



Church of St. Matthew

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**"Set the lamp on a stand where it gives light to all in this house"
(Gospel)**

February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Ordered Time

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 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here — care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!

- *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 all who provide the beautiful music for our Masses and other liturgies. We thank our **Accompanists: Piano, Sr. Anne & Jill; Guitar, Chris & Mark. Cantors: Linda, Andy, Shelly, Richard & Anne. Members of our Choir: Angela, Sr. Anne, Charlie, Anthony & Jack.**

Thank You to **Suzanne Clarke and Pete Rivera** who volunteered for BP Screening last weekend.

News and Events

WELCOME BACK, FR. STEVE

We are very happy to welcome Fr. Steve back to our week-end celebrations.

We thank the presiders these past three weeks: Frs. Greg Welch, Cyprian Czop, OMI, and John Son Tran, CSSR.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

We welcome the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm for a family friendly concert. These players have been coming to St. Matt's since the middle of the 1980s!! After the concert today there will be an opportunity for children—and others—to get up close to the instruments. Bring your family!!

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.

RECYCLE PALMS

Blessed Palms are a sacramental—something in our religious practice that can help us get closer to the Lord. We will accept the palms from last year; please bring them to church on either of the next two weekends. [You may remember that the ashes for Ash Wednesday are the burned palms from the previous year.]

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE - INCLUDES HOLY WEEK

The next Ministry schedule covers the period from Ash Wednesday, February 26 through May 31. It will be written on February 17. Ministry volunteers, please notify us of any dates you are unavailable during this period, as well as any dates you would like to be scheduled. (The Holy Week schedule April 4 through April 12 will appear on a separate schedule) Please let us know what dates you are NOT available during this period, or any dates you WANT to be scheduled) Thank you for your continued help!

Jan Lackner

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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS February 2, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	36		
Hours in service	55		
Parish		School	\$ 458
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,070	Religious	
Electronic Giving	\$ 242	Retirement	\$ 595
Vigil Lights	\$	Men's Club Dues	\$ 15
Masses	\$ 42	Total	\$ 1,068
Rental	\$	Thank You!	
Bar Money Festival	\$ 100		
Fuel	\$ 20		
Total	\$ 7,474		
Thank You!			



Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells...

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 8 for **Tina Saucedo-Baker**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 14 in memory of **Margaret Wesson**. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 14 to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of **Judy & Bub Adamson**.

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.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

At Saint Matthew's, we will take that collection itself on February 15 and 16. Please take some time to review the 20 ministries and services that are provided. Each of these is broader than the ministry of any one parish. Almost everyone received a mailing this past week; you have been able to see all the information that is contained therein.

You may include a "one-time" give through cash or check; you may also make a pledge over ten months—and have that money taken directly from your credit card or from your bank account. If we achieve our parish goal then we will receive 25% back for use in our education and formation programs.

Please fill out and return the response form even if you are not able to make a gift or a pledge. The goal is 100% response, regardless of the ability to participate monetarily. Your response will save time and money on the follow-up process.

SYNOD PARTICIPATION

Pray each day for the success of the Synod

Attend one of the Listening Sessions.

Complete the Disciplemaker Index Survey. [This will give the Archbishop a snapshot of the spirituality of the archdiocese. [It is anonymous; your e-mail address will not be captured.] This survey is available during the month of February. <http://www.disciplemakerindex.com> There are paper versions of the survey at the Icon table.

SOCIAL HALL BATHROOMS

The planning is now at step #2: bids have been solicited from three different providers. With the current [1970] configuration both in the men's and ladies bathrooms, they are not ADA compliant. We will get some information on making those changes.

We have learned what the better materials are for use in "commercial spaces" when there might be a need to cover up and buff out graffiti and other markings. Please stay tuned.

US CENSUS VOLUNTEERS

The 2020 Census Operations is recruiting for Census jobs, the bulk of which is for census takers. The pay rate for Ramsey County is \$22.00; Mileage is \$.58/mile. Please contact Gregory.L.Huppert@2020census.gov. [651-470-7609]. Census takers are needed especially on the West Side and beyond. You may apply online at: 2020census.gov/jobs.

Parish Leadership

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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 8

4:15 pm Tina Saucedo-Baker, Special Intention

Sunday, February 9

10:15 am Our Parish

Mary Lind†

Monday, February 10

8:00 am Arthur Geis†

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 am Sarah Christiansen†

Friday, February 14

8:00 am David Andrews†

Saturday, February 15

4:15 pm Tina Saucedo-Baker, Special Intention

Sunday, February 16

10:15 am Our Parish

Mary Lind†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, February 10

8:00 Mass

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

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 Mass

1:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting PC

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 am Communion Service

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

NO Faith Formation Classes

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, February 13

9:10 am Mass at COS

Friday, February 14

8:00 Mass

Saturday, February 15

4:15 pm Mass

2nd Collection for Neighborhood House Food Shelf

Annual Catholic Appeal Launch

Reconciliation after Mass

Sunday, February 16

9:15 am Choir Practice C

10:15 am Mass and Children Liturgy of the Word

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3:00 pm Metropolitan Symphony Concert C

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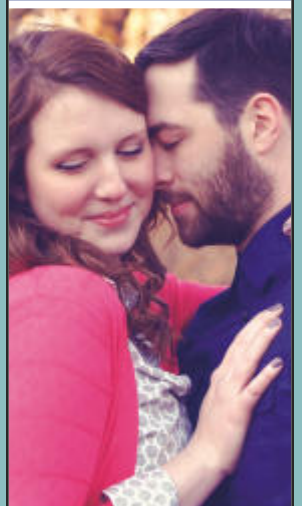
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