

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

2025 Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Stations of the Cross

All Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm
Fridays during Lent – 5:30 pm

Saint Matthew's Fabulous Fish Fry

All Fridays during Lent
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 30 – 2:00 pm

Private Confessions

Wednesday, April 2 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 9 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12 – 4:15 pm
Sunday, April 13 – 10:15 am



Holy Thursday – April 17

Celebration of the Supper of the Lord – 7:00 pm
Altar of Repose – 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Good Friday – April 18

Altar of Repose continues
Stations of the Cross – Noon Only
Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm
Tenebrae Service – 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday – April 19

8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 20

10:15 am

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*, something we'll talk more about in next week's bulletin. 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.

Lex-Ham Band Here Next Sunday

All are invited to enjoy a free band concert in the church at **2:00 p.m. next 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

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Please consider taking one for your family to participate in this Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Your donation made through CRS Rice Bowl help provide lifesaving support globally and in our own community. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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.



10th Annual Women's Leadership Luncheon The School Sisters of Notre Dame

The School Sisters of Notre Dame will celebrate the 10th annual Women's Leadership Luncheon on **Thursday, March 27** at the University of Saint Thomas.

The theme is *The Nun Study: Transforming the Future of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias*. The Nun Study began in 1986 right here in Minnesota with the Sisters on Good Counsel Hill in Mankato. The study continued for many years at the University of Minnesota, working to examine the prediction, prevention, and treatment of Alzheimer's and other dementias.

EVENT IS FREE, but registration is required by **March 17, 2025**. For more information or to register contact Heather Spann at **507-389-4230** or **hspann@ssndcp.org**.



Community of Saints Regional Catholic School will be hosting the **Shining Stars Breakfast**, a continental breakfast fundraiser event at Community of Saints on **Thursday, April 24th at 7:30**

a.m. The purpose of the breakfast is to share the story of our school and raise funds. There is no charge to attend, but you will be invited to make a contribution to the school. There is no minimum and no maximum gift requested.

Come and learn about Community of Saints and the great work happening towards providing a strong education to students in grades PreK-8. Register on our website or by contacting Natalie Hartung at **nhartung@communityofsaints.org**.

Holy Week Ministers – All Hands on Deck!

Soon we will be writing the ministry schedule for Holy Week. **Please let Cristina Czaia (cczaia@st-matts.org) know if you cannot serve as a liturgical minister at any of the below services by no later than **March 24!****

Palm Sunday

- Saturday, April 12, 4:15 pm
- Sunday, April 13, 10:15 am

Holy Thursday

- Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm

Good Friday

- Friday, April 18, 12:00, Noon - Stations Service
- Friday, April 18, 3:00 pm - Passion of our Lord
- Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

Easter Vigil

- Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

- Sunday, April 20, 10:15 am

There is a need for many people to take on special roles. **Please let Cristina know if you have a particular interest in any of these special roles!**

- Donkey Puppet Operator
- Water Sprinkler
- Passion Reader (*Experienced lector*)
- Eucharistic Minister (*Cup*)
- Foot Washing Assistant (*Must be strong.*)
- Altar Furniture Mover (*Must be very strong.*)
- Large Cross Carrier (*Must be strong.*)
- Candle Extinguisher (*Must follow multiple cues and move comfortably in the dark.*)
- House Light Ushers
- Percussionist
- Paschal Candle Bearer (*Must be strong.*)

Contact Cristina Czaia at **cczaia@st-matts.org** for more information about ways to participate in Holy Week 2025!

Thank you for your dedication to our parish liturgies!

Cristina Czaia
Director of Music and Liturgy

Speak English?

Sometimes we feel God is calling us to give of our time and talent, but we hesitate. Have you thought about volunteer work, but held back because you don't have much free time to offer? Good news! Here is an opportunity that only takes an hour of your time. Have you held back because you don't think you have the skills that are needed? Good news! Here is an opportunity that only requires you know how to speak English. Here is an opportunity that we think has a small investment with a big reward.

At **Casa Guadalupana**, we help people who are working with the American government to achieve asylum status or citizenship. They are learning job skills and American culture as they transition to life in this country. A big difficulty for people who have just arrived is learning how to get by with the English language. They can take courses, but they really need more experience talking in English with others.

Can you volunteer an hour of your time to simply converse with someone? At Casa Guadalupana — right across the street from our church — we have started conversation sessions for our residents at **6:00 p.m. Fridays and at 11 a.m. Saturdays.**

If you are interested in helping, a good way to start is to send an email to Hannah Schwarze, Casa's director at casaguadalupana.director@gmail.com and she will get back to you. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



Volunteering with Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve free, healthy meals to Minnesotans where the need is greatest. Loaves & Fishes has been serving free community meals from the St. Matthew Social Hall since 2006. Currently, St. Matthew hosts one of the largest free community meals for the organization.

Volunteers work with a Site Coordinator to chop fruits/veggies, complete salads, and finish entrees during the Preparation/Package shift. Throughout the Service Shift, volunteers pass out meals and greet guests in drive-up or walk-up service. They also assist with keeping service materials organized and light cleanup.

Loaves & Fishes is in need of more volunteers! To volunteer at St. Matthew, go to <https://app.initlive.com:443/JE/sn85yp14q9vcal> to sign up.

For youth participation guidelines, contact Loaves & Fishes Director of Volunteer & Outreach at volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org.

Growing Through Loss - 2025 Spring Series

Growing Through Loss (GTL), which provides support for adults who have experienced loss, is hosting Spring Speaker Series.

GTL is sponsored jointly by the Interdenominational South Suburban Grief Support Coalition, a coalition of 15 churches in the south suburban Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Location: Church of St. Thomas Becket
4455 S Robert Trail
Eagan, MN 55123

Times: March 11 - April 8, 2025
Registration: 6:00 - 6:30 pm
Speaker: 6:30 - 7:20 pm
Support Groups: 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per session (all proceeds support the Growing Through Loss ministry)

Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. For more information, visit www.growingthroughlossstcsouth.com or call 651-452-8261.