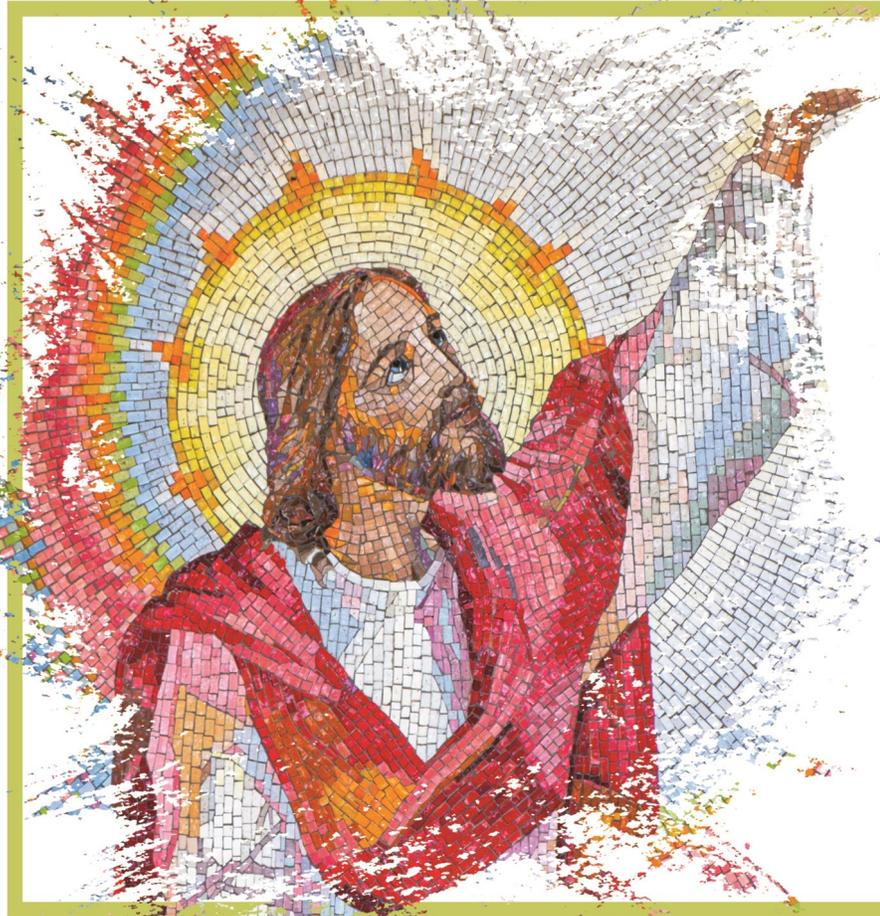




Church of St. Matthew

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



“EVERYTHING
WRITTEN ABOUT ME
IN THE LAW OF
MOSES AND IN THE
PROPHETS AND
PSALMS MUST BE
FULFILLED.”
—LK 24:44

3RD SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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April 14, 2024 **Third Sunday of Easter**

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

During Fr. Steve Adrian's break from active ministry, we will look back at his previous reflections. Below is his reflection from the May 1, 2022 bulletin.

I was ordained a priest on December 8, 1968. Two days later, Thomas Merton, author and spiritual master from the Trappist Monastery of Gethsemane, died. He was participating in an international meeting of monks from various religious traditions in Bangkok. He was electrocuted when he touched a badly wired electric fan.

I was introduced to him in the reading of his memoir, [The Seven Story Mountain](#). Then, through my college and seminary years, I read many of his books on the spiritual life, the meaning of holiness, the place of the Word of God in one's life, the sacramental life.

In 1964, the Second Vatican Council taught that there was a universal call to holiness; that each human being is called into an intimate relationship with the Father through Jesus Christ. What is this holiness to which all are called? What do I need to do? Many books were written about "doing" the work of holiness. Merton wrote, not about "doing," but about "being."

He writes in his memoir that shortly after he was baptized Catholic, one of his college friends asked him, "What do you want to be now that you are a Catholic?" Merton answered, "I don't know. I guess what I want is to be a good Catholic." His friend (a non practicing Jewish philosopher) corrected him, "What you should say is that you want to be a saint. The secret to being a saint is to want to be one. Don't you believe that God will make you what he created you to be, if you consent to let him do it?"

Much of Merton's subsequent journey can be seen as a response to that challenge. His journey can be seen as putting off a series of masks – that bad boy, the sophisticated twentieth-century man, the good Catholic, the perfect monk – to become his true self, the saint, as his Columbia friend put it, that God created him to be. The path to sanctity for Thomas Merton the monk was not really so very different from the path of every other person in the world.

