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Please contact the Parish Office regarding baptism, marriage, first communion and confirmation information.

Bulletin

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

Liturgy Schedule

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am

Thursday - 9:30 am at Community of Saints School

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday 9:00 am - 9:45 am

and by appointment

Prayer Line

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Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

CHALLENGE, CONVERSION and COMFORT



The six weeks of Lent move us step by step into the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's dying and rising. The Paschal Mystery was given to us as a known yet undetermined reality to enter into and to make our own so that the reign of God proclaimed by Jesus and confirmed by his death and resurrection is entrusted to us.

The living out of the paschal mystery is done in different ways during the season of Lent. Some people prefer to follow the traditional practices of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday. While these three practices are important and meaningful, some people are more venturesome trusting in God.

The Lenten scripture readings powerfully CHALLENGE us; call us to CONVERSION; and COMFORT us. CHALLENGE is the call to reorder and restructure how we as individuals and as a community live our lives. CONVERSION is accepting the challenge and moving forward to transform our individual selves and our community practices. COMFORT is what is gained by us knowing that the challenge we have accepted and the conversion we are undergoing is bringing us and our community new life.

The members of the Church of St. Matthew are responding to the CHALLENGE to reorder and restructure how things are done. We are no longer a clustered parish but an independent parish. The Board of Trustees, Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Men's Club, Rosary Society, Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry, Community Members, and Staff Members are adjusting what was done in the past so that we flourish in the present and prosper in the future.

With the acceptance of the Challenge, St. Matthew's community is undergoing CONVERSION and moving forward. The celebration of a Sunday morning Mass, the relocation of the tabernacle closer to the Assembly, and the invitation for Servers and Eucharistic Ministers to be in the Sanctuary are but a few of the liturgical changes that are taking place.

On the Third Sunday of Lent (March 18th-19th) and on the third Sunday of every month you are invited to bring a food donation to the sanctuary at Offertory time. In March, the food donated will be matched by the Minnesota Food Share Drive and given to Neighborhood House. By bringing our food donation with the bread and wine to the sanctuary, we feed people in need as Christ feeds us through word and sacrament.

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent (April 2), the white marble baptismal font restored from the 1968 fire will become the base for the tabernacle with the Holy Oils placed nearby. These outward signs of the Sacraments of Initiation are reminders of our baptismal commitment to share in the paschal mystery of Christ. The sanctuary platforms will be moved and a ramp will be installed to enable easier access into the sanctuary. The baptismal font, now in the chapel, will be moved into the church for our community to celebrate baptisms and welcome newcomers. These adjustments will facilitate the celebration of funeral Masses and enable larger events, like the performance of the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, to take place. Changing to LED ceiling bulbs in the church and in the chapel, will improve lighting and reduce our energy consumption and cost.

In our Pastoral Center, worn-out furniture was reupholstered, fuse boxes were replaced, and the efficiency of the boiler was improved. With these improvements clients of St. Mary's Medical Clinic are being served, children in our Faith Formation Program are learning, and People of Praise are providing outreach. Our bulletin, Web, and Facebook pages are being revised to enthusiastically proclaim that the Church of St. Matthew is a visible expression of God's love

The conversion that is taking place through our weekly financial donations and our designated project contributions, our pitching in to lend a hand when needed, and our reaching out to others result in the COMFORT that together we are bringing our community new life.

Easter promises to be a joy filled celebration because Jesus has and the community of St. Matthew is rising to new life through CHALLENGE, CONVERSION and COMFORT.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During the season of Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the bridal room When the candle is lit, Fr. Bob is available. Please close the door securely after entering and leave the door open when leaving for the next person.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Did you know the hymns we sing are chosen to specifically reinforce message of the readings of that season's or celebrations readings? Even If you don't feel like singing, read the lyrics as the congregation lifts their voices around you. Singing or following along keeps the Liturgy of the Word in your heart and mind even longer to deepen or faith.



