



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 (*see below*)
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

Palm Sunday Procession

To commence our Holy Week celebration, we will have a Palm Procession beginning in the Social Hall on both **Palm Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13**. All are invited to begin Mass in the Social Hall and join our procession around and through the Church. Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early if you would like to join the procession. Those who are not comfortable with processing may pick up their palms in Church, as usual.

Cristina Czaia
Director of Music and Liturgy

Global Solidarity Sunday

This weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday. This is an invitation to share God's love in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support, an expression of Lenten almsgiving, by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: The Church in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services.

Accordingly, our parish community of St. Matt's is sending \$250 to the Archdiocesan Center for Mission. We will not be taking up a separate second collection at this time.

If you wish, you may write a check to the Church of St. Matthew and put "Global Solidarity Sunday" in the memo line. There are envelopes available in the back of the church. Any funds so designated will be forwarded to the Center for Mission.

Altar of Repose Times

Holy Thursday – April 17

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Good Friday – April 18

10:00 am – Noon, 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm



Funeral Mass for **AnnaMarie Karas** was held at St. Matthew on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Please remember AnnaMarie and her family in your prayers.

First Friday Band - April 4

Our growing community band's next jam session is **this coming Friday in the Social Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.** If you play, are learning to play, or want to play an instrument—you're welcome to join.

As was the case at our last session on March 7, we'll concentrate on folk dance tunes, including jigs, reels, and marches, among others. I'll bring the sheet music. Let me know if you'd like to see anything in advance.

Also like March 7, there'll be a Fish Fry going on during our music session. I heard many people say how much they enjoyed the live music.

Speaking of live music, the Lex-Ham Band Concert last Sunday was a success. I heard from many people in attendance that they liked our church space, the music, and the fact that music helps people of all ages connect. Amen to that!

Phil Grant



Commonweal Study Group – Adult Faith Formation

All are welcome to join our monthly *Commonweal* magazine's next meeting. It is this coming **Saturday, April 5, starting at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center. We'll wrap up by 11:30 a.m.

April's meeting will focus on a three-page article titled, "Make Room for the Heart." In it, Thomas Banchoff discusses how Pope Francis's latest encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, joins personal religious devotion to social and political justice.

According to Banchoff, the new encyclical "centers on the history and significance of Sacred Heart devotion as a spiritual practice. But in unexpectedly and forcefully taking up the Sacred Heart tradition, Francis also adapts it, going beyond its personal into its social and political dimensions."

For a copy of the article, as well as a quick introduction to how we conduct our discussion, please email me at pgrant@st-matts.org.

Phil Grant

St. Matthew's 36th Annual Dine-in & Curbside-to-go

Table service for dine-in, no buffet line



Every Friday Mar. 7-Good Friday April 18

Serving Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Baked and/or fried wild Alaskan pollock, baked potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Grilled cheese or spaghetti available as non-fish option.

Beer, wine and pop available for purchase

**Adult meal \$16 fish / \$14 non-fish. Cash, check or card.
Children's meals at reduced price**

Dine-in: enter at Door 5 at the rear of the church.
Curbside-to-go line off Humboldt Ave. onto Robie St.
For more information, visit st-matts.org

St. Matthew's Social Hall, 510 Hall Ave., St. Paul

Ham Bingo



Saturday, April 5
St. Matthew Social Hall
Doors open at 5:00 PM
Games start at 5:30 PM

All are invited to St. Matthew Men's Club's annual Ham Bingo, featuring twelve games for hams and three games for cash. Food, beer, wine and pop will be available for purchase.

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