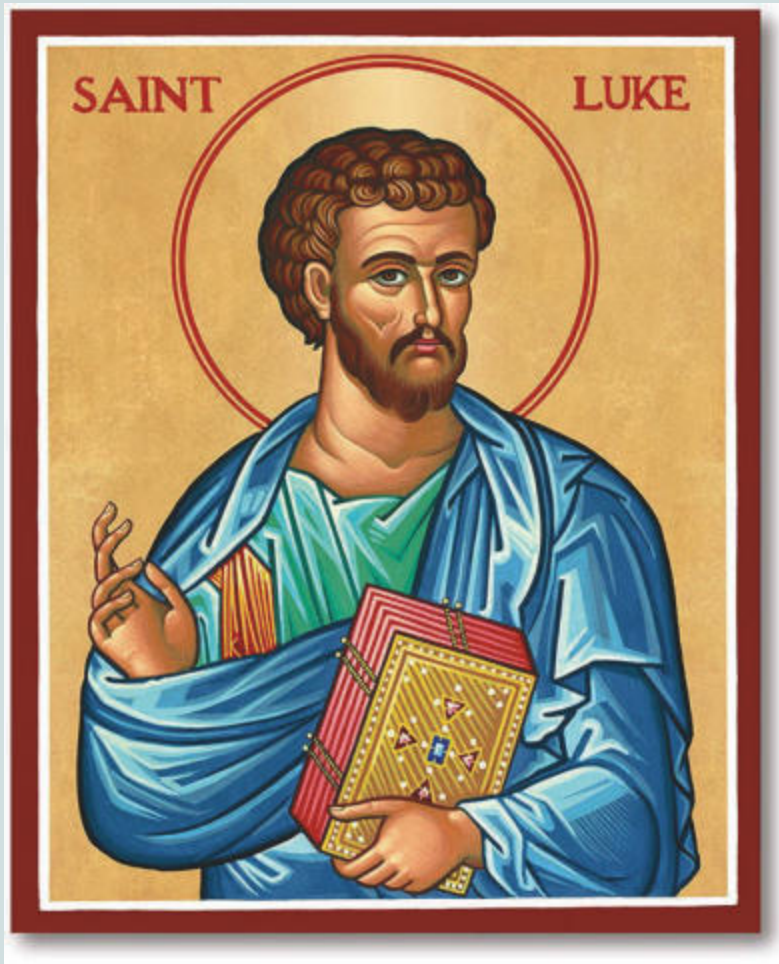


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**March 3, 2019**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 am Mass  
Wednesday 8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service  
Thursday: 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School  
Saturday - 4:15 pm  
Sunday - 10:15 am

#### **Reconciliation**

1st & 3rd Saturday: After Mass until 5:30 pm  
2nd & 4th Sunday: After Mass until 11:30 am

**Prayer Line** 651.457.0228

#### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

Readings for the week of March 3, 2019  
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." Jesus explains, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good... for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, is a reflection of what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." We must therefore be trained by Jesus our teacher so that our minds and hearts will be aligned with His mind and heart, and our speech (and actions for that matter) will reflect His goodness.

How do we obtain this training? Thankfully, we have an abundance of supernatural "training materials" at our disposal. First and foremost, we can spend time with the Teacher, our Lord: we can study His life through reading the Scriptures, and we can listen and speak with Him in quiet, regular times of prayer. We can expand our faith knowledge through study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We can find healing and strength in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Amazingly, we can partake of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

The more intentionally and frequently we make use of these means, the more we will become like our Teacher and Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

The Catholic Steward



## Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

"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

Mary Leibl.

Volunteer Coordinator

**We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 3 opportunities.**

### PRAYER LEADER FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Need volunteers to lead Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings at 6:30 during Lent. Books are available and volunteer musicians & cross bearer are in place.

### COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

We need volunteers to take communion to those unable to worship with us. This "liturgical" ministry involves taking a pyx with a host from Sat. or Sun Mass; visiting the person in their home; reading the gospel and sharing a sentence or two from the homily; praying the Lord's Prayer together and then giving the Host to the person. After we get a few volunteers for this ministry then we will invite people to request that visit. This is different from a pastoral visit in the middle of the week with a goodly amount of conversation in the visit. If you would like more information, please call John Riehle at the parish office.

### SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have five 4-hour shifts and four 3-hr shifts. Hours are: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm & Monday – Thursday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. **I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

### Thank You

**We are a Volunteer Parish!!** Thank you to the following people who have stepped forward to volunteer their time and talent to our parish:

Thank you to **Dave Sondag**, the Faith Formation Confirmation Teacher. Dave volunteered his time this year to prepare our young parishioners who will receive their Confirmation on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to **Joanne Smith**, a Catechist in the Faith Formation program, who prepared 5 of the Confirmandi to receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Thank you to **Jeanne Maanum** and **Michael Wood** and **Joanne Smith** who have volunteered to lead the Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm during Lent.

