

Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



January 26, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordered Time

Liturgy Schedule

Thursday 9:10 am Mass at COS
Saturday 4:15 pm Mass
Sunday 10:15 am Mass

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday After 4:15 pm Mass
2nd & 4th Sunday After 10:15 am Mass

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of January 26, 2020

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do. Rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to live for God and bring His good news to all we meet at work, at school, in our community, and right in our own home — in other words to live as His good stewards.

And, there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "immediately left their boat and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do. It's who we are.

- **The Catholic Steward**

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Mary Leibl,
Volunteer
Coordinator

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 5 continuing opportunities.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT CERENITY CAMPUS

Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 am at Cerenity Building 512. If interested contact Sister Anne Becker.

LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:15 am Mass and practices on alternate weeks September-May. We practice weekly during Advent & Lent. The Choir practices at 9:15 am. Next practice will be Sunday, January 26th. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend Masses.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Need volunteers to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass. Will train.

ALTAR SERVERS

Inviting youth 4th grade and older who would like to serve at the Saturday 4:15 pm or Sunday 10:15 am Mass. Training will be provided.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Liturgy of the Word sessions for young children during the Sunday 10:15 am Mass continue into May, and we need helpers for Sunday Masses in March, April and May. Can you be a helper once a month during that time? You would assist the teacher with children ages 3 to 8, helping the kids find their place in a booklet, helping with crafts, etc. If yes, contact Janelle Rohr at 651-457-3522 or 651-242-6004 or email: jdrohr@pro-ns.net

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 **Corrine** who takes the purificators home each week to remove wine stains and launder. She brings them back looking brand new!! Her dedication is greatly appreciated!

Thank You to all who offer their services at our weekend masses. We thank **Fr. Adrian** our Sacramental Minister. Thank you to all our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers and Sacristans.

News and Events

CELEBRANTS THIS WEEKEND

We will welcome Fr. Greg Welch [Saturday], and Fr. John Son Tran, a Redemptorist from St. Alphonsus in Brooklyn Center. [Sunday] who will preside at Mass.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

To receive your 2019 stewardship statement, please call the parish office and leave your name and address. Your 2019 statement will be mailed to you.

The office staff/volunteers will mail statements once a week to those who request a statement.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Second collection this weekend, please give as you are able to our retired religious.

BIG GAME PARTY

49ers vs Chiefs – St. Matthew's Social Hall on Sunday, February 2. Hosted by the St. Matthew's Men's Club. Doors open at 4:30 pm. The game starts at 5:30. Football on the big screen. Food, snacks, refreshments & fun. Bring a dish to share. Jigsaw puzzle contest at halftime. Great fun for football fans of all ages. Come and enjoy the Big Game with family and friends. **No admission fee.**



Saint Matthew's welcomes all to our parish. New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please call Linda Rivera at the parish office to register as a member of our parish family or stop by the office to visit us.

Please remember the Church of Saint Matthew in your estate plan, will or trust.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS January 19, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 22
Hours in service 52

Parish		School	\$ 40
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,498	Religious	
Electronic Giving	\$ 242	Retirement	\$ 300
Vigil Lights	\$ 54	Total	\$ 340
Men's Club	\$ 15	Thank You!	
Masses	\$ 30		
ETrade Donation	\$ 1,920		
Coffee Sunday	\$		
Bells	\$		
Total	\$ 5,759		

Thank You!



Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells...

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on January 29th to celebrate Lorraine Hamilton's 82nd birthday. Happy Birthday Lorraine.

This is a lovely way to celebrate a wedding anniversary, remember a loved one who is no longer living, announce the great news of a new grandchild. Too many heartfelt reasons to name...contact Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your special day.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS MADE EASY!

Thanks to all those who donate through the process of EFT [electronic funds transfer] whereby the money is transferred from your bank account to the Church's bank account at BankCherokee. You can donate weekly, once a month, or twice a month. Please call John Riehle at the parish office with your questions.

You can also donate by using the PayPal QR code (the square symbol) that is on the parish website. Simply scan it with your phone and make your donation. One person does that weekly. For your convenience, the code is shown here! Try it, please.



Thank you for your financial support of St. Matt's. This is one way of helping us as a parish be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

It is Catholic Schools Week and a time to celebrate and remind everyone of all of the benefits of a Prek-8 Catholic education at Community of Saints! This week we will celebrate by dressing to themes each day, completing service projects, researching saints and teaching others about them, and hosting a Geography Bee and Staff vs. 8th Grade volleyball game! We will also host a "Walk-In Wednesday" from 11:00 am-6:00 pm on January 29th. This day will allow people to drop in for a tour the school and to ask any questions. Please spread the word to prospective families seeking an affordable, high quality Catholic education built on a foundation of faith, inclusivity and love!

Tickets for Sale! Our annual Night of Community will take place **THIS** Saturday, February 1st from 6:00 -9:00 pm in the St. Matthew Church social hall. This year's theme? The Roaring Twenties! The evening will include delicious food and beverage, silent auction, raffle, mystery bags and games! Tickets are \$45 per person, or \$350 per table (8 guests). Contact Bridget Kramer: bkramer@communityofsaints.org, or call the office: 651-457-2510 to reserve your ticket(s) now!

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC COMING TO SAINT MATTHEW'S

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra will perform at Saint Matthew's on February 9th at 3:00 pm. Please plan to join family, friends and neighbors at this lovely event. Watch the bulletin for further details.

This is a family-friendly concert; there will be music that children will enjoy and there will be an instrument "petting zoo" after the concert so children see the instruments up close, and they will be able to try to play some of them. This is the third of the five musical performances by different musical ensembles through this year.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 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, January 25

4:15 pm Mary Jane Sperl†

Sunday, January 26

10:15 am Our Parish;
Ted DeGraw†

Monday, January 27

8:00 am No Mass Today

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 am No Mass Today

Friday, January 31

8:00 am No Mass Today

Saturday, February 1 Presentation of the Lord

4:15 pm Helen Leibl†

Sunday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

10:15 am Our Parish;
Claudette Borgan†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 26

4:15 pm Mass

2nd Collection for Religious Retirement

Sunday, January 26

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word

2nd Collection for Religious Retirement

Reconciliation after Mass

Coffee Sunday

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

Wednesday, January 29

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes C/PC

Thursday, January 30

9:10 am Mass at COS

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1

4:15 pm Mass

2nd Collection for Community of Saints School

Reconciliation after Mass

6:00 pm COS Night of Community Gala

Sunday, February 2

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word

2nd Collection for Community of Saints School

Coffee Sunday

4:30 pm Doors open for Big Game Sunday SH

5:30 pm Big Game Starts SH

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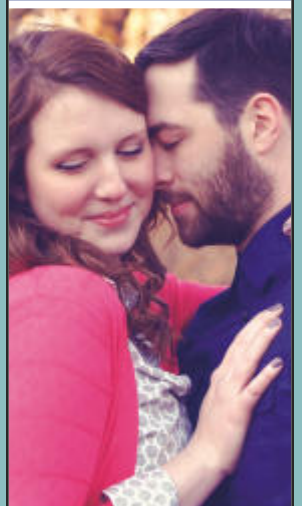
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