Merton said " Don't try to become another Thomas Merton or anyone else, but become your own true self, the very self that God made you to be; and that is a life's long journey."

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 **Maggie, Kathleen, Ellen, Josie** and **Joe**, who after many months of planning and preparation, have begun taking the Eucharist to the residents at Cerenity! This ministry is bringing great happiness and peace to the residents who have not had the opportunity to receive Communion since the beginning of COVID. Thank you for volunteering for this important ministry!

Thank You: To **Linda, Kathy, Chris, Patty** and **Josie** who volunteer at the parish office receptionist desk. In addition to answering the phone, they also do clerical work i.e. preparing mailings, preparing books for the church library and just recently, preparing the worship aids for the Triduum services.

Thank You: To **Ginny**, who weekly prepared the brownies for the Lenten Fish Frys. And to the various volunteers who would come to the Social Hall, early on the Fridays during Lent, to do the many activities needed to prepare for the guests who attended the weekly meals.

Thank You: To the **Scouts, Community of Saints students** and **members of the Youth Group** who took orders from our guests and delivered meals to the people who ordered their meals at the "drive-up line" each Friday.

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Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on April 15, 2024 in honor of **Fr. Steve Adrian's Birthday**.

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

Congratulations and Thanks!

Congratulations to ourselves--and thank you to everyone who contributed to our "E-Box" Fundraiser. **We've reached our \$109,000 goal!**

To review the history: over a year ago, we identified a critical need to replace our main electric panel. It's in the boiler room of the church, downstairs from the Social Hall. That panel serves all three buildings on our campus.

After consulting a couple of electric contractors, we chose Apadana to replace the panel. They had the low bid, at just under \$109,000.

You might recall that at the beginning of Lent in 2023, we asked for contributions locally and online. With the title of "The Power of Compassion", John D. led an effort to create a video that introduced website visitors to St. Matt's and our ministries. Those ministries reflect our parish's emphasis on compassion, i.e., the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Many supporters quickly donated to the E-Box, with over \$30,000 contributed by the end of Lent last year. We continued to receive donations at a steady pace all last year and into 2024, through EFTs (Electronic Funds Transfers), the monthly Capital Needs envelope, and online through DonorBox and PayPal.

There were several big boosts from major (anonymous) donors, along with \$20,000 from St. Matt's Men's Club. Last month, we hit our \$109,000 goal. Amazing! Wonderful!

It now looks like the electric panel replacement work will occur this June, during weeks when Quantum STEAM Academy is not in session (summer school).

We had hoped to replace it sooner, but—supply chain issues.

By fortunate coincidence, Apadana is also the company we're working with to install solar panels on our school building and Parish Center building. That work is tentatively scheduled for the fall.

Have a great week!

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Holly Casillas, Esperanza Cenicerros, Sue Derringer, Elaine Goldberg, Carolina Gomez, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, Kendrick Morrison, Pablo Munoz, Roberta Otte, Marie Scanlan, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., Patricia Weisman, and 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 Classes: Faith Formation students in grades K to 7 have class in the St. Matthew Parish Center this **Wednesday evening, April 17**. Grades K to 5 have class from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, and grades 6 to 7 have class from 6:45 to 7:50 PM. Students in grades 8 to 10+ are finished with classes for this school year. Families, mark your calendar for **May 1**, our end-of-the-school-year Faith Formation celebration. All Faith Formation students are invited and encouraged to attend with their family.

First Communion Practice: On **Wednesday, April 24**, Faith Formation and Community of Saints students preparing to celebrate First Communion have practice at 6:30 PM that evening in St. Matthew Church. At least one parent or older family member should also attend the practice. This meeting is required to be ready for First Communion at St. Matthew. We will be celebrating First Communion on **April 27 at 10:00 AM** as well as at the **April 28** and **May 5** Sunday Masses. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org.

News and Events

Community Dinner

In honor of Fr. Steve Adrian's birthday on April 15, there will be a Community Dinner on **Saturday, April 13 at 5:30 PM (after the 4:15 PM Mass) in the Social Hall**. There will be an opportunity to record a video greeting to Fr. Adrian which will be delivered to him on his birthday. If you are unable to attend, but would like to send him a card, mail it to the parish office: Church of St. Matthew, 490 Hall Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55107. More information can be found in the insert.

Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **April 14 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners.



See the insert for additional news and events happening at the Church of Saint Matthew.

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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 April 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Arthur Geis
+Leona Jenniges

Sunday, April 14

10:15 AM Mass
+Vern Bjornberg
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Monday, April 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, April 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21

10:15 AM Mass
+Mary McCarthy Hedlund
+Esther Snaza

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19

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

Monday, April 15

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Tuesday, April 16

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 20

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, April 21

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Confessions

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