



2025 Holy Week Schedule

***Stations of the Cross**
Tuesday, April 15 – 12:30 pm

Saint Matthew's Fabulous Fish Fry
Friday, April 17 - 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm



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 – 10:00 am – Noon
*Stations of the Cross – Noon Only
Altar of Repose – 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm
Altar of Repose – 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tenebrae Service – **Canceled

Easter Vigil, Saturday – April 19
8:00 pm
(Expected duration is 2 to 2.5 hours)

Easter Sunday – April 20
10:15 am

**Stations of the Cross will be Mary's Way of the Cross.*

***Please note the Tenebrae Service previously scheduled for Friday, April 18 at 7:00 pm has been canceled. Thank you for your understanding.*

A Reflection on Washing of the Feet

The tradition of the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday tends to make people anxious. People don't seem to have a problem with *washing* another person's feet. The problem is *having* their own feet washed. Even at the Last Supper, Peter says, "Lord, you will *never* wash my feet."

Lent is a time when we are called to acts of service and alms giving. But it's not often that we stop to reflect on what it means to receive someone else's act of service. It requires vulnerability, courage and grace. You have to allow your own weaknesses to be exposed. You have to say out loud that you have a need, and you are not currently able to rely on yourself to meet it. Especially in our consumer-capitalist society that venerates independence above all else, it is really hard to accept support.

But Jesus replies to Peter, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." When we live in a place of pride, thinking we are able to meet all of our needs on our own, we refuse the lesson that Jesus is trying to teach us. And our service to others means nothing if we only serve their transient needs, but do not honor their humanity.

We see ourselves as a social justice parish. Because of this, it is even more important for us to reflect on the difference between serving a meal and sharing a meal, between working at a shelter and knowing the reasons why someone ended up there in the first place, between praying for people who are sick and sitting with them in their pain.

The Washing of the Feet is an opportunity for grace. Let's continue to challenge each other to enter more deeply into service this Lenten season, but let's connect more deeply with those we are serving. Participating in the Washing of the Feet is a tangible way to enter into Jesus' call to be servant-leaders in the community. The greatest must become the least. Jesus humbled himself and became obedient, obedient to death on the cross.

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Holy Thursday - Collection for the Poor

On Holy Thursday, the Catholic Church around the world offers the evening's collection to the Poor. Please bring food shelf items, your CRS rice bowls, or monetary gifts with you to place in the offering baskets during our Holy Thursday collection.

For further reading on Holy Thursday, check out Michael Iafrate's 2018 article titled *Holy Thursday: Radical Reversals* at <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2018/03/29/radical-reversals/>

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Holy Land Appeal - Good Friday

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support The Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. This helps the Church minister in parishes and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity.

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.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org.



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.

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

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.

