

Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice.

May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

Masses in church are cancelled until further notice.

Mass will be streamed at 10:15 Sunday

Thank you.

Reconciliation

Cancelled until further notice

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Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

- *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

WEBMASTER: Seeking a volunteer admin and content manager for the st-matts.org website. Requires experience with WordPress. Main duties are posting weekly bulletins and inserts and monthly calendar. May also involve cross-posting blog articles to our Facebook page.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Eventually we will be able to resume worshipping in church. We will need volunteers to serve as Lectors and as Eucharistic Ministers at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass. Will train.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Although we are not able to worship together, the bills still need to be paid. Please continue to financially support our parish by sending your weekly envelope contribution to the parish center. If you would rather contribute electronically, please contact John Riehle at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

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

THANK YOU to all who made it possible for the congregation to attend the **Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers Mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. Pianist Jill & Cantor **Linda** who provided the beautiful music. **Jackie & Jerald** who presented the readings. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly diffi-cult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the Mass on the **st-matts.org Website/Facebook page** or on **YouTube**.

THANK YOU to our Webmaster Richard Schletty!! Many years ago, Richard helped bring our parish into the Computer Age! He was part of a team led by Joe Wenker and Chris Stevens which connected the Parish Center, Church and School to the internet. Richard did purchasing of classroom Apple computers and an Xserve server, and maintained them with the help of Johnny Edwards. Richard is always willing to troubleshoot when a problem arises and is available for computer consulting with the office staff. He purchases discounted software through techsoup.org. He keeps the parish website – st-matts.org – updated, and posts on Facebook. In doing so, the local community is made aware of the many activities occurring in our parish. He has helped us to become more proficient in a computer savvy world!

THANK YOU to **Donis** who faithfully tends to the plants and flowers in the church. Even during this time of being shut down, she continues to make sure all are watered and kept in good condition.

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 Adrian & John Riehle continue monitor this situation and will keep the parish apprised of all decisions.

Mass with Father Adrian will stream on Sunday 10:15 am Mass via Facebook and YouTube. You must be a Facebook user to view this application; or go to the parish website

MINI-CENSUS

This week a team of about 30 parishioners will begin calling each parish 'family'. As I mentioned in the previous two bulletins there are a number of objectives of these calls:

1. To check on how everyone is faring in the midst of this pandemic.
2. To determine whether everyone wants to remain a member of the parish.
3. To make sure we have the correct information including:
 - a. An e-mail address--which will make communication so much easier.
 - b. A phone number which is current--whether landline or cell phone.

Thank you, in advance for talking with the parish representative.

DONATIONS

This is repetitive, but it bears those repetitions.

THANK YOU for those who have made sure the parish received donations regularly.

--To those who have mailed their envelopes...thank you.

--To those who have made contributions through PayPal...thank you for using the QR code

--To those who have committed to give monthly through PayPal....thank you.

--To those who have made arrangements for EFT [Electronic Funds Transfer] from your bank to the parish bank--BankCherokee. There are no fees with this method so we receive your entire donation.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The church lamp will be lit for the special intention of Tim Borgan.

Remember the Bells will ring and the Sanctuary lamp will be lit if we are present or not. You may have the lamp lit for a loved one and the church bells ring every hour from 7am to 6 pm daily.

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@st-matts.org if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the lamp for your special memory or event.

3rd Wedding Banns

Joseph Michael Blum and Judith Marie Parnell

PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN

The staff at BankCherokee helped us get the loans offered as part of the first stimulus package. [In fact, we received confirmation of our loan the day it was announced that there were no more funds available.]

The interest rate is 1% and the loan will be forgiven providing we spend the money on approved items--payroll, mortgage, and utilities.

We have a very small paid staff so the amount was not large, but it was equal to 2.5 times the average monthly payroll for 2019. This will allow us to keep all employees on the payroll until at least July 1.

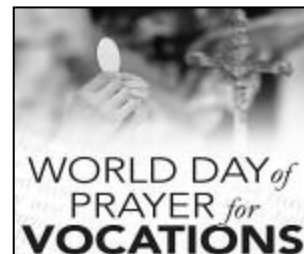
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

We have been granted the opportunity to reduce our mortgage payment to 'interest only' for the next three months, with the possibility of extending that for another four months. We will be able to reduce our monthly payment from about \$9,500 to about \$3,000. When we resume full payments those will be about \$50 greater than the current amount. The later change is because the term of the loan will not change.

Please recall that there was a \$1M mortgage taken to install an elevator in the school building [\$800K] and replace the boilers as well as put a separate boiler in the parish center [\$200K]. Payments on both will continue for six years [5/1/2026 is last full payment]. Thereafter there will be a small monthly payment [\$1400] for the boiler part...until 5/1/2036.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE "NEW" CHURCH

Friday, May 1, marked the 50th anniversary of the first Mass in the new building. That was just 24 months after the fire had destroyed the old Church--Easter Monday, 1968. Had we been able to be together we would have had some food and drink this weekend to celebrate the occasion. Instead, we invite you "lift one" in memory of that occasion and in appreciation of the wisdom of the parish leaders to create a space that works very well for Mass and well for other events as well.



Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS April 26, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 36

Hours in service 17

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 1,764

Electronic Giving \$ 2,340

Easter \$ 450

Food Shelf \$ 25

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Total \$ 4,665

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School \$ 405

Total \$ 405

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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, May 2

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, May 3

10:15 am Our Parish

George Lackner†, John & Mary Jane
Sperl†, Connie Alvarez†

Monday, May 4

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, May 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 9

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, May 10

10:15 am Our Parish

Rudy Saucedo-Rivera, SI, Pablo Alvarez†
Ronald G. Crawford†, Mary Jane Sperl†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 2

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday May 3

10:15 am Mass Streamed

2:00 pm Annual Rosary Procession livestream from
Cathedral see MinnesotaRosaryProcessions.org.

Monday, May 4- Friday May 8

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being
Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

Monday, May 4

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, May 5

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Wednesday, May 6

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, May 7

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday May 10

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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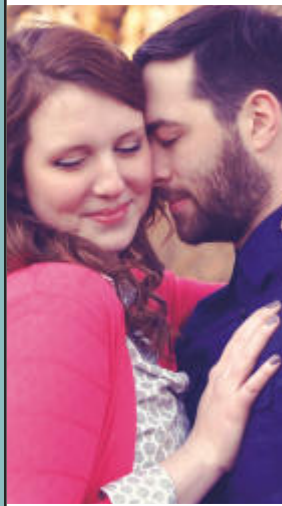
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