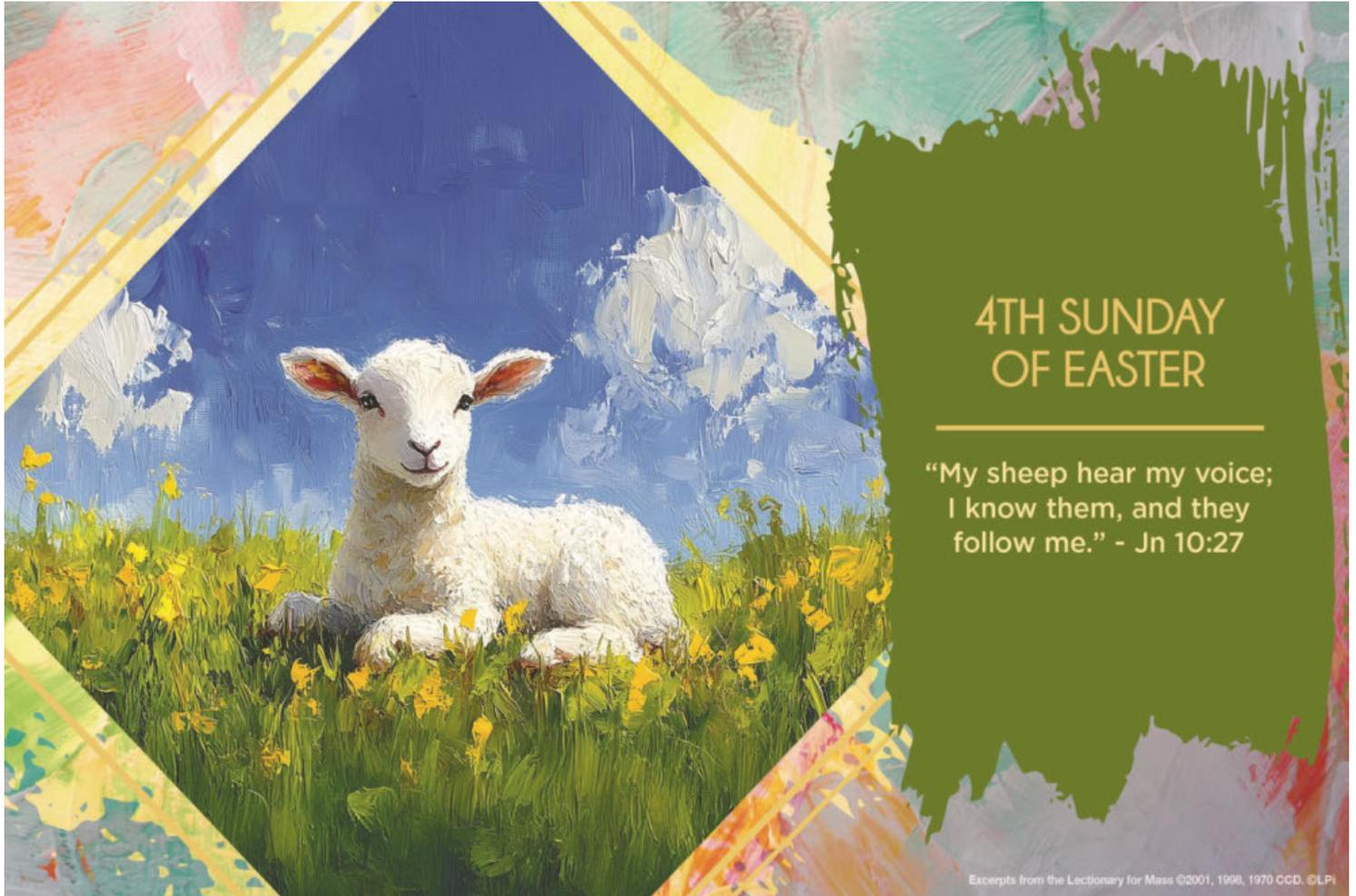




# St. Matthew's

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice;  
I know them, and they  
follow me." - Jn 10:27

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### **May 11, 2025** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

#### **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.**

#### **Church**

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Gospel Meditation

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **“My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27)**. Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— *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, 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.*

### 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 Rakow (arakow@st-matts.org) in the parish office.



## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

*Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ~ Isaiah 6:8*

**Sprinkling Rite:** The sprinkling rite will take place throughout the Easter Season, up through the weekend of June 7-8. We are looking for volunteers to be sprinklers. This individual will carry a bowl of Holy Water and brush and participate in the entrance procession. After the Priest's greeting, you will walk through the church sprinkling Holy Water on the congregation. If you are interested in taking part in this ritual, you may contact the Parish Center and leave your name and contact information.

