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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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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 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

Hope 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of January 6, 2019

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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30



A DOMINICAN BLESSING

Fr. Bob It is likely that most of us, if not all of us, have traveled across country in an automobile. If we are the driver, we might take the time to study a map. We might download directions from the Internet. If we travel a lot, we might invest in a GPS app for our mobile phone. If we do end up in unfamiliar surroundings, we might stop to ask someone for help in getting us from where we are to where we want to go.

In the ancient world, it was not uncommon for travelers to take or to make different routes to the same destination. Often the roads were patrolled by military legions and used by merchant caravans. The soldiers were perfect targets for rebellious outlaws and the caravans were easy pickings for bandits. To avoid unwanted search and seizures and being robbed, travelers would sometimes take known back roads or rely on their natural navigational instincts to get them to their desired destination.

In the Epiphany story, the Magi arrived by following the rising of a star. We can only speculate about the difficulties and problems they may have encountered along the way. They were a determined group who knew their destination while uncertain about their route. But what is important is not their physical travel but the way of their internal journey. Pilgrims invest themselves in their journey. They perceive the internal dimensions of their journey. They are affected both by their journey as well as by arriving at their destination.

For the last two years, I have had the grace-filled opportunity to walk with the members and friends of the Church of St. Matthew. While our heavenly destination will remain the same our earthly paths now diverge. As I leave the Church of St. Matthew, I thank all of you for sharing in important decisions, contributing your finances and prayers to needed projects, and supporting me in ministry and now my move back home. You have shown and shared with me the many ways you are a visible expression of God's love. For this I am most blessed.

Dominicans are itinerant. We move from place to place. It is a Dominican custom for a Dominican community to pray a 13th Century Dominican blessing before a member of the Dominican family departs for a new location. I pray this blessing for us now:

*May God the Father bless us,
 May God the Son heal us.
 May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us
 and give us eyes to see with,
 ears to hear with,
 hands to do the work of God with,
 feet to walk with
 and a mouth to preach the word of salvation.
 The angel of peace to watch over us
 and lead us at last by our Lord's gift to the kingdom.*



News and Events

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW WINTER WEATHER POLICY

During the winter months, the Church of St. Matthew Parish Center is closed whenever the St. Paul Public Schools are closed. Cancellation of Parish Center events and activities will appear on WCCO (Channel 4). Independent organizations using the Church of St. Matthew buildings should be contacted directly for their open or closed status



SCRIP NEWS:

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Checkout the extensive list of retailers available through the Scrip program. If we don't have it on hand it can be ordered in a few days time. Convenient shopping and St. Matthew's will benefit at no cost to you.



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COFFEE SUNDAY

You are invited to the Social Hall most Sundays following 10:00 am Mass for coffee, donuts and other tasty treats.

All are welcome to attend.



We are looking for families, friends or groups to host a Coffee Sunday, if you are interested contact Becky Montgomery at montgomery_bec@hotmail.com, she will let you know what Sundays are still open and how it all works.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Are you new to the neighborhood or new to the parish? Would you like to become a registered member of the Church of Saint Matthew? Perhaps you have never "officially" registered and would like to do so. You will find registration forms on the Care Notes Wall located at the southeast corner of the church, go to the parish website for a form, or call Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary for a form.

Please, come join the Saint Matthew's parish family and community. All are welcome here!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS December 23 & 25, 2018

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 45
Hours in service 23

Parish		School	\$ 1,322
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,071		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,356		
Vigil Lights	\$ 104		
Bells	\$ 10		
Rent	\$ 100		
Christmas	\$ 5,156		
Fix It Fund Raiser	\$ 3,599		
Flowers	\$ 150		
Festival	\$ 50		
Total	\$14,596	Total	\$ 1,322
Thank You		Thank You	

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



Remember a loved one, celebrate an anniversary or birthday, announce an engagement. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule a date.

THE POWER OF PRAYER



You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.

