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*He smeared the clay on [the man's] eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam."
(Gospel)*

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Masses are cancelled until further notice

Reconciliation

Cancelled until further notice

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
[2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a
and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-
47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-
53

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in our daily lives.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians begins, "...You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talents and treasure, gives us a guide to help ensure we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talents and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

- *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 2 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 **help in the kitchen, 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!

MUSIC MINISTRY

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 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.

We have completed the 3rd **Fish Fry** of 2020! During the 1st 3 weeks, **1335 dinners** have been sold!! This includes the Drive-up orders and those taken to Cerenity. **Thank You** to all who volunteer to help in any way. **Thank You** this week to the **Boy Scouts** who served our guests and cleaned the tables. **Thank You** also to those who spent the evening wiping down and sanitizing each table! Finally, a special **Thank You** to all who purchased dinners, "dine-in" and "drive-up".

Thank You to **Tim, Anthony & Isabella** who led Stations of the Cross for the 3rd week of lent and to **Richard & Jack** who led the music. **Thank You to all** who came to pray the Stations of the Cross.

News and Events

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MASSES CANCELED

To protect the health of our staff, volunteers, parishioners, and Father Steve, the parish office will be closed and all Masses are cancelled. This includes funeral and baptisms. Father Steve and John Riehle will revisit the situation in a couple of weeks and you will again be notified of their decision.

Masses are readily available online and cable TV; the Archbishop has given us leave of attending Mass at this time, these are other options.

In this time of anxiety, self-quarantine and self-distancing, our Church of Saint Matthew, must continue paying our normal expenses, just as everyone else does. To that end, we ask that you consider using electronic giving, and if this is not possible, please remember to send in your weekly envelopes through the regular mail. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Call John Riehle at the parish office if you want to begin electronic giving.

We will hope and pray to be together again soon. God's blessing and good and safe health to us all.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Cancelled

Please attend services on the internet or cable TV.

FISH FRY • IMPORTANT CHANGES

DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS WE ARE HALTING SEATED SERVICE AT FISH FRY - PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR EVENT



Fish Fry will continue on March 20 - 27 with

Drive-up Service Only 4:30 - 7:30 pm All meals are \$10.00

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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

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

In Memory of This Week

From March 21 - March 28, the **sanctuary lamp in church** will burn in memory of Carol Grundeil and the **sanctuary lamp in the chapel** will burn in memory of Carol Grundeil.

HAM BINGO - CANCELLED

Hopefully as we recover as a city, state and nation, we will hold another Bingo event later in the summer or fall months.

We want to keep our parishioners and visitors safe and healthy. Thank you for understanding.

St. Matthew's Men's Club

PANDEMIC

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath—the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.

Cease from buying and selling.

Give up, just for now, on trying to make the world different than it is.

Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.

Center down.

And when your body has become still, reach out with your heart.

Know that we are connected in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives are in one another's hands.

(Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out your heart.

Reach out your words.

Reach out all the tendrils


of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love-- for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, so long as we all shall live.

--Lynn Ungar 3/11/20

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 15, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	Your Hours of Prayer are Needed		
Hours in service	37		
Parish		School	\$ 40
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,550	Religious	
Electronic Giving	\$ 242	Retirement	\$ 10
Vigil Lights	\$ 61	Refund to MC	\$ 28
Masses	\$ 10	Total	\$ 78
Rental	\$ 150	Thank You!	
Faith Formation	\$ 20		
Bells	\$ 10	PayPal QR Code	
Fuel	\$ 50	simply scan with	
Memorial	\$ 7	your phone to make	
Funeral	\$ 800	electronic stewardship	
Easter Flowers	\$ 550		
Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 20		
Total	\$ 4,470		

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, March 21

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, March 22

10:15 am Cancelled

Monday, March 23

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, March 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, March 28

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, March 29

10:15 am Our Parish
Cancelled

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 21

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday March 22

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Monday, March 23 - Thursday, March 19

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

Monday, March 23

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled
12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 Mass

Wednesday, March 25

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled
Events are cancelled

Thursday, March 26

No Mass at COS Until Further Notice

Friday, March 27 Abstinence

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry **Drive-up Service Only**

Saturday, March 28

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday March 29

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

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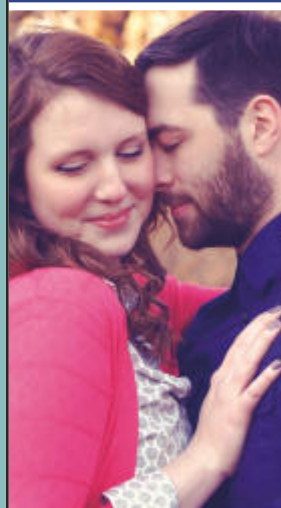
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