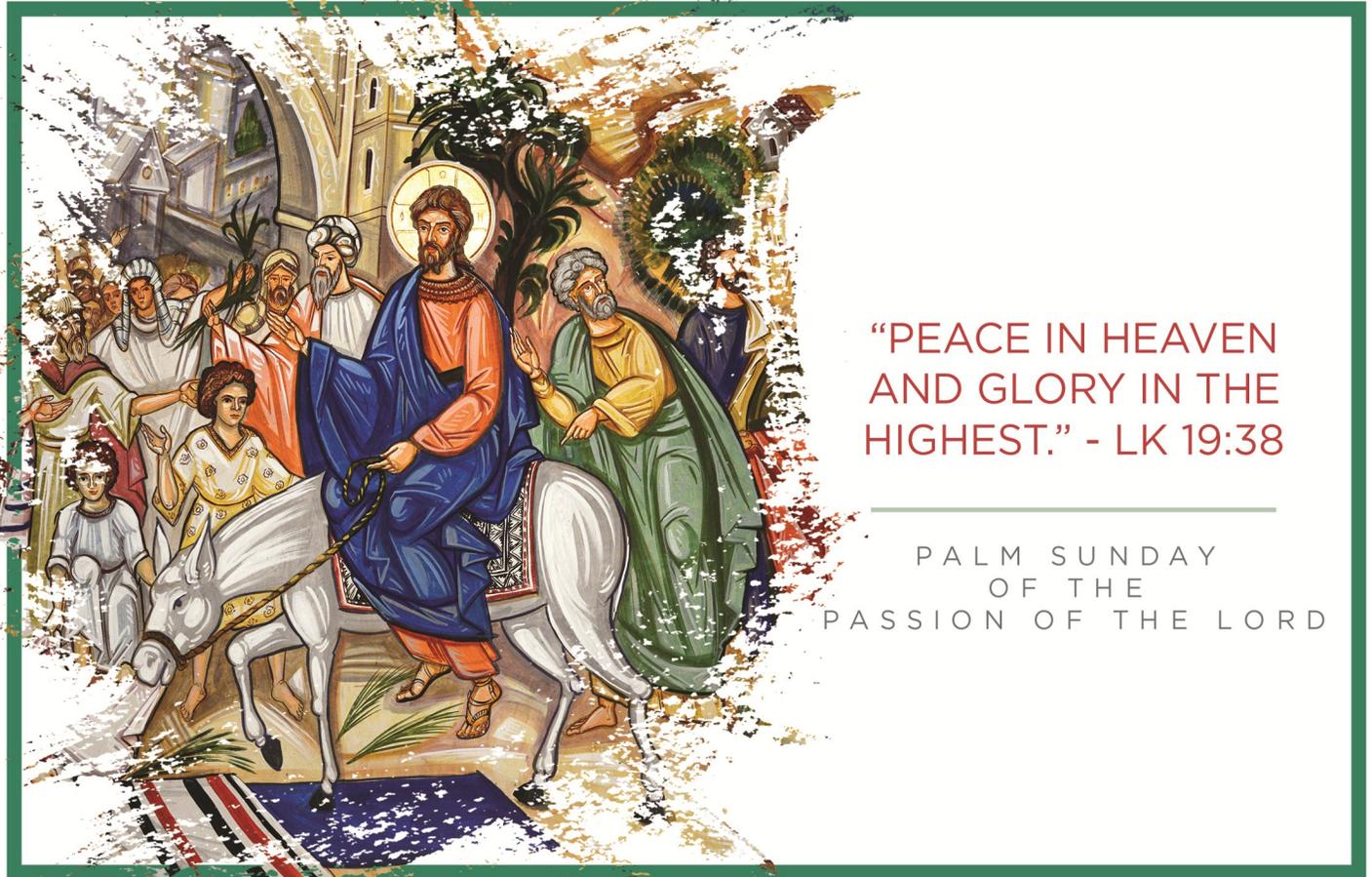




# St. Matthew's

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*St. Matthew's Catholic Community exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love.*



“PEACE IN HEAVEN  
AND GLORY IN THE  
HIGHEST.” - LK 19:38

PALM SUNDAY  
OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD

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**April 13, 2025**

### ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

#### **Mass Times**

- **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

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— *Father John Muir*

## 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***

**Office Receptionist:** We would like a volunteer to work in the reception area on Thursday mornings. The hours would be 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. You may choose to volunteer for the whole four hours or any duration of time that works for your schedule. Duties would include answering phones and taking messages as well as putting the inserts into the weekly bulletins. Occasionally, join a team of volunteers to prepare parish-wide mailings. If interested, call the Parish Office at 651-224-9793.

