



Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Stations of the Cross

All Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm
(**Mary's Way of the Cross*)

Fridays during Lent – 5:30 pm
(**Family Stations of the Cross*)

Saint Matthew's Fabulous Fish Fry

All Fridays during Lent
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Ham Bingo

Saturday, March 14 - 5:00 pm

Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 15 – 2:00 pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28 – 4:00 pm
Sunday, March 29 – 10:15 am



Holy Thursday – April 2

Celebration of the Supper of the Lord – 7:00 pm
Altar of Repose – 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Good Friday – April 3

Altar of Repose continues
Stations of the Cross – Noon Only
Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday – April 4

8:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5

10:15 am

**On Tuesdays, we will pray "Mary's Way of the Cross". This devotion visits each of the 14 stations, while listening to a description of what the mother of Jesus was witnessing and feeling as she watched her son Jesus, suffer and die on the cross.*

Black Catholic History

In February, we honor Black History Month. Each weekend this month, we will highlight one of the seven African American men and women who are currently in the formal canonization process. Please join us as we learn and pray with these holy individuals.

From United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.usccb.org/servant-god-sister-thea-bowman>

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman (1937-1990)

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, was born in Canton, Mississippi, the only child of Dr. and Mrs. Bowman. Her early life was shaped by both the pain of systemic racism and the resilience of Black faith. When the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration opened a mission and school in Canton, young Thea felt a call to religious life.



As a scholar, teacher, and speaker, Sister Thea challenged the Church to confront its history of racial exclusion and to embrace the gifts Black Catholics bring to the Body of Christ. Her momentous address to the U.S. Catholic bishops in 1989 was an inspiring call for justice, unity, and cultural celebration. She reminded them—and all of us—that to be Black and Catholic is to live at the intersection of suffering and hope, and to offer the Church a vibrant, prophetic witness rooted in song, story, and sacred tradition.



Community Conversation – Feeling and Healing

Last Tuesday, twenty community members gathered in our Social Hall to discuss their concerns about recent federal agents' actions in our community. They then discussed how they're caring for their spiritual and mental health during this time, and what gives them hope.

The group also discussed what we might do collectively, as well as personally.

One next step is for volunteers and staff to process all the comments and ideas. We'll report that out soon, along with more on the previous week's meeting that dealt with our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

If you would like to help with developing our EOP, or coming to a future Community Conversation, please let me know. Thanks.

Phil Grant

2026 Catholic Services Appeal

This year's Catholic Services Appeal focuses on:

- o Educating in Faith
- o Helping Those in Need
- o Discipleship and Evangelization

In the back of the church, you will see donation cards and a QR code. Both give you access to the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal website. You can also fill out the pledge card and return it in the collection. Make checks payable to Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your generous support.



St. Matthew Men's Club Ham Bingo

**Saturday
March 14, 2026
St. Matthew Social Hall Door 5
Doors open at 5:00 PM**

12 games for hams
3 cash games
\$50 or Half the Pot
Coverall on Final
Game



Food and Beverages

Fun for the Whole Family!

All Ages Welcome!
(kids must be with an adult to play)



Even Penguins Can Fall

I'm aware that we've had two serious falls on or near our property in the last month. Fortunately, both persons are recovering well.

My current worry is that our weather patterns are making streets and sidewalks ever more dangerous. Our staff and volunteers are great at removing snow and salting walkways. However, our recent melting and refreezing cycles haven't helped.

Please, please take even more care during these slippery times. Take tiny steps, like baby penguins, to maximize your safety.

Phil Grant, Head Penguin

