



Church of St. Matthew

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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February 4, 2024 **Fifth 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

February 4th is Scout Sunday; a day to recognize and celebrate the gift scouting brings to a nation.

All my years as a parish pastor, I was privileged to serve a congregation that sponsored a Scout troop.

Scouting provides young people with skill development, an experience and understanding of collaboration and teamwork. Scouting seeks to build character. Ultimately, scouting is about leadership.

I especially cherish the chance I had to work with dozens of young people as they worked toward and achieved "The Eagle", the pinnacle achievement of Scouting.

As part of the work involved in reaching the rank of Eagle, the scout was to undertake a project that would better the community. They were then to recruit people to help do the project and raise the moneys necessary.

More often than not, the scout would undertake the whole work and see the volunteers as assistants in accomplishing the task. The focus was "the project".

Each year, I tried to help the scout to see that projects were a dime a dozen and that the work was really about "leadership". It was not the scout's job to do the project; the scout was to recruit people who shared his passion about the project and who were eager to bring their talents to accomplish the task. Leaders share the fire of their enthusiasm with others and then support, animate and encourage others in the completion of the task.

Leaders bring enthusiasm and encouragement to a dream. The nuts and bolts of overseeing the accomplishment of that dream are the work of managers, not leaders.

In a word, the goal of scouting is to build character. All the skills and talents and experiences of scouting are meant to outfit the scout to make a contribution to the common good, to live a life of service.

It is in character building that the ultimate value of scouting is achieved.

Fr. Steve Adrian

Fr. Adrian is on vacation

Fr. Adrian is on vacation through the first week of February 2024. We thank **Fr. Thomas Kommers** and **Fr. Matthew Linn** who have been 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

Data Entry: Occasionally, we have data entry projects that need to be done in the office. Often our volunteer receptionists will work on these projects along with their receptionist duties. We are looking for a volunteer who is proficient in data entry, and would be willing to come into the office to work on projects if needed. If you feel you have the experience in data entry, and would like to help out when needed, please call the parish office, 651-224-9793 and leave your contact information.

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 **Donis** and **Mary B.** who tend to all the flowers and greenery in the Church and Sanctuary, as well as the banners and other seasonal décor. Visitors to our church comment on the beauty of our Sanctuary and the Church.

Thank You: To **Katie** who vacuums and dusts the Church and Chapel!

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, 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.*

Parish Administrator's Note

Change the World

Several members of our Finance Council commented at its January 25 meeting that "We're doing well." For example, Sunday (= weekend) giving is very close to what we budgeted. Thank you! Regular giving is the cornerstone of how we meet our operational needs.

As for capital needs, we continue to make progress on maintaining our buildings. Among other things in 2023, we replaced three roofs; improved lighting, wiring and heating; and installed security cameras. It's a big campus, however, and there are still big things to be done. (Think parking lot.)

That's where contributions to our Capital Needs fund come in. Whether you use the monthly Capital Needs envelope, an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), or other method, thank you for helping. We take care of our facilities so that we can take care of people.

Also on January 25, over 20 parishioners gathered to pray, think and talk about St. Matt's future. It was the next step in a Future Planning process to build on our many strengths. Many thanks to the Parish Council for their leadership in this effort. Council members and others are forming a Task Force to imagine where we might be in three years. Look for regular reports in the bulletin as the Task Force meets over the next few months. Our goal is to wrap up our current planning process by June.

Speaking of our strengths: one of the attendees said that, "I always feel like I can change the world when I leave here."

That's a powerful testament to St. Matt's. It also perfectly sums up a major purpose of our worship together.

At the end of each Mass, the priest sends us forth to love and serve the Lord. Before the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s, the words of dismissal were in Latin: "Ite, missa est." That middle word, missa, morphed into "Mass" many years ago. Thus, the very name of our worship together—the Mass—indicates what we're called to do.

As Fr. Thomas Kommers said in a recent homily, Jesus backed up his words with his deeds. And Jesus told us to go and do the same. Let's change the world.

Have a great week!

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Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Ash and Communion Service - 7:00 AM

Mass and Ashes - 7:00 PM

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Classes This Week

Public school students in grades K to 10+ have Faith Formation classes the evening of February 7 in the Parish Center. Grades K to 5 start at 6:30 PM and grades 6 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. Parents, mark your calendars for February 14, which is Ash Wednesday. Students have Mass that evening in church. Families should plan to attend Mass with their students the evening of February 14 at 6:45 PM.

News and Events

Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

This weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

Coffee Sunday

Coffee Sunday is **February 11, 2024 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



Rosary Society February Meeting

All women of our parish community are invited to the **Tuesday, February 13th** Rosary Society meeting. This month we will be meeting from **12:30 to 2:00 pm in the lower level of the Parish Center**. Please note the new start time. In addition to celebrating Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day, we will be joined by Cristina Czaia, our new Director of Music and Liturgy. Come and enjoy holiday treats, socialize and learn about Cristina's work.

St. Matthew's 35th Annual Fish Fry

The 35th annual dine-in with table service or curbside-to-go Lenten Fish Fry will return on **February 16 through March 29, 2024 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM** in the Social Hall. Meal includes fried or baked wild caught Alaskan pollock, baked potato, vegetable, coleslaw, roll, dessert, coffee, milk, and water. Prices: Adults \$15, Children 5-12, \$7, and under 5 free. Non-fish options, spaghetti or grilled cheese meals, are also available for adults \$13, children 5-12, \$6, and under 5 free. Beer, wine and pop are available for purchase at dine-in. Cash, check or card are accepted.



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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 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3

4:15 PM Mass
+Leo Kegler
+Kevin Kleman
+Louise Rodriguez

Sunday, February 4

10:15 AM Mass
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe

Monday, February 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, February 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, February 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, February 10

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Dorinda Martineau
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, February 11

10:15 AM Mass
+Helen Bubb
+Joseph Savard
+Shirley Smith
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 5 - Friday, February 9

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

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

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
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, February 8

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, February 9

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM St. Mary's Diabetes Prevention Meeting

Saturday, February 10

4:15 PM Mass
5:00 PM Confessions (after Mass)

Sunday, February 11

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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