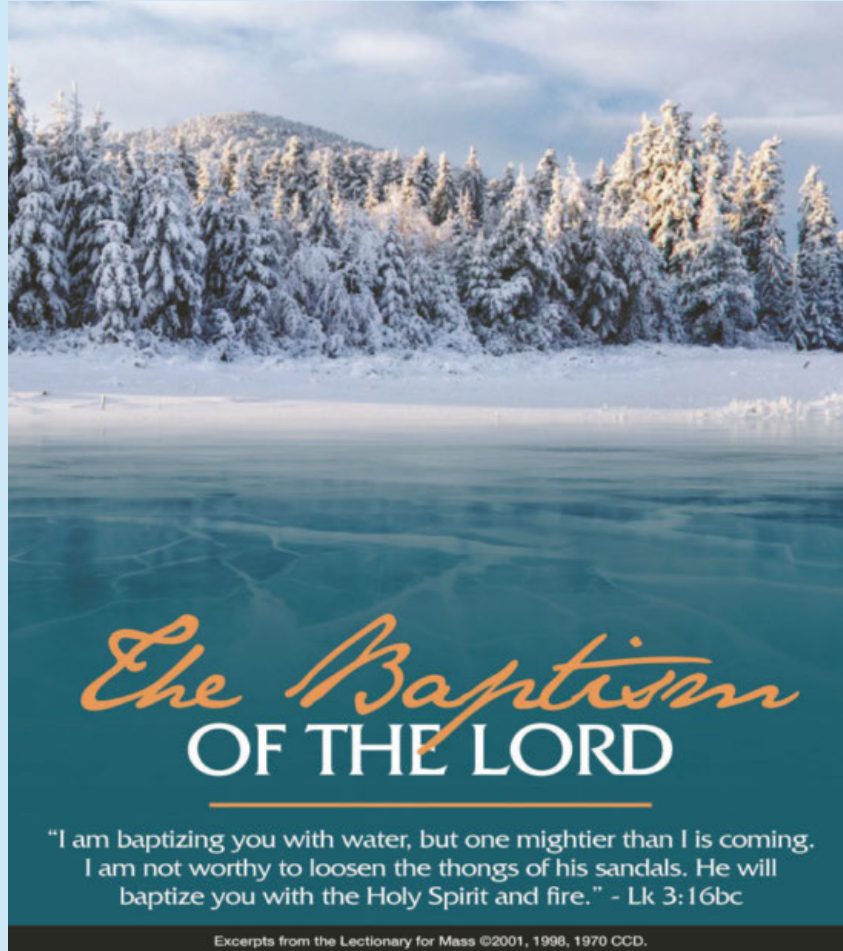




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The Baptism OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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January 8th & 9th, 2022
Feast of the Baptism 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

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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

This weekend is the end of the Christmas Season. Christmas is not a one-day event, it is a season given to celebrate the truth and grace of the Christmas event.

For years the Season of Christmas ran from Christmas Eve to January 6th, the Epiphany. The period of time was known as Twelfth Night. A comedy of Shakespeare's bears the same name and is set in the Christmas Season.

In some cultures the Christmas Season extends to February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple.

Between 1968 and 1978 I was at The Church of the Incarnation in South Minneapolis. Lavina Brecount, a parish member, lived at the end of the street. She was up in years, yet very active. She would host the last Christmas party of the neighborhood on the evening of February 2nd. It was a wonderful gathering. Ms. Brecount had an ulterior motive. Every nook and cranny of her house bore Christmas decorations. At the end of the party Lavina insisted that many hand make light work – she enlisted her guests to undecorated the house for her. Smart and clever lady!

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the inauguration of Jesus' public life. It is in the event of the baptism that the voice of the Father is heard to say: "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to Him." The Spirit comes down on him and anoints Him as the Son of the Father.

In the baptism Jesus' destiny is announced. In your baptism you received your destiny as a son or daughter of the Father and sister or brother of Jesus. Baptism is the single most important religious event in any of our lives. The rest of the Christian life is the challenge to live out our baptism, to live out or destiny.

