



**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

**Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays**

On Tuesdays during Lent, 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.



# St. Matthew Men's Club Ham Bingo

Saturday

March 14, 2026

St. Matthew Social Hall (Door 5)

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Food and Beverages

Fun for the Whole Family!

All Ages Welcome!

*(kids must be with an adult to play)*



12 games for hams

3 cash games

\$50 or Half the Pot  
Coverall on Final  
Game

## Community Band - First Fridays

Next St. Matt's Community Band session is on  
**Friday, March 6 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.**

All levels and instruments are welcome, from beginning musicians on up. Children 12 or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Those aged 13-17 may come on their own. However, they must bring a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian.

Because this Friday is also a Fish Fry night, that means there'll be live dance music from 6:30 p.m. on.

*Phil Grant*

## Minnesota Catholic Relief Fund (MCRF)

*A philanthropic response to community crises*

In close partnership with Archbishop Hebda, Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) has reactivated the MCRF, which is designed to provide coordinated charitable support to Catholic parishes and schools as they provide care to their communities.

In recent weeks, Catholic parishes and schools have stepped forward to respond to increased needs within their communities. Many are providing basic charitable assistance, pastoral presence, and short-term emergency support to individuals and families they serve.

Parishes and schools are often on the front lines in moments like these. While they continue their broader mission and ministry, these essential efforts can place added financial and organizational strain on Catholic parishes and schools that already work with limited resources.

By contributing to the MCRF, donors stand alongside parishes and schools as they accompany individuals and families navigating uncertainty and need. Visit <https://www.ccf-mn.org/relief/> to find out more and donate online.

## Commonweal Study Group

All are welcome to join monthly *Commonweal* magazine's next meeting on **Saturday, March 7, 10:00 - 11:30 AM** in the Parish Center.

*Commonweal* covers the arts and literature, as well as current events. For a copy of the article, and a quick introduction to how we conduct our discussion, please email **Phil Grant** (pgrant@st-matts.org).

### How to Help Those Affected by ICE

Many families in our neighborhood are struggling to make their March rent because they have not worked in some time due to the ICE surge and raids. If you would like to help by donating money, you can go to this website: [www.standwithminnesota.com/](http://www.standwithminnesota.com/) for a list of local organizations seeking donations.

You can also go to West Side Community Organization's website [www.wSCO.org](http://www.wSCO.org) or email them [info@wSCO.org](mailto:info@wSCO.org) or call them (651) 293-1708 and donate to WSCO. WSCO has started a fund to help West Siders make their March rent payment; see <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/west-side-citizens-organization/west-side-rent-assistance>.

*Q: How are the Prayers of the Faithful written each week?*

*A: The prayers are written based on current events, our Roman Catholic calendar, national holidays, days of historical significance, Jewish festivals, and weeks dedicated to a specific intention.*

#### Calendar for Week of March 1

- 1 Sun. National Women's History Month begins
- 3 Tue. Optional Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel\*  
Purim (begins at sundown March 2)
- 4 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Casimir\*
- 6 Fri. First Friday  
World Day of Prayer  
Employee Appreciation Day
- 7 Sat. Optional Memorial of Ss. Perpetua and Felicity\*  
First Saturday
- 8 Sun. Daylight Saving Time begins: Set clocks forward 1 hour



### Rosary Society Meeting on March 10

The Rosary Society of St. Matthew will lead Mary's Way of the Cross at **12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10**. We will gather in the Church at **12:15 p.m.** prior to the start of Mary's Way of the Cross.

Our meeting will begin after the stations in the Social Hall. All women of the community are invited to the meeting. This month we will continue preparations for our Spring Tea scheduled for April 11. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to participate in the meeting. Refreshments will be served.



### A New Seder Meal Experience

The Seder meal is part of the observance of Passover when the Jewish people commemorate their exodus from Egypt. This celebration includes the roots of many Christian symbols and traditions. Jesus observed the first night of Passover with a Seder meal. St. Matt's, in partnership with The Upper Room\*, a small welcoming faith community that grew out of Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Oakdale, MN, will host a Seder meal on **Saturday, March 28, starting at 12:00 PM in the Social Hall.**

A program during lunch will explain the symbolism of special Seder foods and the importance of the meal to Jewish people. Please contact Angela in the Parish Office by **noon on Wednesday, March 11**, if you are interested in attending. Attendance is limited to 30 people. This is a potluck salad meal, and attendees will be contacted regarding what type of item to bring.

*\*The hope of the Upper Room is to build and support Christian Community with a larger tent. All are welcome. The Upper Room is not a building-bound church, not a replacement for a parish, and not a religion.*