



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 at 12:30 PM 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.



Gifted and Belonging Meeting

Gifted and Belonging will hold their next meeting at St. Matthew **Sunday, March 8 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. Gifted and Belonging aims to provide Catholic fellowship for young adults with disabilities, seen and unseen. The group invites you to get together to share a brief time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. For more information, visit www.giftedbelonging.com/

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

CCF Conference Notes

I recently attended the annual Investment Conference put on by the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. Two takeaways:

- In recent years, CCF has adopted a strategy of “impact investing”. That is, CCF invests funds in companies that promote the common good. This is in addition to their other strategies, which include portfolio screening, so as to avoid doing harm; and actively working for change through corporate engagement and proxy votes.
- People can use Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) to maximize their gifts to churches and other ministries. That’s because it’s a way to donate and lower your taxable income at the same time. You must be at least age 70 ½. The gift must go straight to the charity, in order to experience the tax benefits. For more information, reach out to whoever holds your retirement accounts.

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.

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 8

- 8 Sun. First Scrutiny of the Elect
Catholic Sisters Week begins (March 8–14)
International Women's Day
Daylight Saving Time begins: Set clocks forward 1 hour
- 9 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Frances of Rome
- 12 Thu. Girl Scouts' Birthday



Palm Sunday: Faith Action

Reclaiming Christianity in the Public Square Sunday, March 29, 2026

Join thousands of Christians on Palm Sunday to celebrate the call of our faith to love our neighbors: healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger.

2:00 PM Procession launching from several churches at University and Dale

2:30 PM Worship and program at Minnesota Capitol Mall

Visit palsunday2026.com to learn more and register.

Neighborhood House Collection

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. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

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.*

Spring 2026 Conference Thinking Christianly about Technology

**Saturday, April 18, 2026
8:30 AM - 2:45 PM**

**The Church of the Assumption
St. Paul, MN**

Three Talks:

The Digital Economy
Dr. Colin Miller

Center for Catholic Social Thought

Is Digital Life Human?
Dr. Mark Spencer
University of St. Thomas

Artificial Intelligence
Dr. Peter Distelzweig
University of St. Thomas

The conference is free and lunch is provided.
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