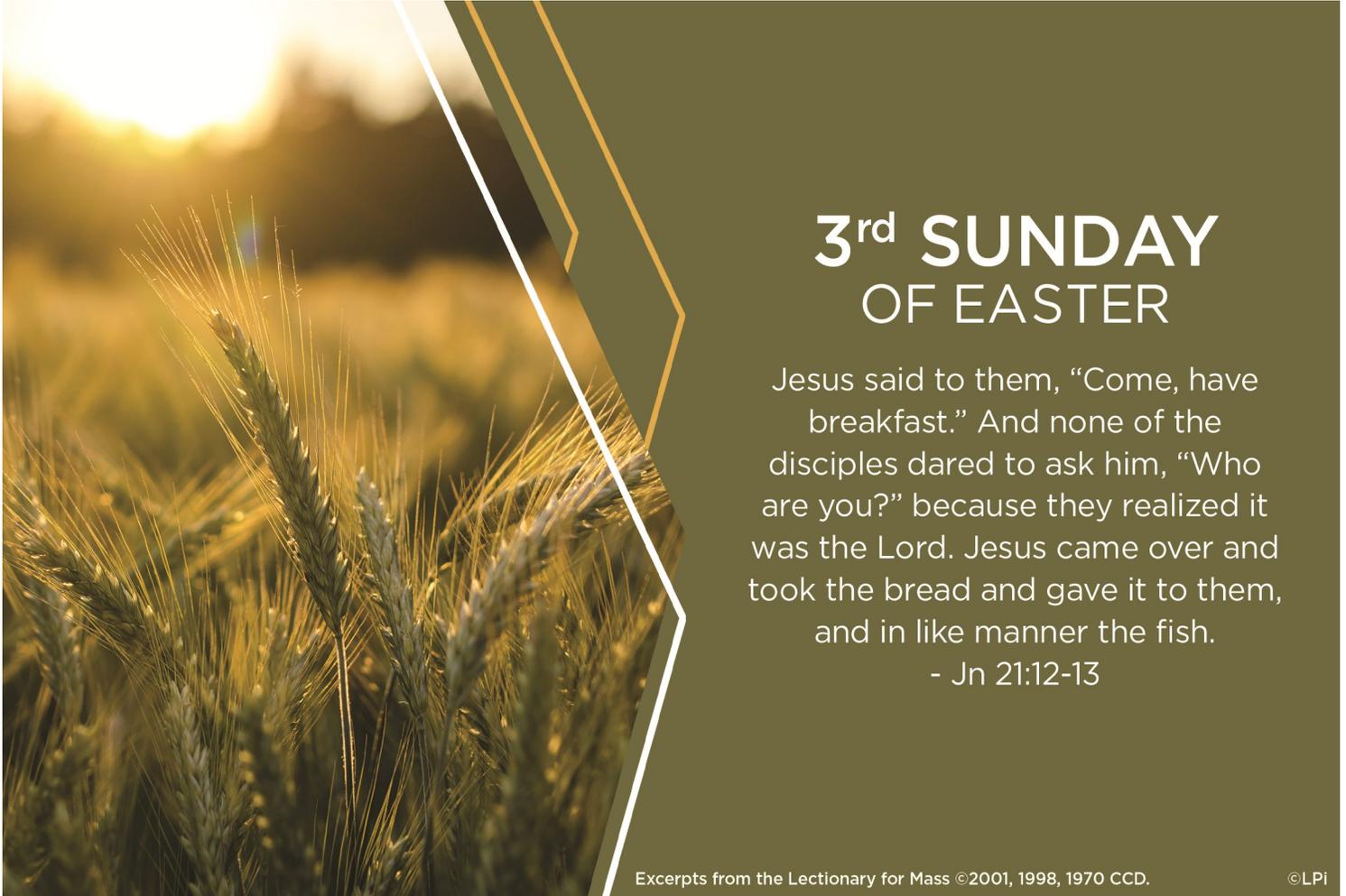




St. Matthew's

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

- Jn 21:12-13

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May 4, 2025 **Third 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.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Gospel Meditation

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "**Come, have breakfast**" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— *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 (arakow@st-matts.org) in the parish office.



Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8

Greeter: We are in need of a volunteer to serve as a greeter at the **Saturday, 4:15 pm Mass**. Duties include welcoming those attending the Mass, while offering them a hymnal, worship aid and a bulletin. Any student or adult who may be interested in serving the parish in this way may contact the Parish Office at 651-224-9793 or speak to a greeter or sacristan at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass.

Thank You: To **Chris Wilfahrt** who has served for many years as the greeter at the Robie Street door at the Saturday, 4:15 pm Mass. We also thank **Tim Dalzell** and **Tom Kabesh** who have served as greeters at the main door at the Saturday Mass.

Thank You: To **Mary Bejblik** who designed the remembrance altar to Pope Francis in the back of the church.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Faith Formation News

First Communion Practice

Students preparing for First Communion who are registered with our St. Matthew school year program have practice in church 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.



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

Happenings

We're in the joyful season of Easter, and it lasts until Pentecost (June 8).

His Holiness Pope Francis's funeral was last weekend.

I attended the April meeting of the Association of Parish Business Administrators (APBA). Here at St. Matt's, our Parish Council met on April 24.

What's a connection among these happenings?

For me, they're all part of being church. And by "church", I'm thinking of "assembly" and "called out ones". Those are meanings derived from the original Greek term, *ekklesia*. We're called out by Jesus to come together, proclaim the Gospel, and do good in the world.

It's been a poignant Easter season for me thus far. As I wrote last week, my Easter joy is mixed with sadness at the passing of Pope Francis. His funeral was quite the event, with millions watching around the world—Catholics and others.

Meanwhile, dozens of cardinals have been meeting to discuss the future of our global church and elect a worthy successor to Francis.

In the midst of these global events, life and meetings go on locally. Every month, I meet with my APBA colleagues. We learn from each other and receive guidance from Archdiocesan officials about the direction of our Archdiocese as a whole.

Even more locally, our Parish Council meets every month to think strategically about the direction of St. Matt's Catholic Community. *See this week's insert for details about our current plans in the areas of Spirituality, Youth, and Hospitality. Please ask any Council member about the plan.*

By the way, this is also the time of year when the Council seeks new members to help guide St. Matt's. Might this be the year you take a turn in this important leadership role?

Christ said, "Behold; I stand at the door and knock. Whoever opens, receives me." Pope Francis's take was that if we see this as **a summons to come outside and join Him in the world**, the story takes on a wonderful spin, in which we enter the excitement of building God's kingdom with our dear Lord and Savior.

Have a great week! Thank you for your support!

Phil Grant, Administrator
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News and Events

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 begin serving a three-year term in June. To learn more about what's involved, visit the News section on St. Matt's website or email parishcouncil@st-matts.org.

Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **May 11 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



Rosary Society May 13th Meeting

All women of the community are invited to the **Tuesday, May 13th** Rosary Society meeting. The meeting will be held from **12:30 to 2:00 pm**, in the Parish Center lower level meeting room. We'll be discussing the final plans for our May 17th Spring Tea, discussing our Summer Rosary in the Park, and enjoying great refreshments as we socialize with one another. Our next meeting after May 13th will be September 9th.

Baptism Preparation Meeting (age 6 and younger)

Preparation meetings are required for parents and guardians with children aged six or younger for baptism. The next meeting is on:

- **Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 AM**

Registration is required, at least one week in advance. To register — or for more information — please contact **Cristina Czaia** (cczaia@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

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!

Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

This weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!



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Kathy Goldenstein	Katie Quinlan
Terry Grundtner	Ellen Schneider
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Tony Postiglione
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Readings for the week of May 3, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 3

4:15 PM +Fr. Steve Adrian
+George Lackner

Sunday, May 4

10:15 AM +Lee F. Maruska
+Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe

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

Calendar of Events

Monday - Friday, May 5-9

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

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting
5:30 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 7

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
6:30 pm - 7:45 PM First Communion Practice
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, May 8

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
6:00 PM Crafting Group

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

10:00 AM First Communion Mass
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, May 11

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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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