



# Church of St. Matthew

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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## January 15th and 16th, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **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

In the summer of 1964 I was a student at Notre Dame. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the "Right to Vote" law. A number of us gathered in a room in Howard Hall and watched on TV as President Johnson signed the bill into law. Next to President Johnson stood Hubert Humphrey (Minnesota Senator) and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Friday, few weeks later, some of us took the "South Shore" commuter train to Chicago, about ninety miles from the campus. On Saturday Dr. King was to speak at Soldier Field. It would be a large rally following the enacting of the Voting Rights Act, and I wanted to be there.

I spent Friday night with the Young Christian Workers (YCW). Early on Saturday morning I went to Soldier Field. The crowd was already large. The spirit was celebrative; there was music; and much excitement. Dr. King was not supposed to talk until mid-afternoon. Others, from the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) and SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee), spoke and animated the growing crowd.

I wanted to get a good view of Dr. King, so I stood against the barricade leading to the platform on the field. It was 2:45 that afternoon that the crowd became agitated as word came that Dr. King was on site. As he entered the Field a deafening roar went up and the standing crowd waved their arms. Dr. King passed by me as he moved toward the platform. I reached out my hand and he grabbed it. I said, "I am Steve"; he said, "I am Martin, pleased to meet you." He smiled and went on.

I don't remember much from the speech. All I was focused on was: I saw him, we touched and we talked and he smiled at me.

This is one of the images I carry with me each year as the MLK Birthday celebration takes place.

Father 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!

### Funeral Lunches

Due to the current surge of COVID-19 and the contagious Omicron variant, funeral lunches have been paused. This important service will begin again once it is safer to do so.

### Volunteer Column continued:

barely noticed the people rushing back and forth on either side. She looked up and asked, "How does this look?" "Perfect!" I said. "Next week have someone read the bulletin to you! Your name is going to be in there."

It is people like Veronica, and all the other volunteers who step forward continuously, who make it possible for our parish to continue!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!!**

## 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

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**GREETERS:** Now that we have two masses each week-end, 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](mailto:Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org), [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or the parish office.

**THANK YOU:** To the 81 worshippers who attended the 4:15 mass last Sat and the 86 who attended the Sun. 10:15 mass. Thank **You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, emphasized the Joy of the Christmas Season! To **Kathy** who on Sat. handled the opening announcements & served as Lector. To our Pianist **Jill & Cantor Christina**. Eucharistic Ministers **Jeanne, Suzanne & Ann**. Ushers **Tim & Kevin**, and Sacristan **Mary**. We thank those who ministered on Sunday. Pianist **Jill & Phil**, Cantor **Linda**. Lector **Anthony**, Eucharistic Ministers **Joe, Josie & Jerald**, Ushers **Ginny & Steve**, and Sacristans **Joanne & Ginny**. Thank You to **Tim, Dave, John, Debbie & Ginny** who took the Eucharist to family and friends who are unable to attend in person.

**THANK YOU:** To the Confirmation Candidates and their families who lit and placed the candles around the Perimeter of the church! Confirmation Candidate **Arturo Abarca** and his mom **Maribel Tapia**, Confirmation Candidate **Nicholas Cortez-Orme** and dad **Heriberto Cortez Ramirez** and mom **Jessica Orme**. Confirmation Candidate **Lorenzo Ramos** and mom & dad **Paul & Teresa Ramos**. **Thank You** to **Bob & Mary Bejblik** who extinguished the candles on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU:** To all who stayed after the 10:15 mass last Sunday to take down & put away the Christmas decorations. **Jayla, Braidon, Chase, Sam, Chauvez, Jasmine, Ricardo, Nico, Katie, Mackenzie, Mikayla, Christopher, Lorenzo, Maurice, Sophie, Pedro, Mary, Bob, Dave, Becky, Dave, Linda, Maureen, Ginny & Steve**. **A special thanks to all the Faith Formation students & COS students** who helped us take down and put away all the Christmas decorations in about 45 min.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** to **Veronica**. She was in the back of the church, with a broom twice her size. She was sweeping up all the needles that had come off the wreaths that were taken down from the church walls. She was sweeping on the stone walkway in the back of the church and meticulously putting the needles into small piles to be swept into a dustpan. She was so absorbed in her project that she

## Administrator Notes

Our new Administrative Assistant, Kevin Jack, has resigned to take another position. We wish him well in that endeavor.

Because of Kevin's departure, we have reopened the Administrative Assistant position. If you know of anyone interested in part-time (20-25 hours per week) church office work, please refer them to me. Thanks!

We have rekeyed the Parish Center and Church buildings (exterior doors). If you have been a keyholder and need continued access, please let me know. I know that as a volunteer parish, many people have had keys.

I'm glad to observe extensive masking at Masses of late. If you are able to wear a mask, I strongly encourage you to do so. (I know some people are unable to wear masks. Let us not judge anyone whose mask behavior is different from ours.) Hopefully, this current Omicron surge will pass quickly. For the time being, I urge humming along with the cantors at Mass.

And this seems like a good time to seek instrumentalists. If interested, let me know. I'd be glad to help you review recorder or trumpet—and possibly other instruments. I enjoy making music, and I enjoy helping others make music as well.

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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:

St. Matthew Faith Formation classes for students in public school in grades 1 to 10 will take place on **Wednesday, January 19**. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### .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)



## The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit the week of **January 16th to 22nd** for **Virgil and Donna Roethler's 73rd Wedding Anniversary** and **Virgil's Birthday**.

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the Parish Office at 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

### Ministry Schedule

The new ministry schedule will begin on Wed. March 2nd. We will be writing the new schedule the week of February 14th. This schedule will run from Ash Wed. March 2nd through Sunday May 30th. (Holy Week, Palm Sunday April 10th – Easter Sunday April 17th will be written separately at a later date.) Ginny & Mary will be writing the new schedule the week of Feb. 14th. Please let us know any weeks when you will not be available and any dates that you would prefer to serve. If you have requests for Holy Week you can also include that information at this time.. Please send request to Mary Leibl at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org). Thank you.

### 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 of 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 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, Pam Perkovich, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison, Jerry Jenniges , Mike Bauer and Aileen Koehnen**

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a Community praying together.*

### Weekly Contributions January 8th and 9th, 2022

The contribution information for the weekend of January 8th and 9th will be provided in a future bulletin.

#### Paypal QR Code:

Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment. Thank You!



## Parish Leadership

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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 should be sent to Phil Grant at pgrant@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

## Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

**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

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/  
Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, January 15**

4:15 pm Mass (in person)  
Our Parish  
+Helen Leibl

### **Sunday, January 16**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish

### **Monday, January 17**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Tuesday, January 18**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Wednesday, January 19**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Thursday, January 20**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Friday, January 21**

8:00 am Cancelled

### **Saturday, January 22**

4:15 pm Mass (in person)  
Our Parish  
+Dorinda Martineau

### **Sunday, January 23**

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish  
+Louise Rodriguez

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, January 16- Friday, January 21**

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

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

### **Monday, January 17**

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

### **Tuesday, January 18**

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

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

### **Wednesday, January 19**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

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

9:30 am Mass Chapel

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

### **Thursday, January 20**

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

6:00 pm AA Parish Center

### **Friday, January 21**

### **Saturday, January 22**

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

### **Sunday, January 123**

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

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