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Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." — Lk 9:34-35



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March 17, 2019

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

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21

[5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgatha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...."

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious 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 2 opportunities.

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 Saturday or Sunday 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**

THANK YOU

We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to the following people who have stepped forward to volunteer their time and talent to our parish:

Thank you to all who helped to make the Community Dinner last Saturday a huge success. To all those who helped with set up, preparing food, and donating desserts.

Thanks to all who stayed after the 10:15 mass last Sunday to help clean and prepare the Church for the season of Lent. Special thanks to **Mary Bejblik** and **Jill Kilzer** who help plan the environment for each season.

Thank you to **Jack Heitzinger** who has volunteered to play the organ, and to **Richard Schletty** who will be the cantor at the Stations of the Cross during Lent.



CRS RICE BOWL TEACHINGS FROM THE POPES

“For by his innermost nature man is a social being, and unless he relates himself to others he can neither live nor develop his potential” -*Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes*

Give fifty cents for each person you consider a close friend

TAX STATEMENTS

April 15th is just around the corner, if you need a financial giving statement from the parish, **they are prepared and mailed out once per week. Call the office to have your name added to the weekly list.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In preparation for his Confirmation on March 17th, confirmation student Alvaro Serrano received Holy Communion for the first time from Father Steve Adrian on Sunday, March 10th. Congratulation Alvaro.

On Sunday, March 17, 2019
At 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul
Confirmation candidates from the Church of Saint Matthew will be Confirmed

The Parish Community of Saint Matthew would like to thank Confirmation teacher Dave Sondag for his amazing 24 years of leadership of many Confirmation students.

Also, we thank Joanne Smith for the special 1st Communion preparation and Maribel Alvarez who assists with Spanish translation in this class.

And of course many thanks to Janelle Rohr, Saint Matthew's Faith Formation Director.

We pray for our Candidates, as they are filled with the Holy Spirit this Sunday.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 10, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	39		
Hours in service	87		
Parish		School	\$ 150
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,837		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,269	Total	\$ 150
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Vigil Lights	\$ 29		
Rent	\$ 4,800		
Fuel	\$		
Memorials	\$ 665		
Faith Formation	\$ 200		
Total	\$ 9,800		

Thank You

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on Friday, March 17th in memory of **Mary Ann Rasmussen.**

CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRY

All Fridays During Lent

March 8 - April 19

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

510 Hall Ave. St. Paul, MN

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Baked Potato, Salad, Veggie, Roll, Beverage

All the baked or fried fish you care to eat

Non fish option: grilled cheese sandwich or new this year; spaghetti

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**Adults \$12, Seniors \$11, Age 6-12 \$6
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Table Service

No waiting in a buffet line!

Drive Up Service Also New This Year

Faith Formation Break: St. Matthew Faith Formation students have class on Wednesday, March 20, but do **not** have class on Wednesday, March 27, and on April 3, due to spring break. The last regular Faith Formation classes for the school year for students in Grades 1 through 7 are on April 10, April 17, and April 24. Note that on April 24 we will have a service at 7:00 pm to which parents/guardians and parishioners are invited.



Sacrament of Confirmation

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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 received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

4:15 pm Joe Kegler†

Sunday, March 17

10:15 am Our Parish

John DelVecchio, Special Intention

Monday, March 18

8:00 am John DelVecchio†

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 am Alice Scaramuzzo†

Friday, March 22

8:00 am David Andrews†

Saturday, March 23

4:15 pm Mary Joanne Roubik†

Sunday, March 24

10:15 am Our Parish

Rudolph Saucedo, Jr.†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 16 with Food Collection

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 17 with Food Collection

9:00 Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

2:00 pm Confirmation at the Cathedral

Monday, March 18 - Thursday, March 22

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

Monday, March 18

8:00 am Mass

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross CH

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting PC

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

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

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Faith Formation CH/PC

Thursday, March 21

9:10 am Mass Community of Saint School

Friday, March 22

8:00 am Mass

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

Saturday, March 23

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, March 24

9:00 Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

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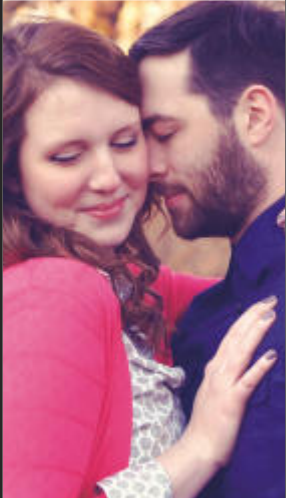


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