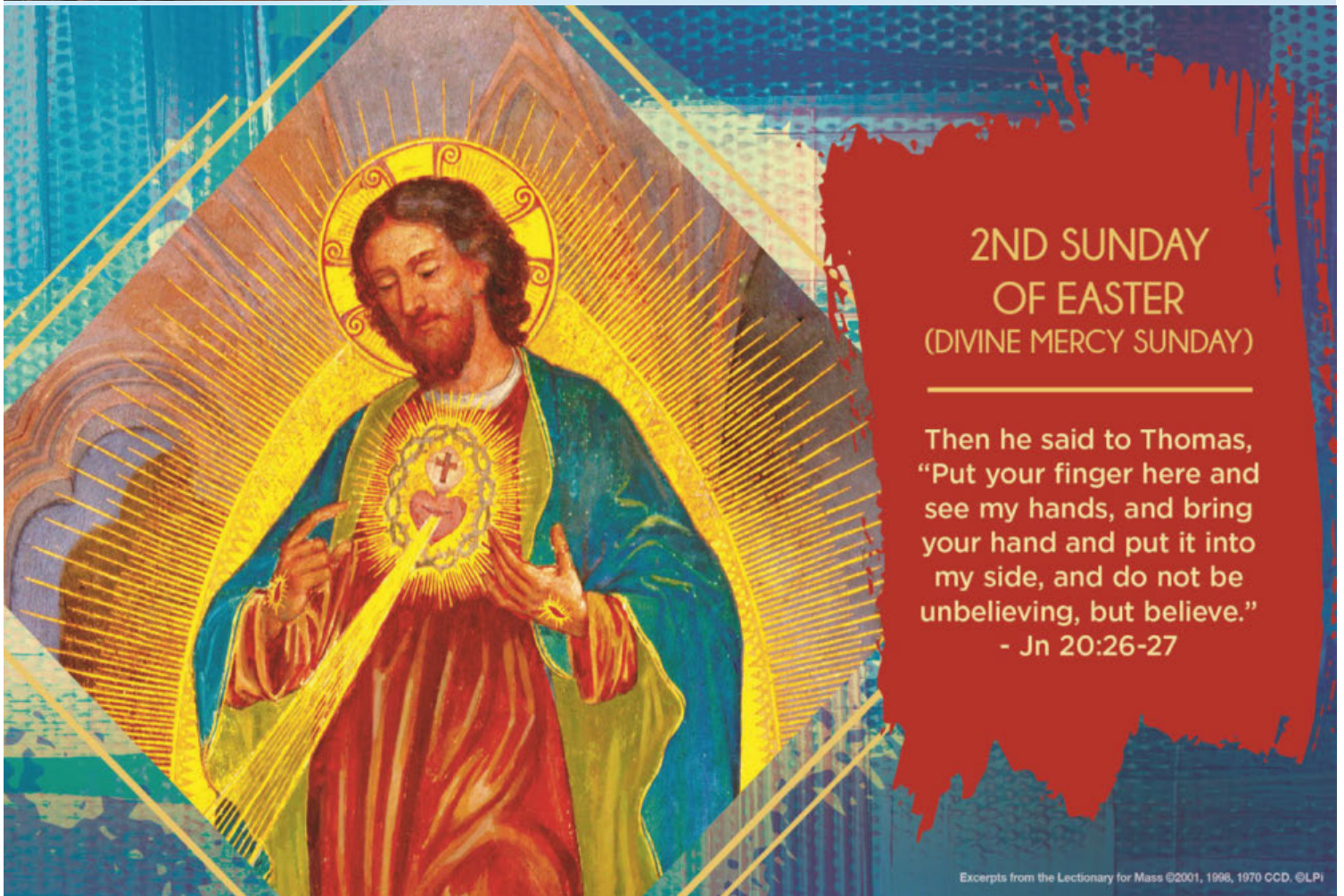




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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
- Jn 20:26-27

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April 16, 2023 Second 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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Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Sixty years ago, Holy Thursday, 1963, Pope John XXIII issued his final teaching to the world. The letter he wrote is called *Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth. On establishing universal peace in truth, justice, charity and liberty)*.

John knew he had an inoperable cancer and had no more than three months to live.

In a sense this letter was his “last will and testament”. It was also his last instruction to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. At that time they were working over the document called “Schema 13”, later to be called “The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in Today’s World”.

The world was deep into the Cold War. The East/West relations were in disrepair. The Cuban Missile Crisis had just occurred, October 1962.

Pope John, with the help of Norman Cousins, editor of The Saturday Review of Literature, played a role in bringing President Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev to resolve the crisis, and for 13 days the world stood on the very brink of nuclear war.

Pope John anchors his teaching on an understanding of the very nature of human life. “Any well regulated and productive association in society demands the acceptance of one fundamental principle: each individual is truly a person, and has a nature endowed with intelligence and free will. As a result they have rights and duties, which together flow as a direct consequence of their nature. These rights and duties are universal and inviolable, and there for altogether inalienable.” (PT #9)

Today, the world is again deeply divided, as are the citizens of many nations; and the chasm between Left and Right grows deeper and more vicious.

After sixty years, the challenge given by Pope John remains applicable today.

