



Church of St. Matthew

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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March 17, 2024
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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,
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

This week we enter the final stage of the Season of Lent, a season called Passiontide. In the Scripture readings, the stage is set, the lines are drawn, there is no going back. Jesus will die!

If you have not been involved in Lent thus far, it is not too late to make a new beginning.

You might take some quiet time and read the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Saint Mark. This is the Passion story that will be read next Sunday, Palm Sunday.

The devotion of the Stations of the Cross is an ancient way of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus. The practice started in Jerusalem — where the event historically took place. In the 5th century, a woman named Egeria returned from Jerusalem to her home in Gaul and told her neighbors about this devotion. They wanted to do this devotion in their own place, and so the practice of the Stations of the Cross spread.

At Saint Matthew's, the Stations of the Cross takes place on Mondays of Lent at 7:00 pm and on Tuesdays during Lent at 12:30 pm.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, begins Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Christian year. As you plan your schedule, make time to participate in the worship opportunities presented in Holy Week.

Communal Reconciliation: March 17, 2:00 pm

Palm Sunday: March 23 and 24

Saturday, 4:15 pm

Sunday, 10:15 am

Private Confessions in the Chapel:

Saturday, March 23 following 4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, March 24 following 10:15 am Mass

Monday, March 25, 4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 28, 4:30 pm

Holy Thursday: March 28, 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

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.

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/churchofstmatthew/

Thank You: To the **Scouts** and to the **students from Community of Saints Regional Catholic School** who helped take orders and deliver meals to the tables and to the outside drive-up line during the 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 **327** people who bought dinners!

Thank You: To **Anthony** and **Tim** who lead the Monday evening Stations of the Cross and to **Mary** and **Kathy** who lead the Tuesday afternoon Stations of the Cross. Thank you to the 30+ people who attended the 2 services last week. Monday evening at 7:00 pm are the traditional Stations of the Cross and Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 pm are Mary's Way of the Cross. The same 14 Stations as seen through the eyes Jesus' mother.

Thank You: To those parishioners who suggested a Crafting Group be formed in the parish. 6 to 7 people now gather in the Social Hall to work on their own projects and some to learn new crafting skills. They will tell you that socializing and enjoying the company of each other is just as important as working on their crafts. If you like crafts, or want to learn something new, come to the **Social Hall on Thursdays at 6:00 pm!**

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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

Parish Administrator's Note

Holy Week & Triduum (the Three Days)

Do you recall when you first heard the term, "Triduum"? I don't, exactly. I just know that in my lifetime, that term has become more commonly used. We're now more focused on the Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, with the Easter Vigil as the culminating liturgical experience of the entire year.

As Catholics, we're still assimilating the liturgical renewal made possible by the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s. The restoration of the Easter Vigil was among the most noteworthy elements of the renewal.

Fun fact: the season of Lent technically ends with sunset on Holy Thursday. The Triduum is its own thing.

Check out Cristina's "Reflection on the Washing of the Feet" in this week's insert, for more about a prominent part of the Holy Thursday liturgy.

Law Day, P&P

I recently attended the Archdiocesan "Employment Law Update Seminar". It was useful to review Human Resources (HR) laws and policies. The day also updated administrators, principals and pastors on new laws passed by the Minnesota Legislature last year.

Law Day is an annual requirement for parishes participating in the Archdiocesan P&P program. That's short for PACE and PRISM, the HR and facilities components of our insurance coverage.

We're insured by Catholic Mutual (CM), which also insures all 180+ parishes in the Archdiocese, along with schools, cemeteries, and other Catholic entities. If we meet their standards each year, we are eligible for up to 20% off our annual insurance costs.

I'm pleased to report that CM just sent us a credit memo for \$5,868, based on what we reported through P&P as of August 1, 2023. That's not the full 20%, as we have more work to do—but it's a decent amount. Indeed, everything that CM requires for the P&P program is something we should be doing anyway. That includes taking care of our facilities, doing HR right, and attending Law Day.

Have a great week!

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Sue Derringer, Elaine Goldberg, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, 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.*

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Class Evening: On Wednesday, March 20, 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. Note that there is no class on March 27, due to spring break at area public schools.

News and Events

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available after Mass this weekend, March **16** and **17**.



Crafting Group

The group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall**. Whatever craft you enjoy, all are welcome! Bring your own supplies. An embroidery sewing machine will be available for use. There is no Crating Group on Holy Thursday, March 28.

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.

Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth Group meeting is on **Sunday, March 24, 11:15 am - 1:15 pm in the Social Hall**. 5th grade and up are welcome, all other grades are welcome with an adult. This session will have lunch, leadership activities, discuss Holy Week and enjoy each other's company. Hope to see you there!

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.



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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 17, 2024

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-3

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

10:15 AM Mass
+Bennett Alward
+Mary McCarthy Hedlund

Monday, March 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, March 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, March 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, March 23

4:15 PM Mass
+Arthur Geis
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe

Sunday, March 24

10:15 AM Mass
+Carol Grundei
+Lisa Norton

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 18 - Thursday, March 21

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

No Loaves and Fishes on Fridays during Lent

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:30 PM Stations of the Cross
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Future Planning Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
6:00 PM Crafting Group
6:00 PM Grief Support Group
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24

10:15 AM Mass
11:00 AM Confessions (after Mass)
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM Youth Group Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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