



# Church of St. Matthew

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**May 5, 2019**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday** 8:00 am Mass  
**Tuesday** 8:00 am Mass  
**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 Mass  
**Sunday** 10:15 am Mass

#### **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 May 5, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

[2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.



Mary Leibl,

## 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**

**We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 1 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 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. 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.

### 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 the following parishioners and neighbors who helped clean the church, chapel and parish grounds last Saturday morning: Charley Andersen, Norma Cahill, Tim Dalzell, Beth Geis, Gerry Geis, Steve Kowal, Jan Lackner, Kathy Schowalter, Al Schowalter, Linda Sellers, Chris Wilfahrt, Tony Wilfahrt, John Riehle, Jill Kilzer, and Mary Leibl.

**THANKS FOR CLEANING UP!!**

A dozen folks worked outside and inside the church last Saturday. We now have a space that is more inviting and hospitable, both inside and out. Thanks to: Chris and Tony Wilfahrt, Kathy and Al Schowalter, Linda Sellars, Mary Leibl, Jan Lackner, Norma Cahill, Tim Dalzell, Beth Geis and Steve Kowal. *And, there is still more to do.* Thanks, in advance, for responding to the next invitation.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

Thank you to so many folks who brought food last weekend; thanks to so many who bring food on a regular basis. Thanks to Dave Haley and Becky Montgomery for transporting the food to Neighborhood House. We collected an amazing 431 pounds of food and personal products.

**GIVING ELECTRONICALLY**

It's easy, it's confidential, it's consistent, and it's very supportive of the mission of St. Matt's. Please contact John Riehle in the parish office.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Are you taking advantage of the free Blood Pressure Screening available at St. Matthew's? Trained professions track your BP readings the first Saturday and Sunday following Masses. Too low or too high blood pressure can be indicators of underlying health issues. Know what your numbers are....it is simple to do.



**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

The last meeting for Rosary Society will take place on May 14th at 6:45 pm in the Social Hall. We will not meet again until the fall, and hope many members will attend this meeting.

This is also the Funeral Ministry Appreciation Dinner at which Father Adrian is the guest speaker. Father Adrian's talks are always inspiring and thought provoking.

Anyone with an interest in this ministry is invited to attend. Male and female alike, funeral ministry is open to all.

<b>WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS April 28, 2019</b>			
<b>Volunteer Service</b>			
Hours in prayer	26		
Hours in service	60		
Parish		School	\$ 50
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,014	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
Holyday	\$ 295	<b>Thank You</b>	
Electronic Giving	\$ 702		
Vigil Lights	\$ 27		
Rental	\$ 1,410		
Roof Donation	\$ 702		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,150</b>		
<b>Thank You</b>			

**FABULOUS FISH FRY**

The Saint Matthew's Men's Club and our co-sponsors, The Saint Matthew's Rosary Society, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, Girl Scout Troop 54692, Scouts Troop of Boys #288, Scouts USA Troop of Girls #7091, and Casa Guadalupana would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this year's fish fry a huge success. A huge thank you to all of our customers that purchased our meals. We'll do it all again starting on 2/28/2020.

All the proceeds from the Good Friday sales, \$2,790, have been donated to Saint Matthew's parish.

Congratulations to the Fish Fry raffle winners:

- Quilt: P. Kegler
- Gift certificates: 1st place \$100 T. Grundtner
- 2nd place \$50 T. Dalzell
- 3rd place \$25 L. Beasley

**IN SYMPANY**

On Wednesday, May 1st, Father Adrian, con-celebrated Mass at the Church of St. Joseph for former parishioner, Mary Ann Jolly. Mrs. Jolly died on April 26, 2019. Mrs. Jolly was the aunt of St. Matthew's parishioner Bob Creamer.

On Thursday, May 2nd, Father Adrian, celebrated a funeral service for Dan Riehle, brother of pastoral administrator, John Riehle. Mr. Riehle died on April 27th, 2019.

On Friday, May 3rd, Father Adrian celebrated a memorial Mass for James Stevens. Mr. Stevens was the brother of Saint Matthew parishioner Joe Stevens; he recently died out of state.

Please remember Mary Ann, Dan, James and their families in your prayers. May they and all the faithful departed rest in God's love and peace.

**FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE**

For children registered to receive First Communion in May at the Church of St. Matthew, please come to First Communion practice on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 pm in St. Matthew Church. We will do the final preparation so that children are ready for the sacrament. Registered First Communion children must attend the practice on May 8 with at least one parent or guardian. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004 or [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org).

**FIRST COMMUNIONS DURING MASS**

We will celebrate First Communion during the Saturday, May 11, Mass at 4:15 pm and at the Sunday, May 19, Mass at 10:15 am. First Communion families will be seated in the two center aisles; they will take the entire center section. Thank you for welcoming, accommodating, and helping us celebrate this sacrament with the children who have been preparing for it either through attendance at Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes or at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School.

**Parish Leadership**

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**Members:**

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Jerry Geis	Karen Thompson
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John Riehle, Ex Officio	

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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, May 4**

7:00 pm Rose, Joseph, Jr. & Joseph Karas, Sr.†

### **Sunday, May 5**

10:15 am Our Parish

Connie Dierberger†

### **Monday, May 6**

8:00 am David Andrews†

### **Tuesday, May 7**

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary Society  
Members

### **Friday, May 10**

8:00 am John DelVecchio, Special Intention

### **Saturday, May 11**

7:00 pm Rudy Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention

### **Sunday, May 12**

10:15 am Our Parish

Madeline Perron†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, May 4**

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

5:15 pm Blood Pressure Screening

### **Sunday, May 5**

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

11:15 am Coffee Sunday

11:15 am Blood Pressure Screening

### **Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10**

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

### **Monday, May 6**

8:00 am Mass

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

### **Tuesday, May 7**

8:00 am Mass

### **Wednesday, May 8**

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

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

10:00 am Staff Meeting PC

11:00 am Liturgy Committee Meeting PC

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting PC

### **Thursday, May 9**

9:10 am Mass Community of Saints School

12:00 pm Office Volunteer Appreciation Lunch PC

### **Friday, May 10**

8:00 am Mass

### **Saturday, May 11**

4:15 pm Mass

First Holy Communion

### **Sunday, May 12**

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

11:15 am Coffee Sunday

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

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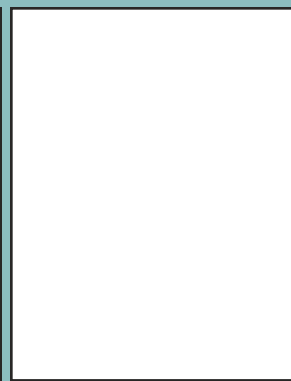
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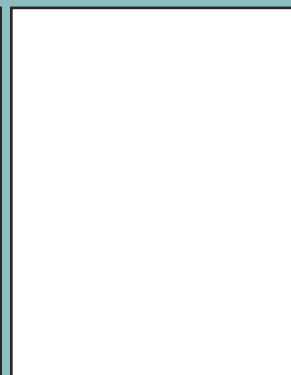
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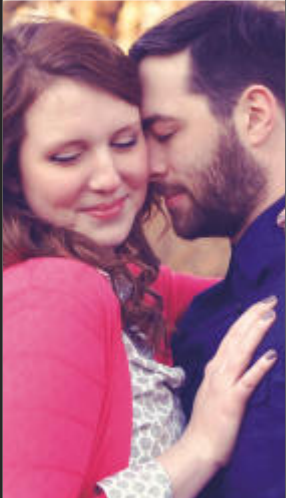
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