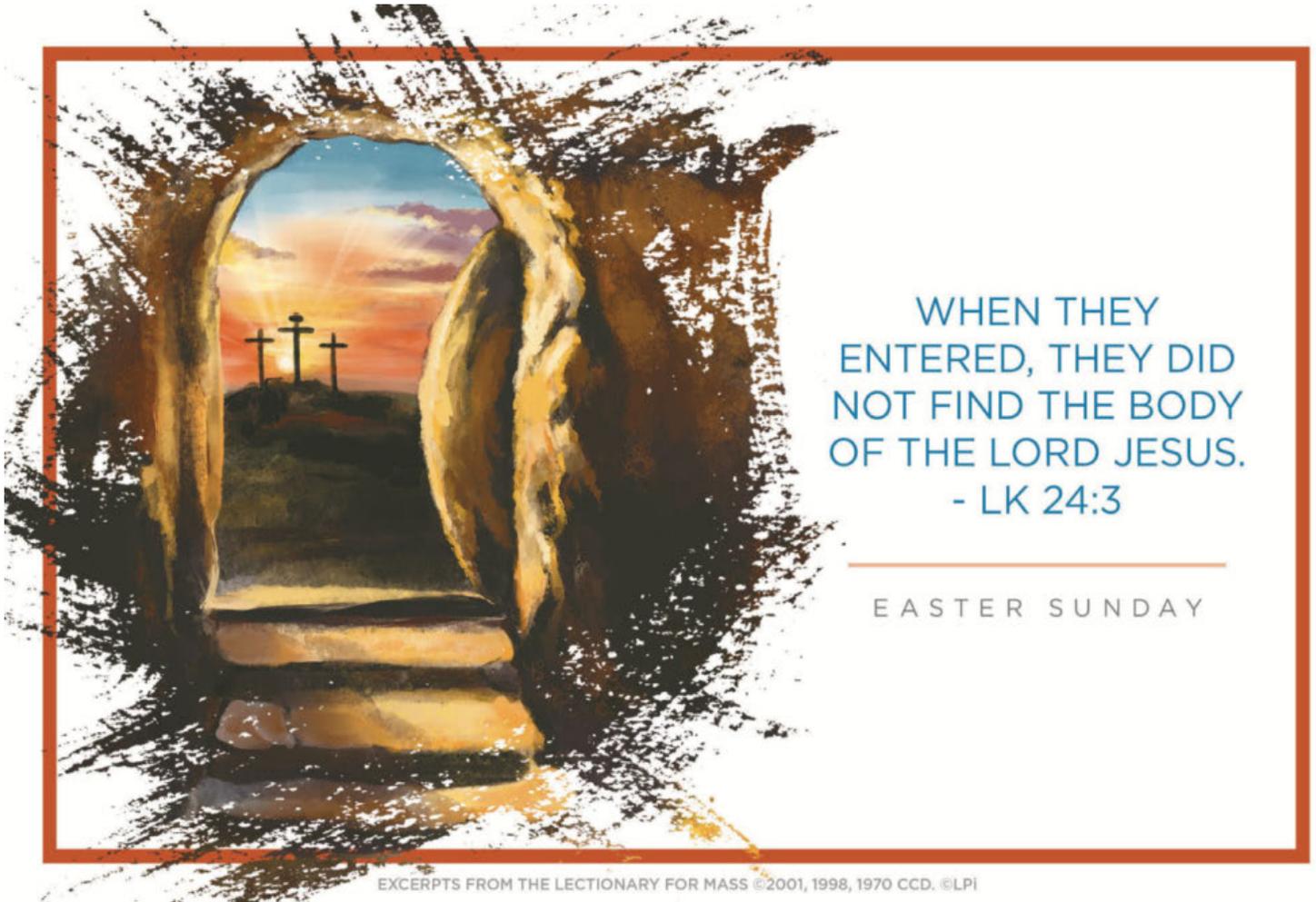




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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



WHEN THEY
ENTERED, THEY DID
NOT FIND THE BODY
OF THE LORD JESUS.
- LK 24:3

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April 20, 2025 **Easter Sunday**

