

Church of St. Matthew

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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March 10, 2024
Fourth 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

This weekend we hear the story of “The Man Born Blind.” The early Church often called the journey to faith an “enlightenment.” The image is the casting off of the darkness of disbelief and the putting on the light of faith.

The coming to faith is indeed a journey and people make that journey at differing times and in different ways in their life’s journey. Often the journey involves some twists and turns; taking one step backward and two steps forward.

This Gospel is a story about enlightenment, a story about the journey of faith, a story about the gradual coming to know Jesus.

Jesus appears at the beginning of the story and is present at the end of the story. Nowhere else does Jesus appear in the story.

The blind man does not approach Jesus; Jesus approaches him and after smearing mud on his eyes, he tells him to go and wash. The man washes and then sees.

When asked who opened his eyes, the man says: “The man called Jesus.”

When asked by the Pharisees who opened his eyes, the man says: “He is a prophet.”

In a further interrogation by the Pharisees, the man says: “If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything. This man is devout and God listens to him.”

The man is expelled from the synagogue and Jesus finds him in the temple. Jesus asks him, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” The man asks, “Who is he?” Jesus says, “The one speaking with you is he.” The man says, “I do believe.”

Often the door to faith is opened through human suffering. One comes up against a stonewall — it is sometimes in such a condition that one comes to faith.

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 consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the parish office.



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.

Easter Triduum Choir: If you like to sing, you are invited to join the choir during the Easter Triduum! Choir rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church. The playlist can be found on the parish website at st-matts.org/music-ministry and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/churchofstmattew/

Thank You: To the **Scouts and the students from Community of Saints Regional Catholic School** who helped take orders and deliver meals to the tables and the outside drive-up line during Fish Fry. To all who helped with afternoon prep work, worked in the kitchen, at the bar and taking payments at the door. A huge THANK YOU to the 403 people who bought dinners!

Thank You: To the students who brought the gifts forward at the offertory during the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Sue Derringer, Elaine Goldberg, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Andrew McFarland, Diane McFarland, 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.*

Parish Administrator's Note

Money

I heard yet another talk about money recently. It was at the February 28 annual Investment Conference put on by the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF). I attended on behalf of St. Matt's. Also in attendance were other business administrators, clergy, and finance council members from numerous parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

In her opening remarks, CCF President Anne Cullen Miller reminded us that donors give **through**, not **to**, CCF. Whether it be through an endowment, a donor advised fund, a trust, or another mechanism, CCF is a Catholic steward of donor dollars. Its mission is "to support financially the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our Catholic community."

Currently, St. Matt's has two endowment funds with CCF, both to support Community of Saints Regional Catholic School (COS). We also have an agency fund, named after the late Harry Selken. In his generosity, Mr. Selken left us a bequest in excess of a half million dollars. We've used that as collateral in our successful efforts to finance the recent roof repairs, among other projects.

We can't all be like Harry, however, when it comes to such a large contribution. Most of us have far fewer resources.

What we can do is figure out where we want to contribute. I'm grateful to all who support St. Matt's, regardless of amount. I'm also glad we take up a second collection on the 1st weekend of each month, to support COS. I think it's a good thing that we use a second collection on the third weekend of each month, to support Neighborhood House's food shelf.

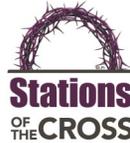
For this weekend of March 10-11, the Archdiocesan Center for Mission asks us to remember the global church. I ask everyone to do so in prayer. If you are moved to contribute dollars, thank you. This is one of about a dozen Archdiocesan "asks" for financial support each year, so you might prefer to contribute to a different worthy cause. Don't worry about supporting every single one.

Community Conversations

The next West Side Community Conversation is this coming **Tuesday, March 12**. All are welcome. For more information, see this week's insert.

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 Class: On Wednesday, March 13, Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 have class in the Parish Center. Grades K to 5 have class from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, and Grades 6 to 10 have class from 6:45 until 7:50 PM.

News and Events

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.

Rosary Society March Meeting

All women of the community are invited to the **March 12th** Rosary Society meeting, which will be from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. We will begin our meeting at 12:30 pm in the Church, with the Stations of the Cross. Afterwards we will move to the Parish Center lower level meeting room, and learn more about the origins of the Stations of the Cross. There will be refreshments and time to socialize with one another. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend and participate in the meetings.

Crafting Group

The Crafting Group has only been in existence for a couple weeks, but has proven to be a huge success. Many members work on their own projects and some are learning new crafting skills. Some of the crafts include knitting, crocheting and embroidery. Whatever craft you enjoy, all are welcome! The group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall**. Bring your own supplies. An embroidery sewing machine will be available for use. New crafters are always welcome!

Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support Group meeting is on **Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center. Email **Mary Leibl** (mleibl@st-matts.org) with any questions.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available after Mass during the weekend of March **16** and **17**.



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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 March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21/Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33/Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Sunday, March 10

10:15 AM Mass
+Leona Jenniges
+Shirley Smith

Monday, March 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, March 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, March 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, March 16

4:15 PM Mass
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Don Leibl
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, March 17

10:15 AM Mass
+Bennett Alward

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 11 - Thursday, March 14

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

No Loaves and Fishes on Fridays during Lent

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:30 PM Stations of the Cross
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

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
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, March 14

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Crafting Group
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 16

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, March 17

10:15 AM Mass
11:00 AM Confessions (after Mass)
2:00 PM Communal Reconciliation Service

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