



Church of St. Matthew

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



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”
- Jn 10:14-15

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April 21, 2024 **Fourth 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 April 24, 2022 bulletin.

I grew up at a time the Church taught much about meriting the grace of God; my good works would result in God's favor toward me. It was a kind of spirituality where much was placed on the shoulders of the individual.

Only as I grew older did I come to realize that the grace of God is total gift – there is nothing I can do to achieve or merit God's favor. There is much I can do to show gratitude to God for the many ways He has blessed my life.

I came across a piece written by Henri Nouwen that captured well, for me, an image of my relationship with God. Nouwen was much taken with the circus; in fact, for a time he attached himself to a circus troop and traveled with them.

In his relationship with the Flying Rodleights, a trapeze act, he found a new vocabulary for the spiritual life. He was fascinated by a remark from one of the flyers – the seeming start of the trapeze act. He said: "The flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When I fly to the catcher, I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me and pull me safely over the apron behind the catch bar. A flyer must fly and a catcher must catch. The flyer must trust with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him."

I find it a great image of the spiritual life. I am created to fly and to trust. In those seconds between the time I let go of the bar and am suspended in mid air, it is only the action of the catcher that keeps me from falling. I do nothing.

I pray that I be a good flyer. I know that God is a great catcher.

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.

Fr. Adrian's Birthday Celebration: Thank you to the **Kegler Family** who prepared the spaghetti dinner and to all those who helped in the kitchen. Thank you to the **Men's Club, Rosary Society, Youth Group** and the **many parishioners** who served the food and cleaned up at the end. Thank you to all who sent messages to **Fr. Steve!**

Filming: Thank you to **Peg** and **Alan** who filmed the parishioners singing happy birthday at the Saturday and the Sunday Masses. Also, for their filming of personal messages from individual parishioners to Fr. Steve.

Spring Tea: Thank you to **Becky** and the members of the **Rosary Society** who sponsored the Saturday Afternoon Spring Tea! The tea was well attended and the consensus was that the food was great and the fellowship enjoyable!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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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.*

Parish Administrator's Note

Safe Environment

The phrase "safe environment" points to a couple of important things here at St. Matt's.

One aspect is making sure our facilities are safe. Are there trip hazards anywhere, e.g., extension cords, heaving sidewalks, or other problems? Are electrical systems up to code? (I will be so glad when the main electric panel is finally replaced in June.) What can we do to reduce risk to all persons who come to St. Matt's?

Catholic Mutual (CM), our insurance company, is incredibly focused on risk reduction. CM sends an inspector here each year, most recently in February. I was pleased to see the inspector's list of problems was shorter this year than last year. That's a sign of the overall progress we're making. (For more on all our projects, see last week's bulletin insert.)

There's an entirely different and important aspect of providing a safe environment, however. I'm referring to how we treat other people, especially the most vulnerable among us. That includes children, of course, and also vulnerable adults.

It is sad but true that some people are, well, abusive. I was reminded of this recently, since April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. See this week's bulletin insert for good information about abuse **awareness, prevention, and accountability**. We're also putting additional resources on a table in back of the church. I invite you to pick up any materials that you find useful.

Throughout the entire year, part of my job is to coordinate specific safety requirements for all staff and volunteers. These include a code of conduct, training, and background checks. If you're already a volunteer, you should be registered with VIRTUS, the online system that helps with these requirements. If you're interested in volunteering, let me know. I'll send you the registration instructions.

All parishes have Safe Environment Coordinators. I am the coordinator for St. Matt's.

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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See the insert for additional news and events happening at the Church of Saint Matthew.



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

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.

Faith Formation News

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.

Faith Formation End-of-School-Year Update: On April 24, only students in grades 2 to 7 who are preparing for First Communion have class; all other Faith Formation students are on break that evening. Wednesday, May 1, is our end-of-the-school-year celebration. All Faith Formation students in grades K to 10+ and their families are invited to come to church at 6:30 PM for a short prayer service. After the service, we will play bingo with prizes and enjoy some refreshments. May 1 is our last class gathering for the 2023-2024 school year.

News and Events

Blood Pressure Check

Blood pressure checks will be available after Mass this weekend, **April 20 and 21**.



Neighborhood House Collection

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation.

During the month of March 2024, St. Matthew donated **148 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support Group meeting is on **Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center. Email **Mary Leibl** (mleibl@st-matts.org) with any questions. If you are dealing with grief in your life and are willing to share your experiences in a non-judgmental setting, you are welcome to join us.

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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 21, 2024

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Mass Intentions

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
+Anastasia Shevtsova
+Esther Snaza

Monday, April 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, April 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, April 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, April 27

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

Sunday, April 28

10:15 AM Mass
+Maurie Grundei
+Stanley Raway

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26

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

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

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 - First Communion Practice

Thursday, April 25

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, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

10:00 AM First Communion Mass
4:15 PM Mass
After Mass Confessions

Sunday, April 28

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Youth Group Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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