts. They become imbedded, and we see the world and ourselves with "the God's-eye view". This is the way we are to hear the Word proclaimed at liturgy – with an open heart, with "the ear of the heart."

Fr. Steve Adrian



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, 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, Joanne Smith, 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

PARISH CLEAN-UP: Mark your calendars to take part in the parish Spring Clean-up. On **Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM**, we will gather to clean the inside of the church and chapel as well as the grounds around the buildings. Cleaning supplies will be provided. If you prefer to use your own cleaning products, feel free to do so.

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

THANK YOU: To the **274** people who attended the parish Masses last weekend. Thank you to the **Confirmation candidates and their parents** who attended the Saturday, 4:15 PM Confirmation Blessing Mass. To **Fr. Steve** who through his homilies, always makes it possible for us to experience the services in new ways. To Confirmation lectors **Alaina** and **Hayden** on Saturday; parish lector **Miles** on Sunday. To Gift bearers **Nathan** and **Eviyannah** on Saturday; **Catholic Order of Foresters members** on Sunday. To pianist **Jill** and cantor **Linda** on Saturday; pianist **Francois** and cantor **Andy** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Kathy, Karen** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Joanne, Maggie** and **Ellen** on Sunday. To **Tom, Tim, Doris** and **Josiah** who served as greeters last weekend. Thank you to **Kathy, Josie, Dave, Tim** and **Ginny** who brought Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Leo Arredondo** who received his First Communion at the Saturday Mass.

THANK YOU: To **Janelle Rohr, Dave Sunday, Kathleen Thompson, Joanne Smith, Mooreen Sunday** and **Linda Rivera**, who prepared the Confirmation candidates to receive this special sacrament, planned the Blessing Mass and prepared the Confirmation certificates for each candidate!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

MAY 2 MEETING - WEST SIDE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROJECT

In last week's bulletin insert, I briefly mentioned a May 2 meeting we're hosting at St. Matt's. Here's additional information.

For several months, Fr. Steve, Karen Thompson, John Del Vecchio, Becky Montgomery, Ralph Brown and I have been meeting for talks about the West Side. We're interested in discerning how St. Matt's can help our local community.

May 2 is our first public meeting. It begins at 6:30 p.m. We're inviting many people and organizations from our West Side community. In this respect, we're following St. Matt's rich history as a Catholic community visibly expressing God's love. We're also following the teachings of the Acts of the Apostles and the Second Vatican Council: listen. Listen to everyone. Listen before acting.

In preparation for May 2, and at the meeting itself, we're asking three major questions:

- 1. Based on your experience and your organization's work, what do you think are the top three needs of the West Side Community?**
- 2. What resources do we currently have to address those needs?**
- 3. What additional resources do we need?**

I invite everyone to reflect on these questions. Feel free to send your answers to the Parish Office, in care of Angela Rakow. I also ask everyone to pray for the success of this project.

We're inviting attendees to join us for a Loaves & Fishes supper in the Social Hall at 5:30 p.m.

If interested in attending the meeting and/or the supper, let Angela know. We need to know how many people are coming.

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

Phil Grant

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Join us on **May 6 and 7** to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass.

This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul and their caregivers and families are welcome to come forward and take part.

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

ANNUAL MISSION COOPERATIVE MISSION APPEAL: DIOCESE OF MANDEVILLE, JAMAICA

When we think of Jamaica, we think of Ocho Rios, beautiful beaches, vacations and wonderful scenery. But Jamaica is among the poorest countries in our hemisphere and the Diocese of Mandeville is the poorest of the three dioceses in Jamaica where 68% of the people have no running water. Many youth are "functionally illiterate;" there is an alarming number of destitute elderly and abandoned children; and, the average Sunday collection is 10% of the operating cost at half of our parishes. The Diocese of Mandeville is VERY POOR!

This weekend, we welcome **Fr. Gary Wiesmann** for our annual mission appeal. This year, it's on behalf of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Please consider supporting the evangelization programs and outreach to the extremely poor people of this diocese in our second collection.

COFFEE SUNDAY - Sunday, May 7, 2023

Our last Coffee Sunday of the year is May 7 after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners.



Coffee Sunday will be on break during the summer months.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Faith Formation students in Grades K to 7 have class at 6:30 PM on **Wednesday, April 26**, in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Congratulations to our students in Grades 8 to 10 who are being confirmed on April 23—those students do NOT have class on April 26. Parents, mark your calendars for May 3, which is our last regular class of the year. That evening, families will gather in church at 6:30 PM for a short prayer service and games of bingo afterwards.

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE: Faith Formation and Community of Saints students preparing for First Holy Communion need to attend a final class and practice on **Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM in St. Matthew Church**. Parents, if you have not yet turned in proof of baptism for your First Communion child, please bring it on a Wednesday evening to the Parish Center as soon as possible or drop it off during the day when the parish office is open.

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Maggie Lee	Linda Sellars
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Finance Council Members

Alan Christensen	Jackie Lackner
John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Karen Thompson
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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 23, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 23

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Lisa Norton

Monday, April 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, April 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, April 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, April 29

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

Sunday, April 30

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Muriel Budziszewski
+Maurie Grundei

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 24 - Friday, April 28

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

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

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

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, April 27

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, April 28

Saturday, April 29

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Parish Spring Clean-up
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, April 30

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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