Do you have pictures from your baptism? Do you know when your baptism took place? If so, it might be a good idea to remember on the anniversary date each year your initiation into discipleship, in Baptism you were called to be a disciple of Jesus and a witness to the presence and action of God in our 21st century lives.

Fr. Steve Adrian

Father Adrian is on Vacation

Father Adrian will be on vacation starting January 10 and lasting for three weeks. Father Thomas Kommers, who is the founding pastor of St. Thomas Beckett in Eagan, who is retired, will be substituting for Father Adrian. We wish Father Adrian a very restful and relaxing vacation!

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 is needed. To help, contact: Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org, mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

THANK YOU: To all who attended the 10:15am mass for the Solemnity of Mary. Thank **You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, emphasized the Joy of the Christmas Feast! To **Becky** who handled the opening announcements & served as Lector. To our Pianist **Jill**, Eucharistic Ministers **Gerald, Karen & Paul**. Sacristans **Joanne & Ginny**.

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

THANK YOU: To **Donis** who has kept the Christmas flowers healthy and beautiful!

THANK YOU: To **Katie** who keeps the church neat and clean for our Christmas visitors!

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

THANK YOU: To all who used their envelopes for Christmas Flowers and Christmas Offering. Your generosity helps to keep our expenses down!

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News and Events

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

Faith Formation Classes Resume for All Grades

St. Matthew Faith Formation classes for students in public school in grades 1 to 10 resume on **Wednesday, January 12**. Grades K to 5 start at 6:30, Grades 6 and 7 at 6:40, and Grades 8 to 10 at 6:45. Community of Saints 8th graders preparing for Confirmation with St. Matthew should also attend that evening. Classes are held in the Parish Center. COVID-19 protocols apply, including staying home when sick or in close contact with someone who has tested positive recently for COVID-19, and all students, teachers, and helpers in the program wear face masks covering nose and mouth.

West Side Senior Living

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Music Events at St. Matthew's

Metropolitan Symphony will be at St. Matthews on Sunday, February 6th at 3:00 p.m. This one hour concert of the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra begins with lovely dance music from British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's African Suite.

There will be a small group of string players from Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies at the 10:15 mass on Sunday January 9th. Some of those performing will be from Community of Saints. They are led by their conductor, Mary Sorlie.



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit **January 9 - 15** for **Patty & Bill Flynn**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will be on January 13 in the memory of **Jerry Shillinger** for his 90th birthday.

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

Mass Intentions

If you are interested in scheduling a Mass for a deceased loved one or a special intention, please keep in mind we have only two weekend Mass. Also, many parishioners schedule Masses weeks, if not months in advance. If you wait until the week or two of your desired Mass date your chances of that date being open are very small.

We make every effort to accommodate everyone's wishes but it helps to plan ahead. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayers For Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayer our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of our prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Aileen Koehnen**.

Condolences to Our Parish Family

The Church of St. Matthew would like to offer our condolences to the families of Dennis Ruppert, Lila Einberger (who had funerals last week) and Gerald McEllistrem (who had his funeral this week). May God give the families the peace that they seek.

Weekly Contribution January 2, 2022

Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 6 Hours in Service 25

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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 9, 2022

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
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/
Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10,
19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17,
18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;
10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
[3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

4:15 pm Mass (in person)
Our Parish

Sunday, January 9 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish

Monday, January 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, January 13

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, January 14

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, January 15

4:15 pm Mass (in person)
Our Parish

Sunday, January 16

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 10- Friday, January 14

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

Meals Are Being served As Take-Out Only At This Time

Monday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, January 12

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 13

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

6:00 pm AA Parish Center

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 15

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, January 16

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

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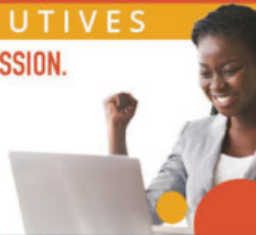
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