## News and Events

### COFFEE SUNDAY

You are invited to the Social Hall most Sundays following 10:15 am Mass for coffee, donuts and other tasty treats. **All are welcome here!**



### LENT AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, ushers us into the season of Lent. There will be different colors; there will be a different way of beginning Mass - a bit of an emphasis on the Penitential Rite because we are in the season of Penance/Reconciliation.

Also, we will not use water until the Sacred Triduum. We will not have baptisms and there will not be water for blessing at the entrances.

Appropriate questions might be: am I willing to enter the desert? Have I entered the desert? Have I laid myself bare in front of the Lord? What parts of my life need to be purified?

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL - UNIFIED WE RISE

Thank you to everyone who participated in last weekend's message from the Catholic Services Appeal. Some of you also have responded to a direct market mailing from the Catholic Services Appeal, however you have responded, we are appreciative.

If you did not attend Mass last week and would like to make a contribution, there are specially marked envelopes on the tables at the back of church for you to do so. The Catholic Services Appeal reaches people in our 12-county Archdiocese from children, to teens, married couples, elderly, to the homeless and so many more, reaching 20 ministries. You can visit their website to learn more.

You can give a one time gift or a pledge over several months. Please give what you can.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS February 24, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	21		
Hours in service	35	School	\$ 400
Parish		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 5,434	Thank You	
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,856		
Vigil Lights	\$ 18		
Faith Formation	\$ 170		
Fuel	\$ 10		
Memorials	\$ 1,510		
Mass Intention	\$ 84		
Rent	\$ 250		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 25		

### THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW




Let the Bells of Saint Matthew ring to remember a loved one, announce the birth of child or grandchild, celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Center to schedule your special date.

### WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

We welcome our newest members to Saint Matthew, Daniel Thomas Shetak, son of Ryan and Katie. Daniel was baptized on February 1, 2019. We also welcome Raelynn Rose Robbins, daughter of Sandra and Matthew. Raelynn was baptized on February 2, 2019. Both children were baptised by Father Steve Adrian.


As a parish community let us pray for these children, their parents and Godparents as they begin their faith journey in our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Ash Wednesday



Find these hidden words and circle them in the puzzle below.

- Cross
- Lent
- Rite
- Penance
- Dust
- Palms
- Ashes
- Fasting
- Church
- Prayer
- Forehead



Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return!

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**Parish Leadership**

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Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

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srannebecker

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jdelvecchio

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

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jillkilzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable  
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Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer  
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Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator  
mleibl

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator  
jriehle

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lrivera

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**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.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, March 2**

4:15 pm Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

### **Sunday, March 3**

10:15 am Our Parish  
James Thompson†

### **Monday, March 4**

8:00 am Diane Vasquez, Special Intention

### **Tuesday, March 5**

8:00 am Arthur Geis†

### **Friday, March 8**

8:00 am John DeVecchio, Special Intention

### **Saturday, March 9**

4:15 pm Bob Nowak†

### **Sunday, March 10**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Guadalupe Luces Desalve†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, March 2**

4:15 pm Mass & Baptism  
Confirmation Students Sending  
Community Dinner following Mass SH  
Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

### **Sunday, March 3**

10:15 am Mass & Baptisms  
with Children's Liturgy of the Word  
11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

### **Monday, March 4 - Thursday, March 8**

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

### **Monday, March 4**

8:00 am Mass  
12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

### **Tuesday, March 5**

8:00 am Mass

### **Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday**

8:00 am SS/Communion Service with Ashes Chapel  
8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:10 am Mass with Ashes Community of Saints  
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Faith Formation CH/PC  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass with Ashes CH

### **Thursday, March 7**

8:00 am SS/Communion Service Community of Saints

### **Friday, March 8**

8:00 am Mass

4:30-7:30 pm

### **Saturday, March 9**

4:15 pm Mass  
Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

### **Sunday, March 10**

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word  
11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH  
Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

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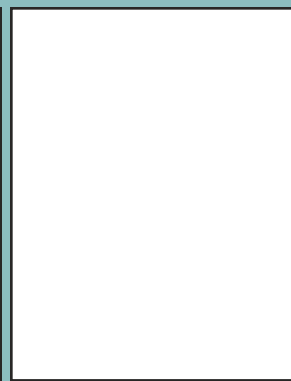
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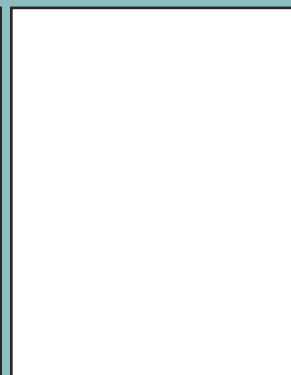
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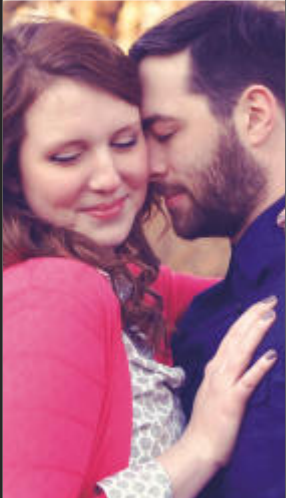


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