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*"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light"
(Gospel)*

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mass
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 March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

- *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 4 continuing opportunities.

FISH FRY

Our Lenten Fish Fry has begun! Perhaps rather than giving something up for Lent, you would rather be of service to others. The Fish Fry welcomes volunteers for many opportunities. They need volunteers to **serve meals, clean tables and help with "Drive-Up orders.** If interested, you can call the Parish Center and leave your name. Walk in volunteers are always welcome too!

MUSIC MINISTRY

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:15AM mass and practices on alternate weeks Sept-May. Our next practice will be at 9:15am Mar 15th. We will be practicing every Sunday from now through Easter. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend masses.

Come be a part of the music at St. Matthews during Holy Week and the Easter Season!

In need of Choir members, Cantors and Instrumentalists. Be part of the music liturgy for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday. Take part in any or all the services. Whatever fits your schedule. For more information you may email Jill Kilzer at jillkilzer@st-mattts.org. or speak to her after one of the weekend masses.

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-mattts.org

THANK YOU!

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

The first **Fish Fry** of 2020 was a HUGE success! **522 meals were served!!** This includes the Drive-up orders and those taken to Cerenity. **Thank You** to those who come before noon to begin the preparations. To those who cook the meals and plate the food, **Thank You!** To the students and parents from **Community of Saints School** who served the guests and cleaned the tables **Thank You!** To the members of the **Men's Club** who operate the bar, **Thank You!** To those who wash the dishes and clean-up the Social Hall, **Thank You!** To all who come with family and friends to enjoy a fantastic meal and enjoyable fellowship, **Thank You!** All of you are contributing to the success of the 2020 St. Matthew Fish Fry! **THANK YOU ALL!!**

Thank you to Anthony Minus & Jeanne Maanum who led Stations of the Cross for the First Week of Lent and to **Richard Schletty & Jack Heitzinger** for serving as Cantor and Instrumentalist!

Thank you to Ginny Roethler for baking the delicious brownies served at the Fish Fries, yummy!!

News and Events

OUR EARTH OUR HOME

...Approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor. .
Pope Francis



MEETING WITH FATHER TIX

Father Michael Tix, Episcopal Vicar of Clergy and Parish Services met with parish leadership representatives on February 27th. He shared a bit of the Archdiocesan planning process, and how they approach matters today. It was an excellent opportunity to share our experiences over the past several years. As a seminarian, Father Tix taught faith formation at St. Matthew's and has a history and understanding of our parish. He is aware of all the services we support including Loaves and Fishes, Casa, St. Mary's Clinic, and Community of Saints and the importance of continuing our mission. It is a strength in our neighborhood. We advised him that we had just heard that the school who was interested in our building was not moving. He encouraged us to think about developing our own plan to grow our parish community resources as well as financially. The parish council will be discussing a plan at our next meeting in March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to come to one our long held religious customs, Stations of the Cross; every Monday during Lent at 6:30 pm. Led each week by a member our Saint Matthew's family, bring your family or a friend, perhaps someone you attended St Matthew's School with. We welcome all to join us.



BIBLE STUDY— BEGINNING NEXT SATURDAY

Father Adrian will continue his presentation of the Gospel of Matthew. **These three mornings will address the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord** as recounted in the "first" Gospel. **Saturday morning , March 14, 21, & 28, 9:15 - 11:00 am** in the parish center, lower level. Kindly RSVP to the parish office. Thank you.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to those who are bringing Holy Eucharist to residents at Humboldt Cerenity; **Joe Stevens, Judy Brown** and **Shelly McMonigal**.

Your visits bring joy to the hearts of the people served.

IN MEMORY OF THIS WEEK

From March 7 - March 14, the **sanctuary lamp in church** will burn in memory of **Rich Neveu** and **Mark Meisinger** and the **sanctuary lamp in the chapel** will burn in memory of **Tony Joseph and Mark Meisinger** . All are 1961 graduates of St. Matthew School.

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.

FISH FRY

Each Friday of Lent, including Good Friday, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
Adults \$12 • Seniors \$11 • Children 6-12 \$6 • Under 6 Free
Credit cards accepted • Table Service, No waiting in line!
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BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

On Sunday, February 23, 2020 Father Adrian baptized five children. We are happy to welcome these children and their parents into our Saint Matthew's parish community.




Baptized were **Khloe Andrea Flores-Lara, Benjamin Luca Flores-Lara and Cameron-Beau Flores-Lara**, children of Catalina Lara and Benjamin Flores

Also baptized were **Giana Mae Larocque-Mahto and Mason Rene Larocque-Mahto**, children of Jessica Larocque and Moses Mahto.

Baptism is the first step of our faith journey, may you each grow in your faith journey and your love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Come back to St. Matthew's soon and often!!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 1, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	33		
Hours in service	61		
Parish		School	\$ 543
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,053	Religious	
Electronic Giving	\$ 942	Retirement	\$
Vigil Lights	\$ 54	Total	\$ 543
Memorials	\$ 150	Thank You!	
Rental	\$ 100		
Bells	\$ 10		
Funeral	\$ 200	PayPal QR Code	
Easter Flowers	\$ 50	simply scan with	
Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 20	your phone to make	
Total	\$ 5,579	electronic stewardship	
Thank You!		contributions.	

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Next weekend is our monthly collection of non-perishable food items and personal care items for the food shelf at Neighborhood House. We collected an amazing 432 pounds of items on February 15 & 16. Thank you to everyone who so generously donates each month.



Our contributions to the food shelf make it possible for friends and neighbors on the West Side to have nutritious food for themselves and their families. Please give as you are able.

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.

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, March 7

4:15 pm Alice Scaramuzzo†

Sunday, March 8

10:15 am Our Parish

Ronald G. Crawford†

Monday, March 9

8:00 am Joe Savard, Special Intention

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 am Roberta Grady, Special Intention

Friday, March 13

8:00 am Deacon John & Carol Murphy†

Saturday, March 14

4:15 pm Augustine Rodriguez†

Sunday, March 15

10:15 am Our Parish

Vernon Achman†

Linda Owens†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 7

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday March 8

9:15 am Choir Practice

10:15 Mass with Confirmation Blessing

Children Liturgy of the Word

Confirmation Brunch all welcome after Mass

Monday, March 9 - Thursday, March 12

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

Monday, March 9

8:00 Mass

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

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 Mass

1:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting PC

Wednesday, March 11

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes C/PC

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, March 12

9:10 am Mass COS

7:00 pm St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert

Friday, March 13 Abstinence

8:00 Mass

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

Saturday, March 14

9:15-11:00 am Bible Study PC

10:30 am Baptism Class PC

4:15 pm Mass with Food Collection

Sunday March 15

9:15 am Choir Practice

10:10 am Mass with Food Collection

Children Liturgy of the Word

Coffee Sunday

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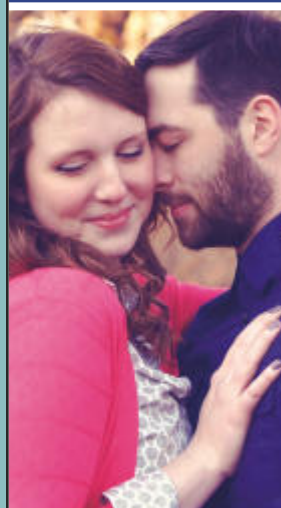
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