



# Church of St. Matthew

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## THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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**January 2nd, 2022**  
**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

### **Liturgy Schedule**

#### **Masses**

**In person 4:15 pm Saturday**

**In person 10:15 am Sunday**

**Streamed 10:15 am Sunday**

#### **Reconciliation**

**2nd and 4th Saturday - 1st and 3rd Sunday  
of the month following Mass**

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

**Please call the parish office for each**

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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**

## Reflection from Father Steve

Growing up New Year evening was very special in the Adrian house. Mother would cook up a storm all day long, the finest linen was laid with crystal glassware the best cutlery. Dad went to the liquor store for sherry and table wine. On special occasions Dad would serve sherry to the guests – and this was a special occasion.

Children took a bath and put on their best clothes – their “Sunday best”.

Every year on this night Mr. Frank Straus and his son, Jim would be our dinner guests. (When we ate in the dining room the meal was called dinner, when eating in the kitchen the meal was called supper.)

Dad succeeded Mr. Straus as foreman of the composing room at Louis F. Dow Printers. Dad learned “the trade” from Mr. Straus. There was no one for whom dad had a greater admiration, reverence and affection than for Mr. Straus. This was the evening every year dad chose to acknowledge his debt of gratitude.

In the dining room there was one chair that had arm rests, the rest were ordinary straight back chairs. Dad always sat in the chair with the arm rests at the head of the table, it was “his chair”. However, this night, it was Mr. Straus who sat in that chair and dad sat at his right side.

A sumptuous meal was served – crown pork roast with all the trimmings. Dad and Mr. Straus would talk “shop” during most of the meal – us kids sat quietly and ate.

The relationship between Mr. Straus and Dad is the strong lesson I received about the vocation for an older man to help a younger man become an older man.

Dad carried that out in his life. Sometimes on a Saturday afternoon, three or four young men would come to the house. They carried large portfolios. Dad sat them at the kitchen table and the young men would show Dad their advertising copy. They would all critique each other’s work and Dad would oversee the discussion. Sometimes in the summer they would do this work in the backyard and if it was hot Dad would offer the young guys a cold beer.

The lesson he taught me was simple: a young man cannot become a successful older man unless there is an older man who sees his role to mentor the younger.

So, in my retirement I spend what energy and resource I have in advancing the quality Catholic education of young people of this neighborhood at COS. It is my small way of contributing to the success of tomorrow’s world.

Father Steve Adrian

### Prayers For Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Shelly McMonigal, Gwen Powell, Grant Littler, Patrick Owens, Pam Perkovich, Sol David, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison and Jerry Jenniges.**

## Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs



Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer Coordinator

“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

**FUNERAL MINISTRY:** The church of St. Matthew invites you to be a part of a compassionate ministry providing hospitality to grieving families. You are needed to help set up and serve post-funeral luncheons to families and their guests. If you can help, please call either **Becky Montgomery 651-292-0521** or **Suzanne Clark 612-819-3752**.

**GREETERS:** Now that we have two masses each weekend, St. Matthews seeks additional “Greeters” to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew parish are all that’s needed. To help, contact: [Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org](mailto:Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org), [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or the parish office.

**THANK YOU:** To the all who attended the 4:15pm mass Christmas Eve. and the 10:15 mass on Christmas Day. Thank **You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, emphasized the Joy of the Christmas Feast! To **Jeanne** who handled the opening announcements on Christmas Eve & **Joanne** on Christmas Day. To our Pianist **Jill** Lectors **Jeanne** on Christmas Eve & **Miles**. Christmas Day. Eucharistic Ministers **Tim, Mary & Kathy** – Christmas Eve; **Maggie, Joanne & Paul** – Christmas Day. Sacristans **Mary** – Christmas Eve, **Ginny & Joanne** – Christmas Day. **Ushers and greeters** who made all feel welcome as they came to celebrate Christmas with us!

**THANK YOU:** To **Mary & Bob Bejblik** who continually change the Christmas environment to coincide with the readings. Such as making sure the 3 Kings & camels arrive on time!

**THANK YOU:** To all who stayed after mass on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> to decorate for Christmas. Special thanks to all the **Faith Formation Students & Parents** who carried statues & climbed ladders.