**Thank You:** To **Karen Thompson, Phil Grant, and Stephen and Josie Mike** who planned and executed the **Celebration of Fr. Steve Adrian's Legacy**. Those who attended enjoyed a free meal, short program and live music and dance. A memorable way to remember Fr. Steve, who would have been 83 years old on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You:** As the 2024-2025 Faith Formation year comes to an end, we thank these catechists, helpers, and substitutes: **Claudia Fernandez Bastian, Mary Bejblik, Antonia Cruz, Maricruz Delgado Garcia, Nataly Garcia, Valerie Gerlich, Mary Hozza, Josie Pineda Johnson, Autumn Koch, Denise Quinlan, Janelle Rohr, Joanne Smith, Dave Sunday, and Kathleen Thompson.**

**Thank You:** To **Jeff Jandisch** who has volunteered to help the greeters at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Parish Administrator's Note

### A Resurrection Faith

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asked Peter if Peter loved Him—three times! In his homily, Fr. Thomas pointed out how the repetition took Peter into ever deeper levels of conversation. Jesus challenged Peter to really love Him, to move beyond sentiment into self-sacrificing love for others. By extension, Jesus is challenging us as well.

Note that this is basically a “love the world” stance. Sadly, I see some Christians with more of a “fear the world” stance.

I'm glad that our St. Matt's faith community is more loving than fearing. I think it's fair to say that we embrace a “Resurrection Faith”. As David French put it in a recent *New York Times* article, a resurrection faith's “aim is to follow Christ's consistent pattern of moving to the suffering, the alienated and the sick.”

French is an evangelical Christian. He laments how some who claim to be Christian cheer recent federal actions that hurt many of the most vulnerable people in the world. “But there is another faith—one far removed from the headlines—that is doing something else entirely. . . This faith loves its enemies. It mends the broken heart. And it declares, by word and deed, that no one is too lost to experience the love of God.”

(If that message sounds familiar, it's because it's very similar to what we often hear from Fr. Thomas. Previously, we heard it from Fr. Steve Adrian.)

Throughout the centuries, the two perspectives—love and fear—have been at odds in Christian churches. In the Roman Catholic church, a “fear mentality” was common.” (Some Popes even condemned the modern world.) It wasn't until the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s that official church teaching shifted decisively from fear to love.

We're now in the Easter season, celebrating the Resurrection. Let it be for all of us a time of joy, love and hope. Good things are happening at St. Matt's and many other places!

Have a great week! Thank you for your support!

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
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### Communal Anointing of the Sick

There will be Anointing of the Sick during Mass on **Saturday, May 31 at 4:15 pm and Sunday, June 1 at 10:15 am**. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul are welcome to come forward and take part.

## Faith Formation News

### Formation Thank You

Faith Formation classes for the 2024-2025 school year have ended. Thank you to the 35 public school students in grades K to 10 for their participation. Thank you to parents and guardians for getting their students to and from classes and for supporting their learning and growth in the Catholic faith. Thank you to catechists, helpers, and substitutes who volunteered their time and talent. Thanks to Men's Club for donating gift cards for our final evening celebration. Classes start again in late September. Watch the St. Matthew website in August for the registration form for 2025-2026 classes.

## News and Events

### Coffee Sunday

Come down to celebrate Mother's Day, and the final Coffee Sunday of the season on **Sunday, May 11 after the 10:15 AM Mass** in the Social Hall.



It's a special day so we will be serving a brunch along with our usual treats. Please come and join us!

### Monthly Scripture Study - Gospel of Luke

St. Matthew's monthly Scripture Study, centering on the Gospel of Luke, has its final meeting on **Tuesday, May 20 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Community Room** (first floor). Let Zach Czaia know if you're planning to come, or if you have any questions at [zczaia@hotmail.com](mailto:zczaia@hotmail.com).

### Neighborhood House Donations

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 April, St. Matthew donated 105 pounds of food**. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

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### **Readings for the week of May 11, 2025**

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 10

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

### Sunday, May 11

10:15 AM +Deceased Rosary Society Members

### Saturday, May 17

4:15 PM +Don Leibl  
+Dorothy Williams

### Sunday, May 18

10:15 AM +Eileen Norton  
+Lisa Norton

## Calendar of Events

### Monday - Friday, May 12-16

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

### Monday, May 12

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

### Tuesday, May 13

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting

### Wednesday, May 14

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

### Thursday, May 15

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

### Friday, May 16

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

### Saturday, May 17

10:00 AM Baptism Preparation Meeting  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Rosary Society Spring Tea  
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Mass

### Sunday, May 18

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](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org). *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

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