



Church of St. Matthew

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PUT OUT
INTO DEEP
WATER.

— LUKE 5:4 —

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

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

Reconciliation

- Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 PM
- Sundays after Mass upon request or by appointment, by calling the parish office

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

Gospel Meditation

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— *Father John Muir*

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Prayer Requests

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Philip Heitzinger, Sean Kane, Ken Kasheimer, Bernie Klein, Janette Koegel, Diane McFarland, Geriann Raway, John Saldivar, Doris Schillinger, and Richard Smith.

A name will remain on the prayer list for two months after which time it will be removed unless you ask to keep the name on the list. Please contact the parish office (651-224-9793) or email Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) to keep the list current.

We kindly ask you to obtain the individual's permission for bulletin publication and inclusion in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful.

We are strong as a community praying together.

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

Receptionist: We need a volunteer to work at the Parish Center reception desk on Mondays in March. **The dates are March 3, 10, 17, and 24.** Hours are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You may choose to volunteer for the whole four hours or any duration of time that works for your schedule. Duties are mainly to greet visitors to the Parish Center and to answer the phone at the reception desk. Anyone able to be of assistance on one or all of these days, please contact the Parish Center at 651-224-9793.

Greeter: We are in need of a volunteer to serve as a greeter at the **Saturday 4:15 pm Mass**. Duties include welcoming those attending the Mass and offering a hymnal, worship aid and a bulletin. An excellent opportunity for a Confirmation candidate to serve the parish! Any student or adult who may be interested in serving the parish in this way may contact the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 or speak to a greeter or sacristan at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass.

Thank You: We welcome **Bernadette Janisch** and **Izzy Minus** who have volunteered to serve as lectors.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) in the parish office.



Parish Administrator's Note

Pray, Act, Hope

“Pray as if everything depends on God. **Act** as if everything depends on you.” That classic saying comes to my mind these days, as I think about how we move forward in 2025.

Consider just one critical moral issue: how do we treat our immigrant brothers and sisters? We pray for immigrants at Mass, and I expect most of us pray for them personally. All good.

Beyond that, what **actions** can we take? Where can we find help? Some possibilities:

- Pay particular attention to news about immigration enforcement. Not all of it is legal. I'm convinced that some people want us to stop paying attention, so they can get away with illegal actions. Let's pay attention.
- Visit the Immigrant Legal Resource Center website. Among the ILRC's resources are "Red Cards", which succinctly list constitutional rights. We've put some red cards in church. Website: www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas
- Check out what our Archdiocese is doing. <https://missionsupport.archspm.org/news/immigration-issues-for-parishes-and-schools/>
- Continue to support Casa Guadalupana, one of our mission partners. Casa shelters legal immigrants. Their staff and volunteers are attending meetings, and they'll keep us informed.

These are troubled times . . . and yet, "Our **hope** for salvation is sustained by people helping people. Scientists, first responders, humanitarian aid workers are reminders that 'Christ plays in ten thousand places' (Gerard Manley Hopkins). While there may not be as much humanity around as we would like, there's more than we think. Humanitarian efforts to feed the starving, house the homeless, and heal the broken are the visible signs of salvation breaking through the barbed wire of systemic injustice blurring the beauty of living in communion with God and neighbor." (Fr. Richard M. Gula in *Give Us This Day*, Reflection for February 2, 2025)

Fr. Thomas put it well in a recent homily, let's (a) cease complaining; and (b) be a light to the world.

As members of St. Matt's Catholic community, we have access to powerful sources of **hope**: our faith, Scripture, and our fellow members.

Have a great week! Thank you for your support!

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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on Sunday, February 9, 2025 in memory of

Louise Rodriguez.

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 Classes This Week

On Wednesday, February 12, all Faith Formation public school students in grades K to 10 have class in the Parish Center. Grades K to 5 are in class from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, and Grades 6 to 10 are in class from 6:45 to 7:50 PM. Note that next week, February 19, students will have the opportunity to go to confession in church. Students will first report to their Parish Center classrooms that evening.

News and Events

Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **February 9 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass** hosted by the Men's Club. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



Rosary Society - February 11th Meeting

All women of the community are invited to the **Tuesday, February 11th** Rosary Society meeting, which will be held from **12:30 to 2:00 pm** in the Parish Center's lower level meeting room. Come to socialize, enjoy valentine themed refreshments and activities and plan our remaining Winter and Spring activities.

2025 Catholic Services Appeal

This year's Catholic Services Appeal focuses support in four overarching areas:

- o Educating in faith
- o Helping those in need
- o Faith formation
- o Respect for Life

In the back of the church, you will see donation cards and a QR code. Both give you access to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal website. You can also fill out the pledge card and return it in the collection. Make checks payable to Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your generous support.

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Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor
15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and
35c//Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor
15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 8

4:15 PM +Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe
+Mary Lou Shields

Sunday, February 9

10:15 AM +Eileen Norton

Saturday, February 15

4:15 PM +Nancy Maloney

Sunday, February 16

10:15 AM +Joseph Savard

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, February 10-14

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

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

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
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, February 16

10:15 AM Mass

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.*

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