TIME TO PUT AWAY CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As the Christmas Season comes to a close, it is time to take down the decorations and return the church environment to Ordinary Time. **We will begin the "undecorating" on January 13th, immediately after the 10:00 am Mass.** If you attend the Saturday Mass, please consider returning on Sunday to help take down and pack away the Christmas decorations. This will also be a good opportunity for Faith Formation students to earn Service Hours! **Many volunteers will make for less work!!**

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DAVID	MANGER	TRAVEL
DONKEY	NAZARETH	WAIT
HAIL	NEW	WISE



**Today the Spotlight shines
on Fr. Bob Kelly, OP**

In 2016 this parish made the decision to no longer be clustered with St. Michael Parish. We indicated that we wanted to be a "Volunteer Parish". We requested from the Archdiocese a priest to celebrate the mass and sacraments. We would have a very small paid staff and everything else would be handled by volunteers. The archdiocese assigned Fr. Bob Kelly OP to be our Parochial Administrator.

Fr. Bob went right to work. He saw what needed to be done in our parish and showed us how to prioritize and accomplish our goals. He is a man of action and with his wit, charisma and best of all, common sense he got parishioners involved. In a very short time we had new LED lights throughout the church. By simply saying, "There are envelopes at the feet of the St. Matthew statue if you would like to contribute." Using that same "tactic" we were able to remove the insulation from the windows around the upper perimeter of the church and replace those windows with Thermal Glass. It only took 48 years, and Fr. Bob, to be able to enjoy the sunlight coming in those windows.

Every chance he had he would stress that "We are a Volunteer Parish!" A Volunteer Director was named, a column listing volunteer positions was posted in the weekly bulletin and parishioners answered the call. Under his guidance a Grant Writing team was organized and are in the process of obtaining grants. These grants will help cover the cost of much needed repairs.

He also leads by example! At most events on the parish campus one will see Fr. Bob setting up and later taking down tables and chairs. As "Vacuum Man" we see him cleaning the rugs in the church or the floor in the social hall. When a call goes out for volunteers to clean or decorate, Fr. Bob is always there helping. More than once, after a snowfall, the man pushing the snow blower around the block, or shoveling snow away from the doors is our own Fr. Bob.

Our parish has grown since Fr. Bob arrived on our campus. People liked his homilies and enjoyed his personality. But change is a part of life. Sadly, this weekend we say good-bye to the man who is our liturgist, our mentor, and our friend. He taught us how to be a Volunteer Parish! Our greatest gift to him will be to follow his example. To build on what he has taught us and to continue to develop our volunteerism and succeed and grow as a parish.

Good-bye Fr. Bob! May God hold you in the palm of his hand!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm Deacon John Murphy†

Sunday, January 6

10:00 am Our Parish
Ronald Crawford†

Monday, January 7

8:00 am David Andrews†

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Tom Kane, Special Intention

Friday, January 11

8:00 am Pam, Robert Sr., & Lucille Stickler†

Saturday, January 12

4:00 pm Mary Joanne Roubik†

Sunday, January 13

10:00 am Our Parish
Robert Nowak†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Farewell Refreshments for Fr. Bob

Sunday, January 6

10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am Coffee Sunday for Fr. Bob SH

Monday, January 7 - Friday, January 11

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

Monday, January 7

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, January 8

1:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting PC

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am Mass

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm **Faith Formation for Confirmation**

Students Only CH/PC

7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, January 10

9:10 am School Mass COS

Friday, January 11

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 12

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 13

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am Coffee Sunday SH

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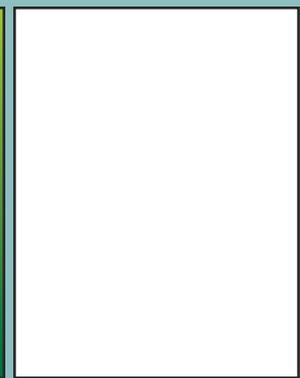
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