



Church of St. Matthew

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When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled.

(Gospel)

March 29, 2020
Fifth 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 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.

How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tell us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

- *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

Due to the Coronavirus, our volunteer opportunities are limited!

FISH FRY

Our Lenten Fish Fry is continuing during the "Covid19 event". Strictly "**Drive-up**" orders at **\$10/meal!!** The **Men's Club** will continue this event for as long as possible. You can best **volunteer** by supporting this event in its limited form! Drive-up is available at the front of the church on Hall Avenue and also in the back at the Social Hall entrance. Come Support this event!!

WEEKLY COLLECTION Although we are not able to worship together, the bills still need to be paid. Please continue financially supporting our parish by sending your weekly envelope contribution to the parish center.

THANK YOU!

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

We have completed the 4th **Fish Fry** of 2020! During the 1st 4 weeks, **1528 dinners** have been sold!! Last Friday, with strictly Drive-Up service, **193** dinners were sold. Thank you to members of the **Men's Club** who are staffing the remaining weeks of Fish Frys!!

THANK YOU to all who made it possible for the congregation to attend **Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian**. Musicians **John & Jill**. To **Peg** who served as lector and to **Bill** who assisted where needed. Thank you to **Richard & Michael** who took charge of contacting the parishioners through the St. Matt's website and through Facebook. We are all especially grateful to **Alan**, a technological genius, who made the production happen! He made it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during a very difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the Mass on the **st-matts.org** website!

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.

Father Adrian will livestream Sunday 10:15 am Mass via Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com/churchofstmatthew. You must be a Facebook user to view this application.

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. You can also email John with your intentions. One other option is to use the PayPal Code contained in the weekly giving count located below.

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 April 3 with Drive-up Service

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


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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 15, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer Your Hours of Prayer are Needed
Hours in service 37

Parish		School	\$	40
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Masses	\$ 10	Total	\$	78
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Fuel	\$ 50		
Memorial	\$ 7		
Funeral	\$ 800		
Easter Flowers	\$ 550		
Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 20		
Total	\$ 4,470		

Thank You!



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 29 - April 5 the **sanctuary lamp in church** will burn in honor of Sister Anne Becker and the **sanctuary lamp in the chapel** will burn in memory of Dick Potzman, St. Matthew's Class of 1965.

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

While we all "shelter in place" remember to call family to check on them and let them know how you are doing. Talk and stay connected.

If you must make a grocery run, see if neighbor or family member who can't do the same needs something. Leave the items on a porch or door step.

Be sure to have prescriptions filled, a few months worth is a good idea right now.

Pray, be hopeful, take care of yourself.

BIBLE STUDY—

Postponed - will revisit at a later date.

HAM BINGO - CANCELLED

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

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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 28

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, March 29 Will be Livestreamed

10:15 am Our Parish
Cancelled

Monday, March 30

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, April 3

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 4

4:15 pm To Be Determined

Sunday, April 5

10:15 am Our Parish
To Be Determined

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 28

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday March 29

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Monday, March 30 - Thursday, April 2

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

Monday, March 30

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, March 31

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Wednesday, April 1

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Thursday, April 2

No Mass at COS Until Further Notice

Friday, April 3 Abstinence

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

Saturday, April 4 Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

To Be Determined

Sunday April 5 Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

To Be Determined

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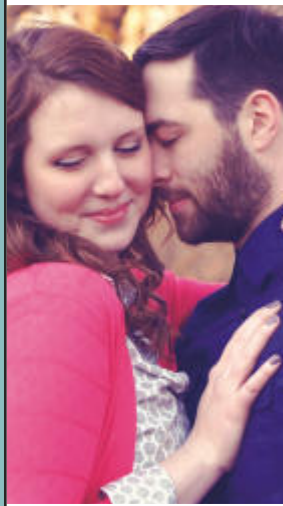
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