**Thank You:** As we approach the end of Lent, we want to thank **Cristina, Mary B.** and **members of the Liturgy Committee** who, through their decorating skills, brought us to “the desert” this Lent. A reminder every time we saw the baptismal font filled with sand, or put our fingers into sand when using the holy water fonts.

**Thank You:** To members of the **Men's Club, Rosary Society, Scouts and Youth Group** who help with the weekly Fish Frys. Also, to all parishioners and friends of the parish who attend and contribute to the success of the this event. Well over 1,000 meals have been served this year!!

**Thank You:** To **In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre** for lending us their Donkey for our Palm Sunday Procession.

***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, April 15, 2025 in memory of **Fr. Steve Adrian's Birthday.**

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

### Holy Week & Triduum (the Three Days)

With Palm Sunday celebrations this weekend, we begin our holiest week of the year. The week ends with the Triduum, a term which refers to Three Days: Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday evening. (In so doing, we follow the ancient Jewish custom which holds that a day begins at sunset.)

Though spread over three days, Triduum's liturgies are parts of a great whole. Taken together, they trace the final days of Jesus' life, His death, and His resurrection from the dead. I urge you to attend as many parts as you are able. Note that St. Matt's also offers Stations of the Cross. (The full schedule is elsewhere in the bulletin.)

The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening is a high point of Triduum. It's arguably the most elaborate worship experience of our entire liturgical year. All are welcome! (Advance thanks to the many people working hard to prepare for the Vigil.)

As Catholics, we're still assimilating the liturgical renewal made possible by the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s. Many people already know that Vatican II ushered in the general use of English in the liturgy. In addition, the restoration of the Easter Vigil was a noteworthy element of the renewal.

See also Cristina's "Reflections on the Offering for the Poor and the Washing of the Feet" in this week's insert.

Have a great week! Thank you for your support!

Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
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## Faith Formation News

### Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation students in Grades K to 7 have class on Wednesday, April 16, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Parents, please mark your calendars for April 30, when students and parents will meet in church at 6:30 PM for a prayer service, followed by bingo with prizes afterward and refreshments. That evening, we celebrate our learning and growth in the Catholic faith this school year.

*\*Due to early bulletin submission, some items may appear in later issues.*

## 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.



## News and Events

### Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **this Sunday, April 13 after the 10:15 AM Mass**, hosted by the Rosary Society. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



### No Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will not be Children's Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, April 13 and Easter Sunday, April 20. It will resume on Sunday, April 27.

### Crafting Group

A reminder there is no Crating Group on Holy Thursday, April 17. The group typically meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.

### CRS Rice Bowl Collection

If you participated in the CRS Rice Bowl collection during Lent, you may turn in your Rice Bowl at the Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday.



### Blessing of Liturgical Ministers - Holy Thursday, April 17

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17, there will be a special blessing of all of our ministers. Anyone who participates as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Greeter, Sacristan, or someone who brings Communion to the homebound, will be invited to come forward to receive the blessing. We hope you are able to be there.

### Neighborhood House Collection

Next 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. During the month of March 2025, St. Matthew donated **71 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



Tuesday, April 15 – 12:30 pm

Friday, April 18 – 12:00 pm

## Parish Leadership

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Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

## Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
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Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

### **Readings for the week of April 13, 2025**

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, April 12**

4:15 PM +Agnes C. and Gordon B. Roscoe  
+Robert A. and Jeanne M. Stadt

### **Sunday, April 13**

10:15 AM +Fr. Steve Adrian

### **Saturday, April 19**

4:15 PM +Leo Kegler  
+Kevin Kleman  
+Don Leibl

### **Sunday, April 20**

10:15 AM +Bill Brengman

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday - Thursday, April 14 - 117**

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

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

### **Monday, April 14**

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM St. Mary's Mobile Dental Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

### **Tuesday, April 15**

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

### **Wednesday, April 16**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
6:30 pm - 8:00 PM Faith Formation  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice

### **Thursday, April 17**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM Celebration of the Supper of the Lord  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Altar of Repose

### **Friday, April 18**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed  
10:00 AM - Noon Altar of Repose  
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Altar of Repose  
3:00 PM Good Friday Service  
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Altar of Repose  
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

### **Saturday, April 19**

8:00 PM Mass

### **Sunday, April 20**

10:15 AM Mass

### **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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