**THANK YOU:** To all who attended the Christmas Liturgies and once again made Christmas at St. Matthews a joyous & memorable feast!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

## News and Events

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

### Welcome Kevin Jack

I'm pleased to announce that we've hired a new parish Administrative Assistant, Mr. Kevin Jack. Recall that Linda Rivera recently retired from that role, after many years of excellent service to our community. (I'm also pleased that Linda is continuing her funeral coordinator ministry, now as a volunteer.)

Kevin's served as our volunteer website content manager for some time. Now, he's on staff, as of Dec. 27.

Welcome, Kevin!

Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator

### Faith Formation News

**Faith Formation Christmas Break:** Students in grades K to 10 do NOT have Faith Formation class on January 5. Wednesday evening classes resume on January 12, 2022. Parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion should mark their calendars for February 2. Parents and students will meet in church that evening from 6:30 to 7:30. This is a required meeting and applies to Faith Formation and Community of Saints families with a child preparing for these sacraments through the Church of St Matthew.

### West Side Senior Living

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### Weekly Contribution December 27, 2021

Parish		School	\$17.40
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,482	Food Shelf	\$15
Electronic Giving	\$	Religious Retired	\$1,450
PayPal	\$	Total	<b><u>\$ 10,508.66</u></b>
Masses/Memorials	\$ 84	<b>Thank You!</b>	
Christmas Flower	\$ 270	<b>PayPal QR Code</b>	
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Vigil Lights	\$ 40.26	phone to make an electronic	
Funeral	\$	payment	
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 20		
Holy Day	\$ 10		
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### The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

Contact the Parish Office at 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.

### Gifted And Belonging

(GAB) was recently established to provide Catholics of all abilities a safe place in the Church to experience acceptance and freedom to be all God has created us to be. Because all are gifted and all belong, anyone 18 and older with special needs, both seen and unseen, or those willing to mentor or give themselves in friendship, are invited to join us for fellowship events once a month—to serve and be served. You belong here! Contact: Megan Dunsmore at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com)

### From The Desk of the Parish Administrator

Happy New Year! On behalf of the staff and volunteers at St. Matt's, best wishes for a great 2022!

Yes, I'm a "glass half full" kind of guy. When I look back over my time at St. Matt's—recall that I started in late April—I'm impressed by how many things are going well here at St. Matt's.

For example, I've witnessed extensive volunteer participation in all of our ministries. (Which is not to say that we can't use more volunteers. What interests you in 2022?) I've been pleased to learn that our finances are in good shape. Thanks to the generous support of our faith community, we're able to pay all our bills on time. Because we have a school building tenant, Quantum STEAM Academy, we're managing the mortgage on the school building elevator. We've even been able to chip away at some of the deferred maintenance on the school building.

I've been personally impressed by the warm welcome I've received as a new staff member, whether it be from other staff members, volunteers, or members of the community at large. And I've heard from other new members of our community that they appreciate the warm welcome they've received.

In sum, I'm grateful that the Lord has brought me here to St. Matt's. I've enjoyed being part of a Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love.

As I look ahead to 2022, I expect continued good things. There will always be challenges: that's one thing that Scripture and today's news have in common. Let's keep working together to welcome the stranger, minister to those in need, and express God's love to all.

Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator

## Parish Leadership

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
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## Parish Pastoral Council Members

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Chris Avalos  
Alan Christensen  
Suzanne Clarke  
Jerald Dosch  
Anthony Minus  
Janelle Rohr  
Linda Sellars  
Joanne Smith  
Phil Grant, Ex Officio

## Finance Council Members

John DelVecchio  
Bernie Klein  
Becky Montgomery  
John Sekevitch  
Joe Stevens  
Joanne Smith  
Karen Thompson  
Phil Grant, Ex Officio

## 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.*

## Readings for the week of January 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17,  
23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-  
52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk  
4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-  
16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and  
9b/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, January 1 The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

10:15 am † Marcario Padilla  
† Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

### **Sunday, January 2 The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
Our Parish

### **Monday, January 3**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Tuesday, January 4**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Wednesday, January 5**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Thursday, January 6**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, January 7**

### **Saturday, January 8**

4:15 pm Mass (in person)  
Our Parish

### **Sunday, January 9**

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
Our Parish  
10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, January 3 - Friday, January 7**

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

### **Monday, January 3**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

### **Tuesday, January 4**

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

### **Wednesday, January 5**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
9:30 am Mass Chapel

### **Thursday, January 6**

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
6:00 pm AA Parish Center

### **Friday, January 7**

### **Saturday, January 8**

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

### **Sunday, January 9**

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

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