



Church of St. Matthew

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

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March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

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 childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— *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

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.

Offertory Gifts: At each Mass, we would like two members of the congregation to carry forward the offertory gifts. Families are welcome to come forward together. You may call the Parish Center for more information or speak to a sacristan or greeter at your Mass.

Thank You: To **Mooreen, Marge, Sandy, Joanne and Mary** who serve as sacristans at our parish funerals. They prepare the church for the funeral, meet the florists on the day of the funeral, prepare those who will do readings or eulogy and be a welcoming presence to family and friends of the deceased. If anyone would be interested in joining this group of volunteers, please contact the parish office at 651-224-9793.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

*Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 for the **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.

Parish Administrator's Note

New Website

Have you had a chance to visit our new website? If not, I urge you to do so. The address is the same as before: www.st-matts.org. The new website is a big part of our efforts to improve parish communications. Those efforts involved great work by volunteers, staff, and outside consultants.

I'll be curious to learn what you notice about the changes from our previous website. Some possibilities:

- There's a new logo. It's derived from our beautiful stained glass windows on the west side of the church. The logo has a cross in it, which is fitting: the title of the five panels is "Transformation of the Cross." *Next week's bulletin will say more about the artwork.*
- The general look of the website has changed, along with many of the photos and much of the text. Special thanks to **Peg Lindlof**, who took most of the new photos.
- Navigating around the website has been simplified. In part, that's because archival material has been stored elsewhere. The new website also reflects the design committee's work over many months.

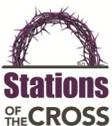
Please join me in thanking the committee members: **Maggie Lee, Cristina Czaia, Angela Rakow, George Derringer, Judy Brown and Peg Lindlof**. They put in many hours to work on all aspects of the redesign.

When we began this project last year, no one thought it would take months to complete the project. It did, though, and we're not done. We continue to make updates. If you notice errors or have questions, please email Angela in the parish office.

*Many thanks to **Richard Schletty**, who's served admirably as our webmaster for the past 25 years. That's an amazing run, and we all owe him our gratitude.*

Have a great week! Thank you for your support!

*Phil Grant, Administrator
Safe Environment Coordinator
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All Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm
Fridays during Lent – 5:30 pm

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.



Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Spring Break

Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 do **NOT** have class on Wednesday, March 26, and they do **NOT** have class on Wednesday, April 2, due to spring break at area public schools. Students in grades 8 to 10, our Confirmation candidates, will be confirmed at the Cathedral on Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 pm. Students in grades K to 7 resume Faith Formation classes in the St. Matthew Parish Center on Wednesday, April 9.

News and Events

Lex-Ham Band Here This Sunday

All are invited to enjoy a free band concert in the church at **2:00 p.m. this Sunday, March 23**. That's when the Lex-Ham Community Band will visit us again. (They were here last May.) While Lex-Ham is based in another St. Paul neighborhood, it does have West Side members—including yours truly. Look for me in the trombone section! ~*Phil Grant*

Check Out Our New Website!

St. Matthew's has a new website and logo – you can see them by going to www.st-matts.org. The logo was inspired by the church's stained glass panels, an original art project titled "Transformation of the Cross". We hope you have a chance to visit the new website, which includes a calendar listing upcoming events.



The website is a work-in-progress, and the Communications Committee will continue to make changes and updates. Thanks to everyone who filled out a website survey last year! Your input helped guide the Communications Committee's efforts.

Ham Bingo - Saturday, April 5

All are invited to St. Matthew Men's Club's annual Ham Bingo, featuring twelve games for hams and three games for cash on **Saturday, April 5. Doors open at 5:00 PM and games start at 5:30 PM**. Food, beer, wine and pop available for purchase. Expected completion time is between 8:30 to 9:00 PM.



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Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

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

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 22

4:15 PM +Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, March 23

10:15 AM +Carol Grundei
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Saturday, March 29

4:15 PM +Fr. Steve Adrian
+Kevin Kleman

Sunday, March 30

10:15 AM +Deceased Members of Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday - Thursday, March 24-27

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

Loaves and Fishes Community Meal at St. Matthew is closed on Fridays during Lent.

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 26

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Thursday, March 27

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

Friday, March 28

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29

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

Sunday, March 30

10:15 AM Mass
2:00 PM Communal Reconciliation Service

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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