



# Church of St. Matthew

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**March 31, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

#### **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 31, 2019  
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

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 have 1 volunteer to take communion to those unable to worship with us, however we need more. 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. Once we have a few volunteers for this ministry we will then 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.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

**Come be a part of the music at St. Matthew's during Holy Week and the Easter Season.**

In need of Choir members, Cantors, and Instrumentalists. Be part of the music liturgy for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Take part in any or all the services. Whatever fits your schedule. For more information you may email Jill Kilzer at [jillkilzer@st-matts.org](mailto:jillkilzer@st-matts.org) or speak to her after one of the weekend masses.

**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!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.**

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

We thank Joanne Smith for leading Stations of the Cross on Monday of the first week of Lent and Michael Woods for leading the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks. Thank you to Tim Dalzell for carrying the cross, Jack Heitzinger for playing the organ and to Richard Schletty who leads the singing. A special thanks to Anthony Minus who stepped in at the last minute to carry the cross on week 2!

**Thank you** to all who help with the fish fries. After the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 weeks over 1250 meals have been served. Many of the volunteers were mentioned in the bulletin last week. We thank the Boy Scouts who helped with the serving on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We also thank Elaine Goldberg who helps with selling tickets each week.

## News and Events

We have chosen Fischer Flat Roof as the contractor the roof of the Church building. You can see the buckets in the worship space and the chapel...pragmatic proof that we need a new roof.

We are choosing a thickness--80 mil--that will have a 25 year warranty. The project cost will be \$132,000. There may be a bit more cost depending on what the roofers find under the current roof. [That work will be done with time & materials.]

The amount sounds [and is] daunting. However, if we were to spread the cost over the 25 years and 52 weekends per year, that is a cost of \$101 per weekend.

Parishioners have been very helpful in paying for some of the costs of the new lighting; the perimeter windows; and the new doors. All of these improvements help us have a building that can be used and enjoyed. A new roof will contribute equally to usefulness and enjoyment.

Will you pay for one weekend's coverage? Did you get a 'tax refund'? Can you find that amount in your 'other pocket?' Thank you for our consideration and your participation in helping worship in a wonderful building.

*John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator*

### CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN PRAYER



God of hope, you journey with us through the desert. You challenge us to become more like Christ. During this Lenten season, may our prayers, fasting and almsgiving give us the

courage to go forth from these 40 days in the desert to share our gifts with the world. May our encounter with you allow us to bring your hope to all of our human family. Amen

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Free blood pressure screening is available to all parishioners the first Saturday and Sunday of each month, following Mass. The next screenings are April 6th and 7th.



Screening is provided by trained professionals. It is important to "know your numbers"...find out yours free of charge and track them each month.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 24, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 15  
Hours in service 10

Parish		School	\$	300
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,188	Religious Retire.	\$	25
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,358	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>325</b>
Vigil Lights	\$ 42	<b>Thank You</b>		
Bells	\$ 30			
Coffee Sunday	\$ 26			
Memorials	\$ 15			
Masses	\$ 15			
Easter Flowers	\$ 150			
Faith Formation	\$ 70			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,894</b>			

**Thank You**

### 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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### FAITH FORMATION BREAK

St. Matthew Faith Formation students do **not** have class on Wednesday, 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.

### CASA GUADALUPANA NEWS

Casa Guadalupe and the International Institute have developed a new partnership to provide short-term housing for individuals and families who are going through the legal asylum process.

The asylum hearing process takes 2-3 years on average and during much of that period, individuals and families are not granted a work permit. This makes it very difficult for those applying for asylum to be self-sufficient during the hearing process.

The International Institute is a well-established organization that receives funding from the United States Government to provide case management and other support services to new arrivals and immigrants to the United States.

Individuals and families started moving in during March. As they get settled in the home, they will get connected to resources in our community. Some of them will likely begin attending Mass in the near future."

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies help Jesus in the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the collection today.

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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 30**

4:15 pm Art Fischer†

#### **Sunday, March 31**

10:15 am Our Parish

Ted & Connie Rivera, & Linda Owens†

#### **Monday, April 1**

8:00 am Elizabeth Miller†

#### **Tuesday, April 2**

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

#### **Friday, April 5**

8:00 am David Andrews†

#### **Saturday, April 6**

4:15 pm Deacon John Murphy†

#### **Sunday, April 7**

10:15 am Our Parish

Rudy Saucedo, Jr. †

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **Saturday, March 30**

4:15 pm Mass

#### **Sunday, March 31**

9:00 Choir Practice

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

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

#### **Monday, April 1 - Thursday, April 4**

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

#### **Monday, April 1**

8:00 am Mass

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

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross CH

#### **Tuesday, April 2**

8:00 am Mass

#### **Wednesday, April 3**

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

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

No Faith Formation

#### **Thursday, April 4**

9:10 am Mass Community of Saint School

#### **Friday, April 5**

8:00 am Mass

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

#### **Saturday, April 6**

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation until 5:30 pm

#### **Sunday, April 7**

9:00 Choir Practice

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

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

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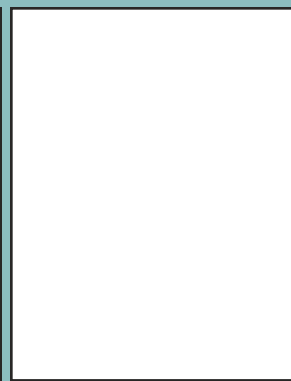
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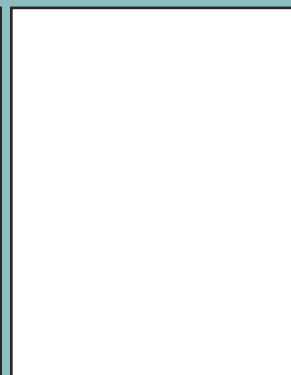
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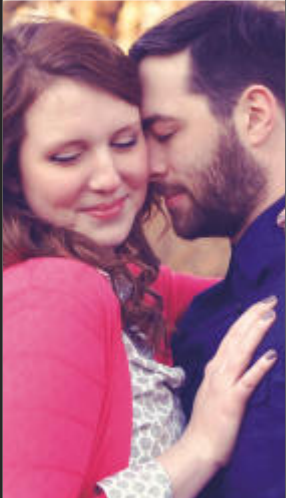


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