



# Church of St. Matthew

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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**March 19, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### Liturgy 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Reflection from Father Steve

This Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, marks the halfway point in the Lenten Season. Maybe this is a good time to reflect a bit on my observance of the Season, and if needed to make a midcourse correction.

Lent is a period of conversion, of serious preparation for a new way of thinking. From the earliest days of the Church prayer, fasting and almsgiving have been the hallmark of Lenten observance.

**Prayer:** What is my prayer life like? Is there a particular place where I do my daily prayer? Do I have a regular time for daily prayer? If so, what does the prayer time consist of? Am I faithful to this daily prayer? Do I prepare for the Sunday Liturgy? Do I review the scripture readings for Sunday Mass? What can I do to make my prayer time the center of my day?

**Fasting:** Fasting is not dieting. Fasting is resetting my approach to the use of things and patterns of consumerism. Fasting is the occasion to identify what it is that I need to step back from in order to live a Gospel oriented life. From what do I need to fast? To what am I addicted? How can less become more for me?

**Almsgiving:** Do I really believe that all that I am and all that I have is fundamentally a gift of God? Do I truly believe that I am to use my resources and to share what I have with others, especially those most in need? Am I willing to “slim down” my life in order to provide for those who do not have the basic needs? Am I a good steward of what God entrusted to me?

*Fr. Steve Adrian*

### SATURDAY MORNINGS WITH FR. STEVE ADRIAN

During this year's Lenten season, Fr. Steve will present a three part series on the Acts of the Apostles. The New Testament readings for weekend Masses during the Easter Season are all taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The last remaining talk will take place on **Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 AM** in the Church. Light refreshments will be provided. This Lenten activity is sponsored by the Rosary Society and Liturgy Committee.



#### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on March 25, 2023 for **Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members**.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit March 25-31, 2023 for **Sister Anne Becker's 90th birthday**.

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

*Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8*

**PRAYER LINE:** We are looking for volunteers who are willing to pray for the intentions of those who leave messages on our **Prayer Line**. The moderator of the Prayer Line will call "Prayer Volunteers" to inform them the "Prayer Request" and those volunteers will take some time to pray for the person requesting prayers as well as the intention mentioned in the request. If you can you devote some time to pray for those in need, please contact **Mary Leibl** or the parish office.

**MASS RESPONSE MINISTRY:** St. Matts needs a volunteer at the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass to read the Mass responses and prayers into a microphone for the pre-recorded Masses. You would say the prayers and responses you always say with the assembly. Online Mass participants only hear the responses if they are said into a microphone. You could do this ministry from your favorite chair in the congregation, using a portable mic. This mic can be clipped to your collar or lapel and be very inconspicuous! Your assistance will help our online viewers to participate more completely in the Masses. We only need one Mass response minister each week but would like enough volunteers to share the ministry. Please contact the parish office or **Jill Kilzer**.

**OFFERTORY:** Would you like to carry the bread and wine forward at the offertory? We are looking for volunteers for both the Saturday and the Sunday Masses. If interested, please call the parish office and leave your name and Mass time.

**THANK YOU:** To the **373** people who attended our second Fish Fry of the Lenten Season. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food and sell tickets. To the Scouts who delivered orders to the kitchen and then delivered meals to tables and cars in the "pick-up" line. The meals were delicious, and the service was excellent! Fish Frys are every Friday during Lent, 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Dine In or Take Out!

**THANK YOU:** To the **180** people who attended our Masses last weekend. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian**, who through his homilies helps us to see how the readings pertain to our own lives. To our pianist **Jill** accompanied by **Chris** on Saturday and pianist **Francois** on Sunday. Cantors **Shelly** on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. We thank **Kathy** who did welcome on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. Lectors **Mary** on Saturday and **Mooreen** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Tim, Jeanne** and **Kathy** on Saturday; **Ginny, Joanne** and **Dave** on Sunday. To ushers **Tim, Scott** and **Dave** on Saturday. To greeters **Chris** and **Doris** on Saturday. To sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Ginny** and **Kathy** on Sunday. To **Tim, Dave, Denise, Deb S., Deb L. Becky, Dave** and **Joanne** who took the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

**THANK YOU:** To **Shelly** who has joined the Sunday Money Counting team!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Parish Administrator's Note

### FACILITIES FUNDRAISING

I'm pleased to report that we've received more than \$20,000 in cash and pledges to support our current capital needs projects: the main electric panel and the school's flat roof. Thank you to everyone who's contributed so far!

