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February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am	Scripture/Communion Service
Thursday	9:10 am	Mass at COS
Friday	8:00 am	Mass
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 February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13 this is correct
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the “Holy Parents.” Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord.” Later in the passage we read that, “When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His “growing up” years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children — whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students — have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

- *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.

PRAYER LEADER FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Need volunteers to lead Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings during Lent. March 2 – April 6 at 6:30 pm. It would not be every week as we already have 1 volunteer. Books are available and volunteer musicians & cross bearer are in place.

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 February 16th. 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.

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 Beth, who grabbed a shovel and cleaned snow away from the front entrance to the church, before the Saturday Mass!

News and Events

CELEBRANTS THIS WEEKEND

We will welcome Fr. Greg Welch, a retired priest of this archdiocese [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.

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.**



VIGIL LIGHTS

There have been a few small changes made to the vigil lights. 1) We have added a stand of lights--the stand was moved from Saint Michael's church. 2) The stand has a slot [and locked container] for offerings. 3) All offerings [coins, bills, checks] for vigil lights should be put in that slot. This will give more security to all donations. The insurance company will be happy for this added vigilance about donations. Thank you very much. If you have any questions, please contact John Riehle at the parish office.

RECYCLE LAST YEARS PALMS

Receptacles will be available to recycle last year's palms the weekends of February 16 and February 23. Please don't throw them away, we will properly dispose of them for you.

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.



Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells...

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 2nd in memory of Claudette Borgan's 86th birthday. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 8th for Tina Saucedo-Baker.

Call Linda Rivera at the parish office if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells for your special memory or event.

COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCEAN CHURCH, AND FOR UNITED STATES CHURCH

THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for the generous donations for the Retirement Fund for Religious. As I mentioned in the announcements some weeks ago, the effect of the Religious sisters, brothers, and priests may have been direct for many of us [we went to a Catholic grade school, high school, or college, or were cared for in a hospital belonging to one of those religious orders]. The effect may have been indirect—we did not benefit directly but have been part of the Church that has benefitted from all the good that has been done over the decades by these vowed and devoted women and men. Please make a donation if you have not already done so. All the money collected will be sent to the archdiocese and will be used by the religious communities for the retirement of their members, many of whom worked more for the "glory of God" than for financial gain. Like many of us, they did not account for the upcoming retirement of their members as most of the orders have experienced fewer vocations to replace those who have been "laboring in the vineyard."

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

On February 15 and 16 we will take the collection for the Catholic Services Appeal. Like the Retirement Fund for Religious, some of us have benefitted directly from the many programs that are supported by this appeal. Many of us have not benefitted directly; but each of those programs has a service to a group of people in our Archdiocese. Each of these ministries is larger than any one parish; it belongs to each of us to support this Appeal.

Specific information will be included in next weekend's bulletin. Please plan to respond on the weekend of 2/15-16. You will notice that there are a number of ways to make that response: 1) direct donations; 2) payment plans; 3) credit cards; 4) asset transfers.

If you have any questions about these appeals, or any financial matters, please talk with John Riehle at the parish office.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

Are you or a member of your family unable to attend a weekend Mass? We have ministers who will bring Communion to the home. They receive a pyx with a host, at the end of the Saturday & Sunday Masses. They are then sent out with the blessing of the parish community. They will visit the home of a person who is no longer able to attend Mass and they will read the gospel for that weekend. They will share a sentence or two from the homily, pray the Lords Prayer together and then give the host to the person they are visiting. This allows the parishioner to still feel a connection to the parish community. We have 2 more volunteer ministers. If you would like someone to bring this ministry into your home or know someone who would like this opportunity, please call the Parish Center.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS January 26, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	21		
Hours in service	60		
Parish		School	\$ 300
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,319	Religious	
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,118	Retirement	\$ 1,765
Vigil Lights	\$ 42	Total	\$ 2,065
Masses	\$ 37	Thank You!	
Rental	\$ 470		
Funeral	\$ 650		
Reimbursement	\$ 52		
Total	\$ 6,688		
Thank You!			

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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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, 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†

Monday, February 3

8:00 am Ted DeGraw

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 am Tim Borgan, Special Intention

Friday, February 7

8:00 am Rose Karas†

Saturday, February 8

4:15 pm Tina Saucedo-Baker, Special Intention

Sunday, February 9

10:15 am Our Parish

Mary Lind†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, February 3

8:00 Mass

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

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 Mass

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 am Communion Service

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes C/PC

7:30 pm Men's Club Board Meeting SH

Thursday, February 6

9:10 am Mass at COS

Friday, February 7

8:00 Mass

Saturday, February 8

10:30 am Baptism Class PC

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, February 9

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word

Coffee Sunday

Reconciliation after Mass

3:00 pm Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Concert C

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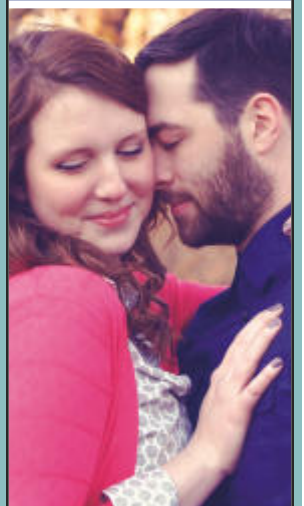
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