

# Church of St. Matthew

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*"God makes the sun to rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust"*  
Gospel

## February 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordered Time

### Liturgy Schedule

Monday	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am & 7:00pm	Mass and "ashes"
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 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
[8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48  
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17  
[cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Talk about setting the bar high!

This verse at the end of today’s Gospel passage from Matthew sets the tone for all of the readings this week.

The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

Our Lord gives us several illustrations today of this “foolish” concept: “When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us “children of our heavenly Father.” This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you’re probably doing it right in God’s eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

So, with God’s grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less. **- 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. Our next practice will be at 9:15 am March 1st. We will be practicing every Sunday from now through Easter. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend masses. As we prepare for Lent, Holy Week and Easter services, more volunteers would be appreciated!

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Inviting youth 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

### **THANK YOU!**

**We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.**

**Thank You to Pete and James** who power-washed the Social Hall restrooms in preparation for the upcoming remodel.

## News and Events

### OUR EARTH OUR HOME

...St. Francis Assisi shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. Pope Francis.



### FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Students in the Wednesday evening Faith Formation program and Community of Saints students planning to make their First Communion at St. Matthew will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 29. The sacramental celebration begins at 10:00 am in the chapel Church and will be followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. Children and parents should attend. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org) or 651-242-6004.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26th, Mass with distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.



### 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 3 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.

### SAINT MATTHEW 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.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS February 16, 2020

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 49  
Hours in service 78

Parish		School	\$	290
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,673	Religious		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,398	Retirement	\$	290
Vigil Lights	\$ 32	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>290</b>
Masses	\$ 282	<b>Thank You!</b>		
Rental	\$			
Funeral	\$ 550	<b>PayPal QR Code</b>		
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Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 20	your phone to make		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,240</b>	electronic stewardship		
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### The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

The **Bells** will ring on February 27th to celebrate the 90th birthday of **Donna Roethler**. Happy Birthday Donna.

From February 29—March 6, the **sanctuary lamp in church** will burn in memory of Deacon John Murphy; and the **sanctuary lamp in the chapel** will burn in memory of Carol Murphy..

Contact Linda Rivera at the parish office if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to burn the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### LOAVES & FISHES PROGRAM REMINDER

Beginning Friday, February 28 and all the Fridays of Lent the Loaves & Fishes program will **NOT** serve meals on Fridays. If you regularly eat meals at Loaves and Fishes on Fridays or know someone who does, please help us spread this information to those who need to know.

All are invited to come to the Fish Fry Dinner on Fridays, **rather this is a paid, fundraising event, not a free meal.** Thank you for understanding.

### THE SOCIAL HALL BATHROOM WORK HAS STARTED

Step #3: cleaning. The first steps were to power wash and thoroughly scrub the walls and floors of the men's and women's bathroom's. Pete and James "geared" up last week and now both bathrooms are clean and ready for the next step: painting. Thank you gentlemen.



### SYNOD SURVEY

As of last week **only 5 people** from St. Matt's had responded to the Synod Online Survey. ( I know this because that is what was stated when I signed on) This survey will take you only about ten minutes to do online and will give the Archdiocese invaluable information about us as individual people/parishioners, and our parish. For a parish viewed as an "experiment" church we need to give the Archdiocese all the information we can directly, from us, the parishioners, to keep this parish open and growing. It isn't often, frankly rarely, that the Archdiocese gives us an opportunity to speak out and moreover anonymously. I encourage everyone to go online and take the survey, as soon as you get home from Mass. It may be all the difference in the world for Saint Matthew's Church. Saint Matthew's must be counted, we cannot afford to go unheard at the Archdiocese. We are "*The Good Samaritans on the Banks of the Mississippi*", let the Archdiocese hear this message. Please act soon, the Survey ends February 29th.

Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary

*Don't have a computer? Paper versions of the Survey are at the back the church. Fill it out and return it to the collection basket or the parish office, the parish office will see that it is mailed to the Survey Office.*

**Parish Leadership**

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

Rev. Rick Banker, Parochial Administrator  
rbanker@stedwardschurch.org

Sister Anne Becker, Pastoral Ministry  
srannebecker

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
jdelvecchio

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry  
jillkilzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable  
bklein

Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer  
skowal

Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

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mleibl

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lrivera

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Parish Pastoral Council  
parishcouncil

**Members:**

Suzanne Clarke	John Riehle, Ex Officio
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**Finance Council Members**

John DelVecchio	Joe Stevens
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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 22**

4:15 pm Marcus T. McEllistrem†  
Karl Teater†

### **Sunday, February 23**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Virginia Koenen†

### **Monday, February 24**

8:00 am Mary Jane Sperl†

### **Tuesday, February 25**

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

### **Friday, February 28**

8:00 am Deacon John & Carol Murphy†

### **Saturday, February 29**

4:15 pm Paul Haynes, Special Intention

### **Sunday, March 1**

10:15 am Our Parish  
John Bejblik†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, February 22**

4:15 pm Mass  
Parish Leadership Available after Mass

### **Sunday, February 23**

9:15 am Choir Practice  
10:15 am Mass with Baptisms  
Children Liturgy of the Word  
Coffee Sunday  
Reconciliation after Mass  
Parish Leadership Available after Mass

### **Monday, February 24 - Thursday February 27**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH  
5:00 pm West Side Community Music Council PC

### **Monday, February 24**

8:00 Mass  
12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

### **Tuesday, February 25**

8:00 Mass

### **Wednesday, February 26 Fast & Abstinence**

8:00 am Mass & Ash Distribution  
9:10 am Mass at COS & Ash Distribution  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes C/PC  
7:00 pm Mass & Ash Distribution

### **Thursday, February 27**

4:30 pm Finance Meeting PC  
6:00 pm Parish Leadership Dinner PC  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting PC

### **Friday, February 28 Abstinence**

8:00 Mass  
4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

### **Saturday, February 29**

4:15 pm Mass

### **Sunday March 1**

9:15 am Choir Practice  
Children Liturgy of the Word  
Coffee Sunday

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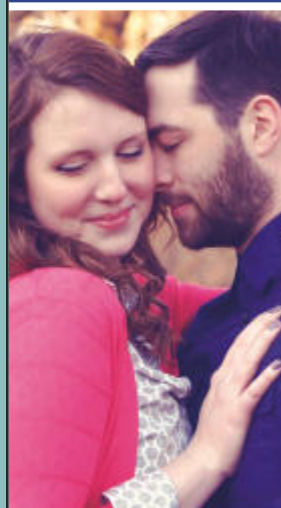
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