

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

March 23, 2025
Third 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

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 **Monday, 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

AEDs - Training

Recently, a dozen people from St. Matt's and St. Stan's received training in the use of our Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). I'm grateful to **Scott Goldenstein** of the Mendota Heights Fire Department for hosting the training.

I want everyone to know where our AEDs are located. One is in the back right corner of the worship space, as you enter through the main door. (That's the corner with our literature rack.) The other AED is in the Social Hall, behind the bar.

Now you know. The training emphasized that it's important to be aware where they're located, should we ever need one.

Other aspects of the training included the reminder to call 911 in case of an emergency. One person should do that while another person is activating the AED.

Phil Grant



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.

Lenten Friday Afternoons - Volunteers Needed

Looking for opportunities to get together with others? Come and join Rosary Society members and others as we prepare the condiments and desserts for the famous Saint Matt's Lenten Fish Fry. We begin at **1:00 pm in the Social Hall**, and meet every Friday during Lent, **now through April 18**. Come to help and socialize with others as we work together to make the Fish Fry a success. And as a bonus, volunteers get half off their Fish Fry meal!

Becky Montgomery

Speak English? - Volunteer Opportunity

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!

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.

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 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 more information, contact Loaves & Fishes Director of Volunteer & Outreach at volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org.