January 1, 2023
Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Liturgical Schedule

Masses
Saturday 4:15 PM (in-person)
Sunday 10:15 AM (in-person)
Sunday 10:15 AM (Saturday Mass available for viewing online)

Reconciliation
2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Mass

Please contact the parish office regarding Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

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Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed
We say “goodbye” to 2022 and “hello” to 2023. The past year has been a difficult year for many; it has also been a time of joy for some.

I know I can learn something about living in 23 from my experiences of 22.

I keep a notebook, a kind of daily diary—just a few sentences each day which describe the day, events, people, thoughts, ideas, etc. Mostly I jot down the names of people with whom I had connection that day.

This daily exercise began when I heard from one of my teachers that he kept such a list; he called the notebook “People I have Breathed On Today”.

Each New Year’s Eve I settle back with the notebook and just page through it, beginning with the first entry—January 1, 2022.

I call to mind the faces of so many people and the action we had on that day; the words spoken, the joy shared and the grief borne.

A record of success and failure allows for reflection and perhaps different ways of thinking.

Mostly I remember people and give thanks for them; who they are is part of who I am – that is the mystery and effect of encounter.

It is good to end the year with a “thank you” – for all that has been and for all there is yet to be. Gratitude is giving to others what is their due.

I am thankful for you.

With gratitude,

Father Steve Adrian

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ~ Isaiah 6:8

MASS RESPONSE MINISTRY: St. Matt’s needs someone to read the Mass responses and prayers into a microphone for pre-recorded Masses. You would say the prayers and responses you always say, but into a microphone to share with online Mass participants.

Online viewers do not hear the assembly’s responses and prayers unless they are spoken into a microphone for recording. Your assistance will help our online viewers to participate more completely in the Masses.

Several Mass Response Ministers are needed. If interested, please contact the parish office, jilkilzer@st-matts.org or mleibl@st-matts.org.

FUNERAL MINISTRY: We are looking for three to four volunteers to form a second team of Funeral Ministers. Some of the duties are: open church to meet the funeral directors when they arrive on the day of the service; offer hospitality to families and guests; be sure that everything needed for funeral service is in proper place; help the readers and gift bearers to feel comfortable in their roles; and see to it that the church is returned to normal set-up after the funeral. Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving in this important ministry, contact Mary Leibl or the parish office.

MONEY COUNTER: We need a volunteer to help count the collection on the last two Sundays of each month. You would work on a team of four volunteers. If you are interested, please call the parish office or email Mary Leibl.

THANK YOU: To Fr. Steve, Phil, Angela, Liturgical Ministers, Jill, Musicians, Cantors, Vocalists, Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters, Maintenance Staff, Decorators, and All who attended the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Your presence and devotion brought the Christmas Spirit to all who were present and to those watching from home!

THANK YOU: To the Ahern Family, parishioners and owners of Evergreen Industries, who donated the large wreaths and greenery for the Christmas decorations.

Thank you to the St. Matthew parish office is closed on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
mleibl@st-matts.org
Parish Administrator’s Note

HAPPY NEW YEAR! (AND CONTINUED CHRISTMAS WISHES)
I hope your Christmas season has been splendid, with many opportunities for time with loved ones. I know I’ve enjoyed worshipping at St. Matt’s, spending time with friends and family, and having my daughter in town for Christmas vacation.

Special thanks to music director Jill Kilzer, our choir members, and all the musicians who’ve enhanced our worship during this season. I’ve heard many compliments!

My hope for 2023 is that all of us are a light for others, as Fr. Steve said in a recent homily. In my short time here, I’ve repeatedly seen St. Matt’s as a light to the West Side and beyond. I expect to see more such light in the new year. Let's continue to work together and support each other, further strengthening our parish and our community.

STEWARDSHIP
Thank you for your support throughout 2022. Your generosity makes it possible for our parish to sustain our ministries.

Note that contributions received through Saturday, December 31, are counted in 2022. Any contributions received on Sunday, January 1 (or later), will be recorded as 2023 contributions. Either way, thank you for your support!

NEW HYMNAL BOOKPLATES
It’s still possible to honor people in your life by dedicating a new hymnal. You can do that with a special nameplate we put inside the front cover. The recommended donation is $20, used to defray the cost of the hymnals. Non-nameplate hymnal donations are also gratefully accepted. Call the office for details.

Merry Christmas Season and Happy New Year! May there be peace in your family, in our nation, and the world.

Phil Grant
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ST. MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH!
New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!

News and Events

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Vigil, Saturday, January 7, 2023 - 4:15 pm
Sunday, January 8, 2023 - 10:15 am

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS COLLECTION
This weekend’s second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Catholic School. Thank you for your continued generosity!

COFFEE SUNDAY
Coffee Sunday returns next Sunday, January 8, 2023 after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. Coffee Sunday is on the second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

THE TREASURE WITHIN OUR TEARS: Reflections on Grief, Hope & Resurrection by William C. Wacker
Written by a local author, some of our staff found this book to be helpful when dealing with grief and loss. If you are interested in purchasing this book ($10), contact Matt Wacker at 651-324-6308.

You will be able to pick it up in the Parish Center during normal business hours.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION NEW YEAR BREAK: Students in grades K to 10 are on break from Faith Formation. There is NO class on January 4. Classes resume on January 11. The next Confirmation class that Community of Saints 8th graders attend (as well as Faith Formation students in grades 8 to 10) is on January 18. The next First Communion parent meeting and class for both Faith Formation students and Community of Saints students registered for First Communion is on January 25.


If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. We are strong as a community praying together.

Due to early bulletin submission, some items may appear in later issues.

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year.
Parish Leadership
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Jerald Dosch
Kathy Goldenstein
Maggie Lee
Phil Grant, Ex Officio

Finance Council Members
Alan Christensen
John Del Vecchio
Bernie Klein
Jackie Lackner
Becky Montgomery

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 AM for the
next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Angela
Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.

Readings for the week of January 1, 2023
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn
2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
### Parish Council Members
- Becky Montgomery
- Jackie Lackner
- Bernie Klein
- John Del Vecchio
- Alan Christensen

### Finance Council Members
- Phil Grant, Ex Officio
- Maggie Lee
- Kathy Goldenstein
- Jerald Dosch
- Zach Czaia

### Parish Leadership
- Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee
- John Del Vecchio, Parish Trustee
- Jair Aguilar Vasquez, Custodian
- Scott Hertzog, Custodian
- Mario Medina Gonzalez, Maintenance
- Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer
- Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation
- Linda Rivera, Funeral Coordinator
- Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry

### Accounts Payable & Receivable
- Angela Rakow, Administrative Assistant

### Support Staff
- Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator/Safe Environment
- Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
- Rev. Antony Skaria, Parochial Administrator

### Bulletin Coordinator
- Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week

### Calendar of Events

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**Mass (in-person) - The Epiphany of the Lord**

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