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

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, **“the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place” (John 20:7)**. Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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Prayer Requests

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Johnny Edwards, 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

Thank You: To Fr. Kommers, Phil Grant, Cristina Czaia, our wonderful choir and the many liturgical ministers who made Holy Week and Easter a beautiful experience for all our parishioners and visitors! Thank you to Jair, Paul, Mary and Bob, and members of the Liturgy Committee who cleaned and decorated the church, making it beautiful and welcoming for all who attended Holy Week and Easter services. Thank you to all our parish volunteers and office staff who helped with Lent and Easter mailings, and helping all who called to ask the time of Communal Penance and Holy Week services. This past week, many members of this parish showed the meaning of **“We are a Volunteer Parish!”**

***WE WISH ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!***

HE IS RISEN!



Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

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

Happy Easter!

Alleluia! He is risen! I wish you, your family and your friends a joyful Easter Day and Easter season. It's time to celebrate our Risen Lord!

Many thanks to our staff and volunteers for all they did to plan, prepare and do the many, complicated liturgies of Holy Week and Triduum. Thanks as well to everyone who worshiped with us during these days. We're glad you're here!

Acts of the Apostles and Us

Now that we're in the Easter season, our first readings each weekend are from the *Acts of the Apostles*. That's the very next book after the four Gospels in the Christian Scriptures. (I recommend reading more than just what we hear at Mass. There are a lot of great stories and lessons in *Acts*.)

Note the continuity from *Acts* to today, including the teachings of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) There's a consistent emphasis on "the church" as **everyone**, not just the hierarchy. Everyone's important. The Holy Spirit works through everyone. We should *listen* to everyone. Pope Francis emphasizes *synodality*, a term that highlights the importance of listening to everyone.

Accordingly, we're all called to engage with our faith community. That can include not only worship, but also socializing. (Think of the Fish Fries and Ham Bingo during Lent.) In addition, we have many volunteer opportunities. We're a volunteer parish. That's a great thing.

Volunteerism challenges the emphasis on consumerism in today's American society. Our culture and technology strongly encourage a "buy, acquire, consume" mentality. As I understand the Bible (and Vatican II), that's not what we're here for. Rather, we're here to care for the poor, to minister, and to listen well and widely.

Have a great week! Thank you for your support!

Phil Grant, Administrator
Safe Environment Coordinator
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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.



Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation students in Grades K to 7 have class on Wednesday, April 23, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm in the St. Matthew Parish Center. For First Communion children who have *not* finished coloring their banner, please arrive at 6:00 pm on April 23 with parents or older siblings to finish coloring. Note that on April 30, students in grades K to 10 and parents meet in church at 6:30 pm for a prayer service, followed by bingo with prizes afterward and refreshments.

First Communion Practice

Students preparing for First Communion who are registered with our St. Matthew school year program have practice on Wednesday, May 7, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. At least one parent also needs to attend that evening with his/her student. This includes students in our weekly Faith Formation program and Community of Saints students who signed up to make their First Communion at the Church of St. Matthew. First Communion Masses are on May 10, 11, and 18.

News and Events

No Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will not be Children's Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday, April 20. It will resume next week.

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.

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. 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!



The parish office is closed on
Monday, April 21, 2025.

Parish Leadership

Rev. Antony Skaria, Parochial Administrator

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Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Tony Postiglione
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
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Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11
-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/
Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv
1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19

8:00 PM +Leo Kegler
+Kevin Kleman
+Don Leibl

Sunday, April 20

10:15 AM +Bill Brengman

Saturday, April 26

4:15 PM +AnnaMarie Karas
+Nancy Maloney

Sunday, April 27

10:15 AM +Maurie Grundei

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, April 21 - 25

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

Monday, April 21

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Crafting Group
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Friday, April 25

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 26

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass
After Mass Celebration of Fr. Steve Adrian's
legacy with a free meal, short program,
and live music and dance

Sunday, April 27

10:15 AM Mass
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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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