

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

**February 18, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

## 2024 Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

### Stations of the Cross

Mondays during Lent – 7:00 pm  
Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm

### Saint Matthew's Fabulous Fish Fry

ALL Fridays during Lent  
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

### Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 17 – 2:00 pm

### Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23 – 4:15 pm  
Sunday, March 24 – 10:15 am



### Holy Thursday – March 28

Celebration of the Supper of the Lord – 7:00 pm

### Good Friday – March 29

Stations of the Cross – Noon  
Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm

### Easter Vigil, Saturday – March 30

7:00 pm

### Easter Sunday – March 31

10:15 am

## Contribution Statements

If you would like an annual contribution statement for 2023, call the parish office or email Angela. We send these statements out upon request. (According to the IRS, it is the donor's responsibility to ask for such statements.)

These annual contribution statements differ from the contribution acknowledgments we routinely send out for any single contribution over \$250.00. These can happen at any point in the year.

Regardless of how or when you contribute, thank you! We could not sustain our service to our community without your generous support.

## Liturgical Ministers

The schedule for Holy Week is listed in this insert under 2024 Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule.

The Passion will be read on Palm Sunday, March 23, 24 and Good Friday, March 29. We will need more lectors taking part at those times. This schedule is more time consuming than any other schedule during the year. We will begin the preparation very soon. Please let Mary Leibl ([mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)) know your availability during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



## The Living Water

Open Window Theatre presents *The Living Water* from February 23 to March 27.

According to their email: "POWERFUL LENTEN DRAMA brings to life the stories of the Samaritan Woman, the Blind Beggar, and Lazarus at Open Window Theatre, February 23 - March 27. "The Living Water" is a new play by Jeremy Stanbary featuring original music & songs by Jeromy Darling. Make this soul-stirring musical drama a part of your Lenten journey!

For ticket and information, visit [openwindowtheatre.org](http://openwindowtheatre.org) or over the phone at 612-615-1515.

## Another theater opportunity!

Several St. Matt's folks are already planning to attend *Utopia, Limited* during its run from March 1-24, 2024. It's being performed by The Gilbert & Sullivan Very Light Opera Company. You might recall that they rehearsed here last fall.

For tickets and other information: <https://gsvloc.org/>  
Myself, I'm attending on March 1.

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Funeral Mass for **Lucille Gouette** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

*Please remember Lucille and her family in your prayers.*

## Early Learning Event - February 25

I believe in early learning. I say that as a parent, retired educator, and citizen.

I'm also aware that early learning is not only critically important, it can be very expensive.

That's why I'm going to attend a Feb. 25 campaign kickoff for something called, "Vote Yes for St. Paul Families." I want to learn more about a proposed ballot measure.

Our Ward 2 Council Member Rebecca Noecker invited me to this event, and she asked me to inform members of St. Matt's about it. According to her, "Vote Yes is working to pass a ballot measure that will establish a dedicated fund for early learning and care with a municipal property tax levy."

If you'd like to learn more, you're also invited. The event is on **Sunday, February 25, from 2:30-4:00 p.m.** in the Rondo Library Multipurpose Room (to the right of the main entrance). Rondo Library is at 461 Dale Street North.

The event is open to all and it's designed to be family-friendly, with kid-centered foods and art activities. Families are welcome.

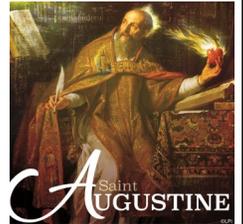
I'll share information about the proposal after I learn more.

*Phil Grant*

## Black Catholic History

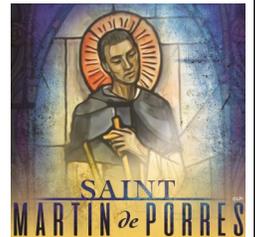
### St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

was a bishop of Hippo Regius (modern Annaba) on the coast of Algeria and later named a Doctor of the Church. His thousands of letters, sermons, and tracts, combined with 232 books, instructed the early Church and are relevant today. He claimed that he learned the love of God from his mother, St. Monica, and that her early Christian training influenced his entire life. He was highly educated, having studied at Madura, Africa, the University of Carthage and Rome. He was brilliant and used his great abilities to lead all to love God.

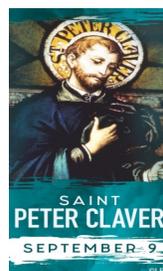


### St. Martin de Porres (1579-

1639) is perhaps the best-known black Catholic from the Western Hemisphere. His father was a Spanish nobleman, his mother a black former slave. De Porres worked on behalf of the poor throughout his life. He was canonized in 1962 during the height of the Civil Rights Movement.



### St. Peter Claver (1580-1654)



was a Spaniard who lived in the port city of Cartegena, Columbia, which was a center of African slave importation to the Americas during the 1600s. Claver was moved by the inhumane treatment of slaves and spent his life serving them. He is remembered for baptizing thousands of people and attempting to protect the helpless.

#### Sources:

-Archdiocese of Detroit website: <https://info.aod.org/articles/black-saints-and-notable-figures>

Archdiocese of Chicago website: <https://bci.archchicago.org/resources/black-catholic-saints>

