



Church of St. Matthew

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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January 14, 2024 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM
Sunday 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Sunday (after Mass) 11:00 AM
2nd & 4th Saturday (after Mass) 5:00 PM

**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

Monday, January 15 is a national holiday, the observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

National holidays are meant to call us to reflect and act on what we celebrate. Dr. King was the conscience of the nation. He reminded us of our best selves and the need to recommit ourselves to the proposition “that all are created equal with certain inalienable rights.”

In our day, once again, the cancer of “white supremacy” is strong, vibrant and determined to deny human dignity and value to citizens of color.

Our nation experiences the movement to deny the vote to people of color, the refusal to accept the truth of our history of slavery—and our attempt to expunge it from the history texts of our classrooms, the growing economic disparity between rich and poor—and rich often means “white” and poor often means “black”.

I grew up in the 50’s and the 60’s—the struggles of the civil rights movement. This movement was a religious crusade; our own auxiliary bishop, James Shannon, joined Dr. King and Rabbi Abraham Heschel in Selma Alabama and witnessed to the corner stone of Judeo-Christian faith that all people, without regard to color or nationality or religion or ethnicity or sexual orientation are “created in the very image and likeness of God.”

Let us pray and work that this spirit be reborn in our nation.

Fr. Steve Adrian

Fr. Adrian is on vacation

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation through the first week of February 2024. We thank **Fr. Thomas Kommers** and **Fr. Matthew Linn** who will be substituting for Fr. Adrian. We wish Fr. Adrian a restful and relaxing vacation!

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ~ Isaiah 6:8

Money Counters: We are looking for volunteers to help count the weekly collection twice a month. You would work with a team of 3 or 4 other volunteers. If you feel you have the talent or experience to help with this volunteer opportunity, please call the parish office, 651-224-9793.

Crafting Club: More than a few people have expressed an interest in forming a “Crafting Club.” This would include knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. A good chance to finish projects that have been set aside. Perhaps make articles to donate to Isaac’s Blessing Bags next year! This is also an opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow crafters.

If you are interested in taking part in this activity, call the parish office at 651-224-9793. Men are invited to join too. In fact, It was a male parishioner who suggested this activity!

Thank You: To the Faith Formation students, their parents and siblings and the many parishioners, who stayed after the 10:15 AM Mass last Sunday to “put away Christmas”. In less than 1 ½ hours, the decorations were off the trees and packed away. Christmas trees were returned to the chapel storage, and animals, shepherds, kings, Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus went back to their “off season” home in the sacristy. Flowers, wreaths and garland were removed from the church and sanctuary. It all looks rather bare. However, in 4 ½ weeks, the sanctuary will take on the “look of Lent”!

Thank You: To **Shelley** who has taken on the job of snow removal from the parish sidewalks!

VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on January 13, 2024 for **Virgil and Donna**

Roethler’s Anniversary.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit January 13-19, 2024 in memory of **Virgil Roethler**.

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.



The parish office is closed on
Monday, January 15, 2024.

Parish Administrator's Note

Harry Selken

We prayed for Harry Selken at Mass last weekend. Who's that, you might ask?

Perhaps you recall seeing Harry's name in a previous column of mine. I wrote about him last year. Harry died a couple of years ago, leaving St. Matt's a bequest of roughly \$570,000.

Despite our best efforts, we know little about Harry. He was 81 when he died, he had no known family, and no one could tell us what he did in life. We asked a lot of people, including long-time members of St. Matt's.

We do know that he spent some time at Cerenity, across the street. Our hypothesis is that Fr. Steve and/or others from St. Matt's ministered to him there.

At any rate, he remembered us by naming St. Matt's a beneficiary of his brokerage account. We've benefited greatly, as we put the entire bequest into an agency account with the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF). That means we have access to the money, unlike an endowment fund.

In turn, that access enabled Catholic Finance Corporation (CFC) to provide us with the Line of Credit (LOC) that we used to replace three roofs on our campus last year. It's doubtful that CFC would have been so helpful, had not Harry mysteriously named us as a beneficiary. (It's important to note that your regular support for our operational and capital needs was also necessary for CFC to underwrite the LOC.)

I say "mysteriously" because Harry Selken remains a mystery. His story always brings to my mind the lovely words of the Letter to the Hebrews (13:1-2): "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."

Have a great week!

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Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Rita Eckert, Elaine Goldberg, Carolina Gomez, The Karas Family, Carol Mike, Kendrick Morrison, Pablo Munoz, Pam Perkovich, Marie Scanlan, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, Larry Smith, James Stanger, Sr., 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.*

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation This Week: On January 17, only Faith Formation students in grades 2 to 7 who are preparing for First Communion have class, and we will hold class in the church that evening, not in the Parish Center. See below. Faith Formation students who have already made their First Communion do NOT have class on January 17. Classes for all students resume on January 24 in the Parish Center.

First Communion Preparation: Students preparing for the sacrament of First Communion plus their parents/guardians should plan to attend a class and meeting on January 17 at 6:30 PM in the St. Matthew Church building. This includes families registered in the Faith Formation program and families whose children attend Community of Saints who have signed up for First Communion with St. Matthew. We will finish by 7:45 PM. Parents who have not yet submitted proof of baptism for their student may do so that evening. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org.

News and Events

Coffee Sunday

Coffee Sunday is **January 14 after the 10:15 AM Mass**. This month's Coffee Sunday is hosted by the Rosary Society. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!

Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support Group meeting is on **Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center. Email Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) with any questions.

St. Matthew Youth Group

The next Youth Group meeting will be on **Sunday January 21, 2024, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Please join us for lunch, games and crafts! All youth welcome. Younger children (under 10) should be accompanied by an adult. Older children can attend on their own.



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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 January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+John and Judy Kelly
+Dorinda Martineau
+Lisa Norton
+Deceased Rosary Society Member

Sunday, January 14

10:15 AM Mass
+Virginia Dennison
+David Hill

Monday, January 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, January 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, January 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, January 20

4:15 PM Mass
+Don Leibl
+Lisa Norton
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, January 21

10:15 AM Mass
+Louise Rodriguez
+Shirley Smith

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 16 - Friday, January 19

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes
Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.
No Meal Service on Monday, January 15, 2024.

Monday, January 15

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

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, January 18

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Grief Support Group
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, January 21

10:15 AM Mass
11:00 AM Confessions (after Mass)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Youth Group Meeting

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