Liturgical planning is underway to further your prayer experience of the Lenten Season and Holy Week. All voices are needed, especially Altos and Sopranos. Keyboard players, guitars, String and wind instruments are also needed. For more information: jillkilzer@st-matts.org

News and Events

CHURCH BELLS

March 16 Becca Lackner
 March 17 Katie Hofacker
 Patricia Smith

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Come join us for our 28th Annual "All You Care To Eat" Fish Fry. Every Friday beginning March, 3rd, through Good Friday, April 14th. Serving time is 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We have baked or fried fish, baked potato, veggie and coleslaw, beverage and dessert. A children's non-fish option is also available. \$11 Adults, \$10 Seniors (65+), \$6 children (under 12, under 5 years free). Treat mom to a night out, come visit with friends and neighbors and enjoy St. Matt's fabulous Fish Fry.



SOME PROGRESS:

Lighting: there is lighting for the tabernacle and statues in one corner of the church and lighting for the reading material display in another corner. Each of these cost about \$100.

Chairs--13 of them--in the conference room: these chairs were very well constructed and were purchased decades ago. The coverings were worn out; the springs were showing and they were a danger. They have been recovered by an upholstery shop on Rice Street. These costs are not in the budget, but we have made these changes and had this work done for safety reasons, as well as reasons of hospitality. Can you help pay for one or more of these? You can put a properly marked envelope in the collection basket [or send it to the parish center]: \$100 per light; \$200 per chair.

We will put more things on our 'wish list.' Watch for ceiling lighting news soon.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Students in the Wednesday evening Faith Formation program and Community of Saints students planning to make their First Communion at St. Matthew will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 11. The service starts at 10 AM in St. Matthew Church and will be followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. Children and parents should attend, and other family members are welcome to go to confession after the children have made their first confession. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, jdrohr@pro-ns.net or 651-457-3522.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (Feb. 26)

Parish			
Plate	\$424	Vigil lights	\$30
Envelopes	\$2,836	Holy Day	\$10
Vigil Lights	\$30	Stipends	\$270
Initial Envelope	\$5	Fuel Env	\$10
Fuel Envelope	\$10	COS School	\$40
Total	\$3,625		Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4
 4:00 pm Tom Tschida†
Sunday, March 5
 10:00 am Our Parish
 Raymond J. Galep†
Monday, March 6
 8:00 am Pamela Stickler†, Robert
 Stickler, Sr.† & Lucille Stickler†
Wednesday, March 8
 8:00 am Caitlin Foley, Healing
Friday, March 10
 8:00 am Claudette Borgan, Healing
Saturday, March 11
 4:00 pm Hank Goers†
Sunday, March 12
 10:00 am Our Parish
 Rachael Snaza†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 4
 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, March 5
 10:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Coffee Sunday Social Hall
Monday Mar. 6– Thurs. Mar. 9
 5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Social Hall
Monday, March 6
 12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
Tuesday, March 7
Wednesday, March 8
 8:00 am – 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC
 6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes
 8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH
Thursday, March 9
 9:30 am COS School Mass at COS
 6:30 pm People of Praise Meeting Com. Rm.
Friday, March 10
 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 4:30 - 7:30 Fish Fry
Saturday, March 11
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Emm. Com., PC, Church,
 Chapel & Social Hall
 10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Church, SH
 1:30 pm Liturgy Comm. Bookkeeping Office
 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, March 12
 10:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Coffee Sunday Social Hall

Children's Corner - Word Search

SEHIAEFORTY
 YVBHBIPPEAC
 SQICMURRFVR
 ASHESKEALEO
 CPBHPKPYEAS
 RJESUSAMCSS
 IOGJNYRHTTN
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 IOYLOSVUNRQ
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Words List
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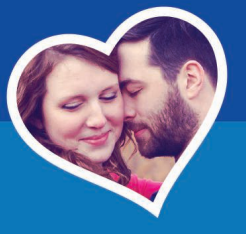

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