



Church of St. Matthew

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April 7, 2019
Fifth 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 April 7, 2019

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.

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** 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

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 Jeanne Maanum for leading Stations of the Cross this past Monday evening.

The **Fish Fry** has been a huge success! After the 1st 4 weeks over **1700 meals** have been served. **Thank you** to those who come before noon to begin the preparation. To those who cook the meals, plate the food, and serve the guests, **thank you!** To members of the Men's Club who operate the bar, **thank you!** To those who wash the dishes and clean-up the Social Hall, **thank you!** To all who come with family and friends, to enjoy a fantastic meal and enjoyable fellowship, **thank you!** All of you are contributing to the success of the 2019 St. Matthew Fish Fry! **THANK YOU ALL!!**

News and Events

EASTER AND ENVIRONMENT

You again have an opportunity to make a donation to the Easter/Environment Fund in memory of your loved one. Included in today's bulletin is the form, please fill it out, include your donation and return it to the parish office by April 14th. Your donations are used to purchase the beautiful flowers that decorate our Church for the Easter Season.



COMING SOON - NEW ROOF

The roofing company has been chosen, the proxy is in, we are waiting for scheduling...if you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the roof there are specially marked envelopes on the table by the St. Matthew's statues to do so. Donations are tax deductible, the parish thanks you in advance.



RELEVANT RADIO® TO HONOR ARCHBISHOP BERNARD HEBDA AT THE CHRIST BRINGS HOPE BANQUET

Friday, April 26 at JW Marriott – Mall of America, Bloomington. 6 p.m. Social Hour, 7 p.m. Dinner. All are cordially invited to join Relevant Radio Executive Director Father Francis Hoffman ("Father Rocky") and show hosts Patrick Madrid and Father Richard Simon, along with special guest Bishop Andrew Cozzens, as we honor Archbishop Bernard Hebda at the Eighth Annual Christ Brings Hope Banquet. This festive evening will benefit the mission of Relevant Radio here in the Archdiocese as well as in other markets across the country. Matching funds are also available for Twin Cities Catholic schools (K-12), thanks to an anonymous benefactor. To register, visit <https://relevantradio.com/events/minnesota/christ-brings-hope-twin-cities/> or call Mary May at 612-643-4117.



CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN PRAYER

John 3:17-18

"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of

God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 31, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 13
Hours in service 26

Parish		School	\$ 50
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,665	Solidarity Sunday	\$ 131
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,271	Total	\$ 181
Vigil Lights	\$ 27	Thank You	
Bells	\$		
Coffee Sunday	\$		
Memorials	\$ 15		
Masses	\$ 15		
Easter Flowers	\$ 85		
Roof Donation	\$ 100		
Total	\$ 4,178		

Thank You



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on April 9th in remembrance of Bea Koehnen's 100th birthday.

If you would like to have the Bells ring for a special day in your family's life, celebrate an anniversary, birthday of child or grandchild or remember a loved one, call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule your date.



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

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Table Service
No waiting in a buffet line!

Drive Up Service Also New This Year

ROSARY/CCW NEWS

During the warmer weather and longer days, Rosary/CCW meetings will be held at 6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Those of you who have not been able to attend the afternoon meetings because you have jobs, you will now be able to attend again.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our meetings. If you haven't joined us in the past, please make our meeting on Tuesday, April 9th your first. New members are always welcome.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

St. Matthew Faith Formation classes for public school students in grades 1 to 7 resume on Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 pm in church with the usual dismissal at 7:45 pm from the Parish Center. We also have class on Wednesday, April 17. Note that our final regular class for the 2018-2019 school year is on April 24. On April 24, students should arrive at 6:30 pm and parents, guardians, and community members are welcome to join us that evening at 7 pm for Mass with light refreshments served afterward.

FRIDAY EVENING LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

Fridays, through April 12, 7 p.m., St. Agnes, 535 Thomas Ave., St. Paul.

This year's theme—"Great Spiritual Doctors of the Church"—features presentations on six masters of the Catholic interior life and how they contribute to the Church's understanding of the spiritual life of the faithful. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments served. For more information about the Saints and speakers, please visit churchofsaintagnes.org.

Parish Leadership

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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, April 6

4:15 pm Deacon John Murphy†

Sunday, April 7

10:15 am Our Parish

Rudy Saucedo, Jr. †

Monday, April 8

8:00 am Roberta Grady, Special Intention

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 am Miguel Martinez, Special Intention

Friday, April 12

8:00 am David Potzmann†

Saturday, April 13

4:15 pm Mary Joanne Roubik†

Sunday, April 14

10:15 am Our Parish

Wallace Borgan, Sr. †

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, April 8 - Thursday, April 11

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

Monday, April 8

8:00 am Mass

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

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross CH

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 am Mass

6:45 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting SH

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

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

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

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, April 11

9:10 am Mass Community of Saint School

Friday, April 12

8:00 am Mass

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

Saturday, April 13

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

9:00 Choir Practice

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

Reconciliation until 11:30 am

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

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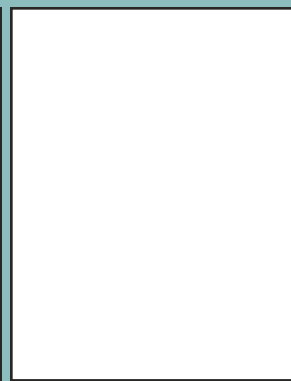
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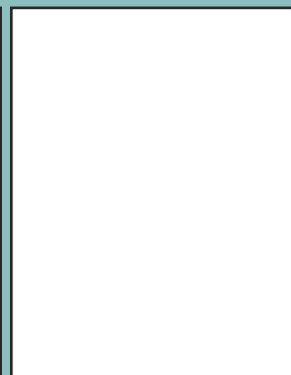
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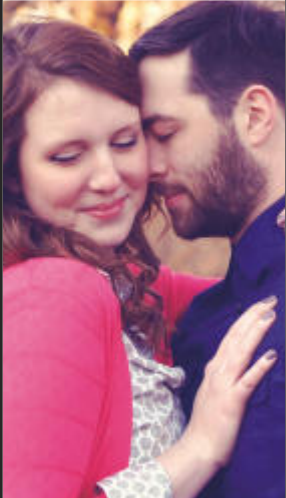


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