John’s successor, Paul VI, further developed John’s recipe for peace by reminding us that the world is truly “a global village” and that true peace is the work of justice.

Fr. Steve Adrian



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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

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 everyone who helped to make the Easter Triduum services special for all who attended. To **Fr. Steve**, who through his homilies, always makes it possible for us to experience the services in new ways. To **Alan** who made it possible for those who couldn’t be physically present to watch the services online. To **Jill and the Liturgy Committee** who helped to plan the liturgies and have everything that is physically needed in place. To the **Liturgical ministers** who came forward and volunteered to serve in some way at the six different liturgies during the Triduum and Easter. To **Jill Kilzer** and our **Parish Choir**, who with their musical talent, added to the beauty of our services. To **Donis, Katie, and Jair** who take care of the flowers and see to it that our church and chapel are clean and beautiful. To **Mary, Bob and family** who change the banners and liturgical décor for all the Triduum and Easter services. To **Phil and Angela** who made sure whatever was needed was ordered and delivered on time. To **Anthony and Tim** who led the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and all Monday evenings during Lent. To **all our parishioners** who joined together to remember in prayer the passion, death and resurrection which allows us today to experience the joy of being Easter People!

THANK YOU: To **Miles Dunn**, who has volunteered to work with **Richard Schletty** to keep the parish website up to date. It is refreshing to see the youth of the parish stepping forward to volunteer in areas where their skills are needed!

THANK YOU: To **Alan and Becky!** In March 2020, due to the pandemic, most churches had to suspend services. At that time, Alan offered his knowledge and talent, to help film our Masses and have them ready to be viewed at 10:15 AM on Sundays. Each Saturday Alan would arrive at 3:00 PM, and with Becky’s help, set up his equipment and film the 4:15 PM Mass. Little did anyone realize it would be a three year commitment! Last week, the last Mass (Easter Sunday) to be filmed by Alan, was viewed on our website and YouTube. We are deeply grateful to Alan and Becky, who for three years, devoted their weekends to make sure the Mass from St. Matthew was online and ready to be viewed. Not just in our own parish, but throughout the country and in a few cases, the world!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

HAPPY EASTER!

Alleluia! He is risen! I wish you, your family and your friends a joyful Easter season. I want to add my thanks to Fr. Steve's and Mary Leibl's: We had wonderful celebrations during Holy Week and the Triduum, because people stepped up. Thank you to all who contributed their time, knowledge and skill to our many specialized ministries. It was a lot of work, done well!

Thanks as well to everyone in the **assembly**, the entire group of worshipers coming together. There's a classic line from a liturgical document: "The most important ministry is the ministry of the assembly." All of us minister to each other, by showing up to worship together. All specialized ministries are carried out by members of the assembly.

Note how this idea aligns well with what we learned from Fr. Steve's Lenten talks about the Acts of the Apostles, as well as what Vatican II documents say about our Catholic church: everyone is important. Everyone should be listened to. Everyone should be actively engaged in worship and works of charity.

CAPITAL NEEDS

Thank you to everyone who's already contributed to our "E-Box" effort to raise funds for replacement of our main electric panel. We've raised about \$30K so far. Great!

Parish trustees Karen Thompson and John Del Vecchio, Finance Council rep Becky Montgomery, and I met recently with Archdiocesan Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Tom Mertens and Chief Operations Officer (COO) Bill Lentsch. They wanted to know more about our plans for replacing the electric panel and the school roof.

They were pleased to hear that we've already raised significant funds and we've also secured a Line of Credit from Catholic Finance Corporation. We were told to expect the Archbishop and Vicar General to sign our proxy request a few days after Easter. That means we can notify the contractors to start ordering parts and scheduling work.

The CFO and COO were also very interested to hear about our proposal to install solar panels on some of our flat roofs. "Wait, what?" You might say. "What is this solar proposal of which you speak?"

Our understanding is that a solar panel installation will more than pay for itself over time. In addition, there is a 30% rebate on the cost of the electric panel—if it's bundled with a solar project. That's thanks to last year's Inflation Reduction Act. Research continues.

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

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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!



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.

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!

On the weekend of **April 22 and 23**, we will 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. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING AT ST. MATTHEW

Easter Celebration with Gifted and Belonging will be on **April 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at St. Matthew Social Hall. In the spirit of our Archdiocesan Synod, Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, welcomes all young adults to come praise the Lord with "Alleluia". Bring friends and an Easter treat. For more information, please contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of March 2023, St. Matthew donated 87 pounds of food.** Thank you!



Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 have class on Wednesday, April 19, in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Class starts at 6:30 PM for public school students in Grades K to 7. Class starts at 6:45 PM for public school students in grades 8 to 10 AND for Community of Saints 8th graders preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. **All Confirmation candidates need to attend class on April 19.**

CONFIRMATION MASSES: St. Matthew Confirmation candidates, sponsors, and families should come to **St. Matthew at 4:00 PM on April 15** for the Blessing Mass and a meeting after Mass in Church. The sacrament will be celebrated on April 23 at 2:00 PM in the Cathedral of Saint Paul. 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.

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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 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15

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

Sunday, April 16

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Wanda Hertzog
+Ofelia Gonzalez Pizaro

Monday, April 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, April 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, April 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, April 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, April 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21

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

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

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 20

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

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 23

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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