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EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”
- Mt 28:5b-6

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April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

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 - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

I have so many memories from childhood of the events surrounding the Feast of Easter. In those days the Lenten fast and abstinence from meat was observed each day. Before Ash Wednesday dad would go to the Pioneer Sausage Company on Rice Street and buy an 18-inch long hard salami. He would hang it from the light fixture in the kitchen. The smell of that salami filled the kitchen throughout Lent – it was truly a constant and physical act of penance and anticipation of Easter. In those days Lent ended at noon on Holy Saturday and dad would climb upon a kitchen chair and with a butcher knife cut the salami down to the applause of all – it was the stuff of sandwiches for lunch, the first moments of the Easter Season.

As a child I was taken to Easter Sunday Mass at the Church of Saint Francis de Sales, my grandparent's parish, a German national parish. As neighbors walk to and from Mass on Easter, they would greet each other: Gelaub sei Jesus Christus! En ewikiet Amen. One would say: "May Jesus Christ be praised!" And the response was "Forever and ever, Amen." It was the popular, neighborhood, vernacular Easter greeting.

My parent brought a mason jar to church on Easter and took some of the blessed Easter water. Mother would use some of it in making the Easter breakfast coffee.

Of course there were the obligatory Easter Eggs and Easter baskets – full of chocolates and jellybeans. There were never any black jellybeans. Dad like the licorice jelly beans and kept them to himself. When cleaning the house after his death I found stashes of licorice jellybeans he had squirreled away.

What Easter memories do you have? Perhaps you might share them with children and grandchildren this Easter. What Easter traditions do you want to pass on? These cultural practices enrich the Feast and Season.

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Fr. Steve Adrian



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**. 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.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: We can never have too many volunteers to help serve at funeral luncheons. It is an opportunity to practice the Corporal Work of Mercy – To Bury the Dead, to relieve the stress that a family feels when having to organize a funeral for a loved one and also try to plan a luncheon for the guests. If you feel you would like to serve the parish in this way, please call the parish office or contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org.

THANK YOU: To all who attended our Fish Fries this Lenten Season. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food and sell tickets. To the students from Community of Saint Catholic School and 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! Mark your calendar for the next Fish Fry on **Feb 16, 2024!**

THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW

WISHES ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!

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 Day and Easter season. It's time to celebrate!

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND US

Now that we're in the Easter season, we're going to hear significant readings from the *Acts of the Apostles*. I expect I'll be among the many who listen with greater understanding, after hearing Fr. Steve's Lenten talks on the book of *Acts*. (Recordings will be posted on the website.)

My framework for understanding my religion is the through line from *Acts* to today, with special reference to Vatican II. There's a consistent emphasis on the church as everyone, not just the hierarchy. Everyone's important. The Holy Spirit works through everyone. We should listen to everyone.

Accordingly, we're all called to engage with our faith community. We often say we're a volunteer parish, and I think that's a great thing. Our many volunteers minister in many ways.

At the same time, volunteerism challenges the strong emphasis on consumerism in American society. Volunteers aren't paid, by definition. They're contributing, not consuming.

I don't believe the Bible or Vatican II have much to say about consumerism. They do have a lot to say about caring for the poor, ministry, and listening to everyone.

CAPITAL NEEDS FUNDRAISING

With Easter Sunday's arrival, we're ending our current DonorBox effort. It's been a worthy experiment. We received donations from outside of our usual area, including one from Switzerland!

That said, we need to continue raising funds for the main electric panel (the "E-Box") and the school's flat roof. One of our next steps is to submit our preferred bids to the Archdiocesan officials in charge of large building projects (defined as anything costing more than \$25,000). I expect swift approval, given the urgent nature of these projects.

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

Phil Grant

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

MaryJane Austing, 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.*



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

NO COFFEE SUNDAY

Due to the second Sunday of the month being Easter, there is no Coffee Sunday this weekend. Coffee Sunday will return on **May 7**, after the 10:15 AM Mass.

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. In-person Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, April 16.

During the school year, the Church of St Matthew offers an in-person Children's Liturgy lesson at the Sunday Mass using a curriculum called Seeds that is designed for ages 3 to 6. The lesson is taught by catechists in the chapel. Additionally, the church has two types of Children's Liturgy packets available near the doors of the church. The Seeds packet contains a lesson connected to the week's Gospel, a parent teaching page, and extra worksheets, crafts, and craft supplies. The Promise packet has the same materials, but the Promise lesson is designed for children in first grade. The packets are available at all Masses and can be taken home after the service.

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.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME:

Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 have class on Wednesday, April 12 in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Class starts 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. Parents, mark your calendars for May 3, our last regular class, which will be held in church; parents and students attend that evening. First Communion parents and students also attend a practice in church on May 10.

CONFIRMATION THIS MONTH:

St Matthew Confirmation candidates have two 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 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.

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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 9, 2023

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/
Mk 16:9-15

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

Mass Intentions

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 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerard Jenniges
+Mary Ann Roscoe
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Monday, April 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, April 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, April 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, April 15

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

Sunday, April 16

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 10 - Friday, April 14

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

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting

Wednesday, April 12

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 13

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

Friday, April 14

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Ramsey County/St. Mary's Clinic
Diabetes Prevention Program

Saturday, April 15

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, April 16

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

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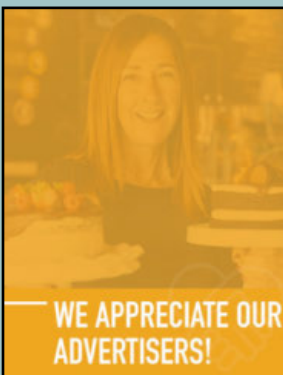
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