



# Church of St. Matthew

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2020  
Third Sunday in Ordered Time

### **Liturgy Schedule**

#### **Masses**

**In person 4:15 pm Saturday**  
**Streamed 10:15 am Sunday**

#### **Reconciliation**

**2nd and 4th Saturday of the month**  
**following 4:15 pm Mass**

#### **Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick**

**Please call the parish office for each**

**Prayer Line 651.457.0228**

### **Readings for the week of January 24, 2021**

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20  
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18  
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

The Gospel of John portrays these attributes as he bears witness to Jesus' first disciples. Upon seeing Jesus, John proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The lamb is a reference to the Jewish sacrificial offering at Passover and reveals Jesus as Savior. Once the two that were with John heard this, they immediately followed Jesus. Jesus turned to them and asked, "What are you looking for?" They responded with, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus' question in the same way the first disciples responded, essentially by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome.

Our story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder for us. Our calling is to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others.

*The Catholic Steward*

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Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer Coordinator

## Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”  
Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: Do you have family, neighbors or friends who are unable to attend Mass?** If you would like to take communion to them in their homes, call the Parish Center or see a sacristan before Mass. If you do not have a pyx one will be provided.

**I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

**THANK YOU** To the 57 parishioners who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. To **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gave us strength and hope. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our Pianist **Jill** & Cantor **Linda**, Lectors **Joe & Ellen**, Eucharistic Ministers **Joanne & Tim**, Server **Paul** & Sacristans **Ginny & Mary**. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line!

We thank those who brought the Eucharist from Mass to their family & friends. **Ginny, Delfina, Kathy, Dave, Sue & Joe.**

**THANK YOU** to Men's Club members – **Dennis, Greg, Evan, Bob, Tom, Bill and Steve** who dismantled and put away the Christmas manger and removed the garland from the front entrance of the church. Christmas is officially over. Only 3 ½ weeks until Ash Wednesday!

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### OF MATTERS FINANCIAL

Thank you to each parish family who has returned the 2021 pledge card. This information will allow the finance council to be more aware and more responsible as they plan for the next fiscal year's income and expenses.

Will you share part of your latest "stimulus check"? Many parishioners need the \$600 for needs and expenses. For others, might help with "wants". The finance council invites you to donate 1/2 of the \$600 to St. Matt's.

John Riehle  
Pastoral Administrator

## News and Events

*Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.*

### COVID NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE IN MINNESOTA AND WE ASK THAT BEFORE COMING TO MASS TO PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING THINGS:

While Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish, we want to have a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you been exposed to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been exposed?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health, masks are required; distance is requested; and signing in for contact tracing is necessary.**

### CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets will be used for the regular and any special collections. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Please follow these guidelines for communion reception.
  - A. Use personal sanitizer [that you brought]
  - B. Come forward with your mask in place.
  - C. Keep distance as you come forward.
  - D. Keep your left hand as flat as possible.
  - E. Accept the host from the person distributing; take 2 or 3 steps to the side; move your mask up or down; communicate yourself; replace mask and return to your place. Thank you.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS January 17, 2021

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	31
Hours in service	30

#### Parish

Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,871
Electronic Giving	\$ 245
Miscellaneous	\$ 0
PayPal	\$ 25
Masses/Memorials	\$ 21
Fuel	\$ 0
Rent	\$ 0
Holy Day	\$ 120
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 10
Vigil Lights	\$ 20
Faith Formation	\$ 60

#### School

Men's Club	\$ 50
Food Shelf	\$ 144
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 214</b>

#### Thank You!

**PayPal QR Code**  
simply scan with your phone to make an electronic stewardship offering

**Total** **\$3,372**

Thank You!



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit January 23 - January 30 memory of **Helen & John Leibl**.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto:lriviera@st-matts.org) or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### 2020 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements are no longer automatically mailed to you; if you would like one, please call the Parish Office to be added to the request list. Leave your full name, address and telephone number. Statements will be printed and mailed once per week.

### NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We will be writing the new Ministry schedule Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This schedule will begin Ash Wednesday, February 17 with Masses at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm. The schedule will run through Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This schedule will include 2 Masses for First Communion. Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm & Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. We will also need ministers for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 am. Please let us know by **Monday, February 1st** what Masses you would be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Although Holy Week & Easter take place in the middle of this schedule, a separate schedule for those days will be written in early March.

### PENANCE SERVICE

All are welcome to attend the Communal Penance Service on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 pm. Father Adrian will preside.

Be sure to bring your mask for your safety and those around you.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Faith Formation in-person January 27:** All Faith Formation students in grades 1 to 10 have in-person class January 27, grades 1 to 7 in the Parish Center and grades 8-10 in church. On February 3, students preparing for First Communion have in-person class and a meeting with parents in the church. All other Faith Formation students have an at-home learning night on February 3.

**First Communion Parent and Child Meeting:** Faith Formation and Community of Saints students in grades 2 and up who would like to make their First Communion in May need to attend a required in-person meeting on **Wednesday, February 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in St Matthew Church**. Meeting attendees need to wear face masks and those who do not live in the same household need to sit distanced from one another. A parent or other adult family member should attend the meeting with the child. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr via email [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or text or call, 651-242-6004.

## Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
jdelvecchio

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kevinjack

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jillkilzer

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## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Alan Christensen

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## Finance Council Members

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### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

### Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

### Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 23 /January 24

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Louise Rodrigues†

### Sunday, January 24

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Tuesday, January 26

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, January 29

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, January 30 /January 31

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Daniel Breister†  
Helen Leibl†

### Sunday, January 31

10:15 am Mass Streamed

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, January 23

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
4:15 pm Mass (in person)

### Sunday, January 24

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Monday, January 25 - Friday, January 29

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

### Monday, January 25

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### Tuesday, January 26

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

### Wednesday, January 27

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
1:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

**6:50 pm Faith Formation** Confirmation Students in Church

K - 7 Students check schedule for start time & locations

### Thursday, January 28

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting via Zoom  
7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting via Zoom

### Friday, January 29

### Saturday, January 30

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
4:15 pm Mass (in person)

### Sunday, January 31

10:15 am Mass Streamed  
2:00 pm Penance Service

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