



January 22nd and 23rd, 2022
Third 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

Each year on January 22nd the Church observes the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Children.

It is been for more than a generation that the "Abortion War" has been raging. The posture of the Pro-Abortion and the Pro-Life camps has hardened; no real dialogue or civil conversation takes place. As a result people mostly condemn each other and demonize each other.

In the early 70's, at the beginning of the abortion debate I found myself in a very uncomfortable position. I was strongly opposed to Roe v. Wade. I was a member of the steering committee of MCCL, along with Dr. Mechklenberg, Mrs. Hartel, and others.

At the same time I was vehemently opposed to the War in Vietnam and participated in anti-war demonstrations. My anti-war partners disowned me because of my anti-abortion stand; and my anti-abortion partners disowned me because of my anti-war stand.

It was only much later, March of 1984 that Cardinal Joseph Bernardin proposed a consistent ethic of life known as "The Seamless Garment of Life". Cardinal Bernardin stated at his address in Louisville, Kentucky:

"The Church is bound by sacred tradition to the proposition that all human beings, without any exception whatsoever, are made in the image and likeness of God and that Jesus Christ died for all human beings, without any exception whatsoever. Therefore each human person—without any exception whatsoever—is sacred and is the only creature that God wills for its own sake." Since then, the fundamental principle that governs the ethic of human life must be measured against this consistent ethic of life.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Cardinal Bernardin for the clarification so deeply needed then, and so deeply needed today.

Father Steve Adrian

Father Adrian is on Vacation

Father Adrian will be on vacation, returning the weekend of February 5th and 6th. Father Thomas Kommers, who is retired, will be substituting for Father Adrian. We wish Father Adrian a very restful and relaxing vacation!

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

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 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.

Webmaster opportunity:

The Saint Matt's Volunteer Webmaster completes the following tasks:

- Assumes the role of content manager (editor) for the WordPress website st-matts.org.
- Posts the parish bulletin and inserts each week.
- Posts the Men's Club newsletter once a month.
- Posts a PDF of the "The Good News" (the Community of Saints Regional Catholic School newsletter) two or three times a year.
- Posts miscellaneous news as it occurs (parish events, Faith Formation news, COS updates, liturgical ministry schedule, etc.).
- Edits existing online signup forms for Faith Formation using Formidable Forms.
- Cross-posts occasional articles to St. Matt's Facebook page (will coordinate with Alan Christensen)
- Monitors WordPress security and plugin updates
- Reports any problems to web admin Richard Schletty

THANK YOU: To the 81 worshippers who attended the 4:15 mass last Sat and the 69 who attended the Sun. 10:15 mass. Thank You to **Fr. Thomas Kommers** who volunteered to offer mass with us while **Fr. Adrian** is on a well-deserved vacation. To **Andy** who on Sat. handled the opening announcements and was Cantor for the mass. To **Mary** who served as Lector. To Pianist **Jill & Phil** who provided the music. Our Eucharistic Ministers **Kathy, Ann & Tim. Ushers Tim & Kevin**, and Sacristan **Mary**. We thank those who ministered on Sunday. Pianist **Phil**, Cantor **Linda**. Lector **Joanne**, Eucharistic Ministers, **Josie Ginny & Becky**, Ushers & Sacristans **Ginny**, and **Joanne**. Thank You to **Tim, Corrine , John, Debbie, Bernie, Jane & Ginny** who took the Eucharist to family and friends who are unable to attend in person.

THANK YOU: To **Richard** who has volunteered to help with the website until a new webmaster comes forward.

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Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Class Schedule: Faith Formation students in grades K-10 have in-person classes on Wednesday, January 26. On Wednesday, February 2, *ONLY* students preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion have class; all other students do not have class that evening. On February 2, First Communion students will meet in church and at least one parent needs to attend with the student preparing for First Communion. On Wednesday, February 9, all Faith Formation students are off and do *NOT* have class. Regular weekly classes resume on February 16 in the Parish Center.

First Communion Parent and Child Meeting:

Community of Saints parents and Faith Formation parents with a child in grades 2 and up who would like to make his or her First Communion this May at St Matthew should attend a meeting and class on Wednesday, February 2. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM in St Matthew church. If you have your child's proof of baptism, please bring it to this meeting, which is a **REQUIRED** meeting. COVID-19 protocols apply. Plan to wear a mask inside (we will have disposable adult and child face masks for those who do not bring their own mask), and keep distance between your family and the next family. Do *not* come, however, if you or your child are in quarantine or are not feeling well. For questions or to report absence due to illness, email Janelle Rohr at Janelle@st-matts.org or send a text to 651-242-6004.

News and Events

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

Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Concert

The MSO's February 6th Family Concert, scheduled to be held at Saint Matt's, has been CANCELLED due to COVID-19. From the MSO's Executive Director: "*Some sad, but not surprising, news to report. We are canceling our Family Concerts, including the one we'd hoped to do at St. Matthew's on February 6. Given the current state of the pandemic, it's just the wrong time to be holding a concert targeted at children. We hope to be able to start up again in a month or so, if Omicron recedes. But that will be too late for these concerts.*" The MSO plans to be back here Spring, 2023.

Webmaster Opportunity Available

If you like working with computers, we have an opening for the position of Webmaster! The job description and contact information can be found in this week's Volunteer Column. You do not need to be an IT professional to take on this very important role.

Rosary Society News

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the very contagious Omicron variant, the February 8th meeting of the Rosary Society has been cancelled. We hope to be able to meet again on March 8th.



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

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. Thank you.

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, Aileen Koehnen, Jack Heitzinger and Jim LeTourneau.**

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.*

SCRIP

Scrip is available from Tim Nowak via a phone call or text (Cell phone: 612-269-9471) or email to timothy.nowak@usfamily.net, with delivery arranged or pickup is available at weekend masses. Scrip sales generate profits for the parish from the vendors while providing you the full value of the card that you purchase. Great for gifts or everyday purchases.

Weekly Contributions January 15th and 16th, 2022

Due to the banking holiday on Monday, January 17, the contribution information for the weekend of January 15th and 16th will be provided in a future bulletin.

Paypal QR Code:

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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 23rd, 2022

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/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 22

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

Sunday, January 23

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Louise Rodriguez

Monday, January 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, January 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, January 28

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, January 29

4:15 pm Mass (in person)
Our Parish
+Helen Leibl
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler Sr.

Sunday, January 30

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 24- Friday, January 28

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

Monday, January 24

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

Tuesday, January 25

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

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 27

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

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

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

Sunday, January 30

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

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