



# Church of St. Matthew

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:28-29

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### **April 7, 2024** **Second Sunday of Easter**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

##### **Masses**

**Saturday** 4:15 PM  
**Sunday** 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

##### **Reconciliation**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (after Mass)** 11:00 AM  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Adults often ask a child, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Aunts, uncles, neighbors, etc. asked that of me when I was very young. I didn't have much to say, I hadn't thought about it.

Monday is the Feast of the Annunciation. The proper day for the feast is March 25<sup>th</sup>—nine months before Christmas. However, this year the day fell in Holy Week and the feast had to be relocated.

I am not sure that Mary had any thought about what she wanted to be. Yet, there was a plan for her from all eternity, and the same is true for you and me.

Mary came to know the plan through the message of an angel and even though she was confused, she agreed to accept the plan God had in store for her.

The Angel Gabriel doesn't appear to us and announce the plan God has for each of us. There is a plan for each of us! The revelation comes in more ordinary ways—through prayer, also through the encouragement of parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, friends and relatives. We come to understand our destiny bit by bit. Will I be ready to say "yes" to the plan of God even though I might not understand all that the plan entails? That is essential for each person if they are to grow as the person they were created to be.

A few months ago, I invited the students at Community of Saints to join "The Father Steve Hail Mary Club." The student promises to pray one Hail Mary everyday asking Our Lady to help know, understand, and accept the plan God has. Mary knows how it works.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*



**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.*

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

*Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8*

**Thank You:** To all who made the Easter Triduum services special for everyone who attended. To **Fr. Thomas Kommers**, who led us through the Triduum and Easter services - through his generosity, he made it possible for us to experience the most holy liturgies of the church year. To **Cristina and the Liturgy Committee Members** who planned the liturgies and had everything that is physically needed in place. To **Cristina, the choir and all musicians** - through their musical talent we were able to feel all the emotions of the Triduum, from Holy Thursday, through the sadness of Good Friday to the celebration and exultation of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass. To all the **liturgical ministers and sacristans** who served at the various liturgies during the Triduum. To our volunteers who took care of the flowers. To **Cristina, Mary B.** and **all** who decorated the chapel for the **Alter of Repose**. To all who spent time at the Altar of Repose, "keeping watch." To the **Bejblik family** who decorated the sanctuary for the Triduum liturgies. To all who helped strip the sanctuary at the end of the Holy Thursday service and then carried the altar, baptismal font, etc. back into the sanctuary for the Easter Vigil service. To **Jair and Katie** who cleaned the church and had it welcoming for visitors who came to worship with us. To **Phil and Angela** who made sure that whatever was needed got ordered and delivered on time. To **Anthony and Isabella** who led the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday! To **all our parishioners** who joined together to remember in prayer the passion, death and resurrection which allows us today to experience the joy of being Easter People!

**Thank You:** To all who donated money for the Easter flowers. Through your generosity, we were able to enhance the Glory of Easter with many beautiful flowers!

**Thank You:** To **Fr. Steve Adrian** who sent copies of the "Little White Book" for his parishioners! The books are all large print and can be found on the tables in the back of the church. You are asked to take **one book per family**.

**Thank You:** To all who attended the Fish Fry, sponsored by the Men's Club, during the Lenten season. On Good Friday, **363** people attended the Fish Fry. The Men's club thanks everyone for their patronage. The next Fish Fry will take place on **Friday, March 7, 2025.**

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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## Parish Administrator's Note

### Happy Easter Season!

Alleluia! He is risen! I wish you, your family and your friends a joyful Easter season.

We had wonderful liturgical celebrations during Holy Week and the Triduum\*, because many, many people stepped up to help. Thank you to all who contributed their time, knowledge and skills to our many liturgical ministries. It was a lot of work, done well! (In fact, the word "liturgy" refers to "the work of the people.")

Thanks as well to everyone in the **assembly**, the entire group of worshipers coming together. There's a classic line from a liturgical document: "The most important ministry is the ministry of the assembly." All of us therefore minister to each other, by showing up to worship together. All specialized ministries—for example, presiding, lectoring and cantoring—are carried out by members of the assembly.

Note how this idea aligns well with what our parish values: everyone is important. Everyone should be listened to. Everyone should be actively engaged in worship and works of charity. It's not that priests aren't important. It's just that all other members of our faith community are important, too. The Body of Christ has many parts.

Our parish values strongly reflect what the Second Vatican Council taught in the early 1960s. It's not a coincidence. St. Matt's parish leadership, including long-time pastor Fr. Steve Adrian, took the Council's teachings to heart. You might recall that Fr. Steve has regularly referred to the Council in his homilies over the past couple of years.

### \*Triduum = The Three Days

"The Three Days" are counted according to the ancient Jewish calendar, in which a new day begins at sunset. They therefore include Holy Thursday evening through Good Friday and Holy Saturday into Easter Sunday.

Something to think about: how did the liturgies of the Triduum affect you? That is, which elements especially nourished you, spiritually speaking?

Have a great week!

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### The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on April 8, 2024 for **Living and Deceased Rosary**

### Society Members.

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

**Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes:** Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 have class in the St. Matthew Parish Center this **Wednesday evening, April 10**. Grades K to 5 have class from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, and grades 6 to 10+ have class from 6:45 to 7:50 PM. Community of Saints 8th grade Confirmation candidates have their last monthly class on April 10, also, from 6:45 to 7:50 PM in the Parish Center.

**Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral:** Twenty-six St. Matthew Confirmation candidates will be confirmed next **Sunday, April 14, at a 2:00 PM** Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The presider for the Mass is Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Please pray for our students and families as they enter their final week of preparation to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to Confirmation teacher **Dave Sunday** and to the Community of Saints teachers for helping to prepare the candidates.

**Save the Date, 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](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org).

## News and Events



See the insert for 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 7, 2024**

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

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

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, April 6**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Kathy Blair  
+Lisa Norton

### **Sunday, April 7**

10:15 AM Mass  
+Bennett Alward  
+Leona Jenniges

### **Monday, April 8**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, April 9**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, April 10**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, April 11**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, April 12**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, April 13**

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

### **Sunday, March 24**

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

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, April 8 - Friday, April 12**

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

### **Monday, April 8**

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

### **Tuesday, April 9**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 10**

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, April 11**

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

### **Friday, April 12**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM St. Mary's Diabetes Prevention Class

### **Saturday, April 13**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Rosary Society Spring Tea  
4:15 PM Mass  
5:00 PM Confessions (after Mass)  
5:15 PM Community Dinner

### **Sunday, April 14**

10:15 AM Mass  
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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