



St. Matthew's
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Bulletin Insert
April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter

Eat, Dance, Sing – Saturday, April 26

All are welcome to this Saturday's after-Mass event in honor of Fr. Steve Adrian. We're highlighting the importance of Catholic education, given Fr. Steve's dedication St. Matt's School and Community of Saints Regional Catholic School.

We'll start with a simple supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by a short program at 6:00 p.m. After that, we'll have live music for some dancing. There'll be simple folk dances for all ages, along with a waltz or two. There'll even be cake, in honor of Fr. Steve's April birthday. The event will wrap up around 7:00 p.m.

The event is free. We will take up a free will offering on behalf of Community of Saints.

Some background: on December 21, 2024, our parish said farewell to our long-time pastor, Fr. Steve Adrian. I've heard it might have been the largest funeral ever held at St. Matt's. *Check out our new website, where you can see the recording.*

In January, we hosted a "Soup and Stories" event in Fr. Steve's honor. People submitted dozens of stories and anecdotes about him—check them out on the bulletin boards in the hall. We also heard stories from family and friends. (One of my personal favorites: the time Fr. Steve chastised a future pope. Ask Steve Mike for details.)

We'll host two additional events in honor of Fr. Steve: one of them will coincide with the August Mass in the Park. In December, we'll close out our year of remembrance with an event focused on the Second Vatican Council. Recall how often Fr. Steve preached on and wrote about Vatican II.

Please join us this Saturday in the Social Hall. All are welcome.

Phil Grant



The Little White Book - Easter 2025

This year, St. Matthew is offering *The Little White Book* for Easter. You can find these books on the tables at the back of the church, including regular and large prints and Spanish version. We hope these books help you celebrate the season of Easter. Please take one book per family.

**St. Matthew's Parish Council
Are You Called to Serve?**

The Parish Council is responsible for understanding the needs, hopes, life, and activity of the parish community so it can effectively carry out the mission of the parish. As a lay-led community, the Parish Council at St. Matthew's plays an active role along with the Trustees, the Finance Council, and the Parish Administrator in leading the parish. New Parish Council members will begin serving a three-year term in June. If you would like to learn more about what's involved, visit the News section on St. Matt's website or email parishcouncil@st-matts.org.

St. Matthew Community Band - May 2

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. Music's a great way for people to connect!

Reminder: children 12 and under need a parent or guardian. Teens need a note.

As is now customary, we'll concentrate on folk dance tunes, including jigs, reels, and marches, among others. I'll provide the sheet music. Let me know if you'd like to see anything in advance, or if you have any questions.

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New Ministry Schedule

The new ministry schedule will be written during the week of **May 12**. This schedule will begin the weekend of May 31/June 1 and run through Sunday, August 31. Please let Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) know by **Friday, May 9** as to any Masses you **would not be available**.

Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthew's Parish!

Commonweal Study Group Adult Faith Formation

All are welcome to join our monthly *Commonweal* magazine's next meeting. It is this coming **Saturday, May 2, starting at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center. We'll wrap up by 11:30 a.m.

Commonweal covers the arts and literature, as well as current events. Accordingly, May's meeting will focus on an article titled, "A Guest of the Management: Servicing the literary pretensions of the MBA class." In the article, writer Drew Calvert compares writers and founders, especially of the Silicon Valley variety.

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.

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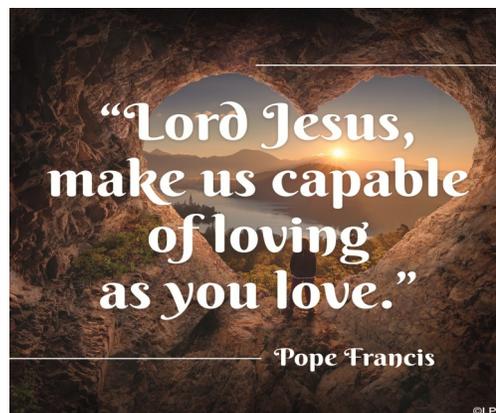
Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

Accordingly, our parish community of St. Matt's is sending \$100 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 "Catholic Home Missions" 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.

Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Open Window Theatre - LOLEK

Open Window Theatre presents the April 25 to May 25 return of artistic director Jeremy Stanbary's highly acclaimed **LOLEK**, a dramatic portrayal of the young adult years of Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II.

Living in Nazi-occupied Poland, Lolek, as he is known to his friends, embraces oppression, hardship and loss along with the joy of friendship and the abiding strength of his faith. Risking his life to resist the Nazi Occupation, witness the future pope in his formative years and be inspired by the hope that sustained him—the same hope that can be applied to the challenges of our own time.

Tickets & more info at openwindowtheatre.org or call **612-615-1515**.