



Church of St. Matthew

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

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

In part, the Preface of the Mass during the Season of Lent includes:

Lord, each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Easter mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbor.

It is in the prayer of the Church that we find the mystery of the Christian life revealed. Here, in this Lenten Preface, the meaning of Lent is succinctly stated. Lent is a time for the whole person to be renewed, and this renewal finds its source in the love of God and the service to our neighbor.

The articulation of our faith is found in the way we pray. Should someone ask you what it means to be Catholic, I suggest that the answer be “come to church with me and you will see.” The Mass is an instrument of evangelization.

The texts of the Mass for the Season of Lent are the oldest in the life of the Church. They represent the primitive belief of the first generations of Christian life. For this reason, they are fundamental to our appreciation of the faith we have inherited from that early Church.

Next week and the two weeks following, the prayers and the Gospel especially will address the very center of what it is to be a disciple of Jesus.

Fr. Steve Adrian

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.

Thank You: To **Anthony** and **Tim** who lead Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings and to **Kathy** and **Mary** who lead the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday afternoons. Monday evening Stations begin at 7:00 pm and are the traditional stations that have been used in past years. The Tuesday afternoon stations begin at 12:30 pm. These are read from the book “**Mary’s Way of the Cross.**” The service follows the same 14 stations, but the description at each station is as if the mother of Jesus was describing what she saw and felt. Both services have books available to be used for that service.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Rita Eckert, Andrew McFarland, Diane McFarland, Elaine Goldberg, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Roberta Otte, Marie Scanlan, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., Patricia Weisman, Thomas & Kasi Wright.

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.*

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 (arakow@st-matts.org) to become a member.

If you did not receive our Lenten mailing, please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the parish office.



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit February 24 - March 1 in memory of **Pam Stickler**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Tuesday, February 27 in honor of **Donna Roethler**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Wednesday, February 28 in memory of **Pam Stickler**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on Thursday, February 29 in memory of **Brian Eldridge**

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.

Parish Administrator's Note

APBA, Community & Institution

I was thinking about *community* and *institution* at a recent meeting of the Association of Parish Business Administrators (APBA, the professional association for Catholic church administrators in our Archdiocese). Community and institution are two major ways to think about our church.

When APBA meets, church feels rather institutional to me. Officials of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis often come to make announcements. There's a lot of talk of systems: financial, human relations, schools, insurance, pensions, communications and more. Systems are useful, but they tend to be impersonal. They're primarily concerned with standardization, efficiency and effectiveness.

By contrast, life in community—e.g., St. Matt's--tends to be personal. Communities are more concerned with uniqueness, caring and connection. (It's no wonder which setting most people prefer.)

Part of my job is to work within both settings. Most of my time is spent within the St. Matt's community. However, we are part of the Archdiocese, a large institution. (There are over 180 parishes in the Archdiocese.) I feel myself to be part of the Arch, but it's more of an intellectual awareness than a warm feeling of attachment.

To its credit, APBA works to foster community among parish administrators. I go to APBA meetings in large part to see friends, learn from colleagues, and support each other.

Compare those features with the Archdiocese. It regularly sends out vast quantities of information, expectations, and mandates. Much is useful; little is personal. I pay attention because I want to do my part to ensure a future for my church.

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We recently loaned a set of Stations of the Cross to the Church of St. Mark in St. Paul. We think they came from St. Matt's convent chapel, after it was converted into Parish Center offices. By providential good fortune, we ran across them just a few days before the APBA bulletin board message from St. Mark's, asking for a loan while they do some renovation work in their church building.

Have a great week!

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Mondays during Lent – 7:00 pm

Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation, Reconciliation Service, and Confessions: On Wednesday, February 28, Faith Formation students in grades K through 2 plus students in grades 3 to 5 preparing for First Communion have class in the Parish Center at 6:30 PM. Students in grades 3 to 10 who made their First Communion a year or more ago should meet in church at 6:30 PM. We will have a short Reconciliation Service, and then students may go to 1-on-1 confession with Father Adrian after the service. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend the Reconciliation Service in church at 6:30 PM. Parents/guardians or siblings who would like to go to confession with Father that evening are welcome to do so after the students finish individual confessions. All students will be finished by 7:50 PM and can be picked up from the Parish Center.

News and Events

Gifted and Belonging

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is having their next meeting on **February 25, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Church of St. Matthew Social Hall. This month's theme is Reflections for Lent.

GAB welcomes all young adults to get together to share a time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. For more information, contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

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 9**. 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.

Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **March 10 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Services Appeal. To learn more and to donate, you can still visit <https://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal/>

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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 February 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24

4:15 PM Mass
+Arthur Geis
+Leona Jenniges

Sunday, February 25

10:15 AM Mass
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Monday, February 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, February 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, March 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, March 2

4:15 PM Mass
+Kathy Blair
+Leona Jenniges

Sunday, March 3

10:15 AM Mass
+Aurora Hernandez

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 26 - Thursday, February 29

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

No Loaves and Fishes on Fridays during Lent

Monday, February 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM Faith Formation
6:30 PM Faith Formation Reconciliation Service
7:45 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, March 2

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, March 3

10:15 AM Mass
11:00 AM Confessions (after Mass)

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