While 20K is a lot of money, we need around \$350-400K to for the panel and roof. That's a painfully large amount. Fortunately, our burden is shared among hundreds of people. In addition, we've lined up financing, to make sure we can complete those projects this year.

Most of our revenue comes to us through the mail, the envelope system (now including the Capital Needs Envelope), and EFTs (Electronic Funds Transfers).

With an eye to our larger community—developed over the past three years by our online Masses—we're also using DonorBox. The online DonorBox effort runs through Lent and concludes on Easter Sunday. We will continue our other fundraising efforts throughout the year. We have a good start; there's more to do.

### VIDEO PRODUCER SEARCH

We are looking for a video producer to take over from Alan Christensen. At the beginning of the pandemic three years ago, Alan stepped up to put our Masses online. His superb work is the reason we have one of the best online worship experiences of any parish in the Archdiocese—and beyond. We're profoundly grateful to him!

Alan's stepping back from video production soon. Accordingly, we've posted the part-time Video Producer opening on the Archdiocesan Careers page: <https://careers.archspm.org/job/video-producer/>

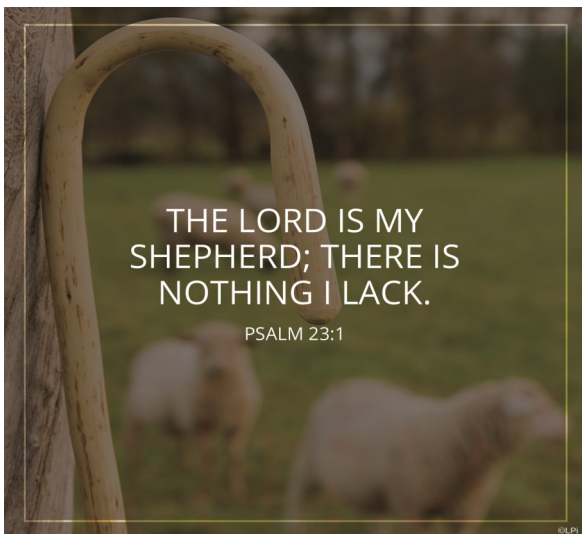
We're also reaching out to area tech schools. If you know anyone with tech skills, please refer them to me. Alan is willing to help a new Producer take over.

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

*Phil Grant*

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**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**Nancy Aguilar, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Sue Ann Meisinger Brown, Randy Carpenter, Rita Eckert, The Karas Family, Sharon Knops, Carol Mike, Annamarie Moseng, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Mike Poe, Virgil Roethler, Doris Schillinger, Alice Schletty, Mary Lou Shields, Jean Troje, and Patricia Weisman.**

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.*

## News and Events

### NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of February 2023, St. Matthew donated 109 pounds of food.** Thank you for your generosity!



### ST. MATTHEW'S LAETARE CHOIR

Join us for music and fellowship!

This choir will meet on Wednesday nights to prepare music for some of the liturgies of the Holy Week and Easter. All voices and instrumentalists are welcome.

Rehearsal:

- Wednesday, March 22 at 7:15 PM
- Wednesday, March 29 at 7:15 PM

Singing at Mass:

- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8 at 7:00 PM
- Easter Sunday, April 9 at 10:15 AM



-CHOIR PRACTICE-

### ST. MATT'S 34TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Fish Fry Fridays has returned! Please see the flyer for more information.

To make this year's Fish Fry a success, we need your help! Contact **Tim Nowak** ([timothy.nowak@usfamily.net](mailto:timothy.nowak@usfamily.net)) to find out how you can help. Thank you for your support!



Stations of the Cross will be on **all Mondays during Lent at 7:00 PM**, led by Anthony Minus. You can also view anytime on St. Matthew's YouTube channel.

## Faith Formation News

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:** On March 22, all Faith Formation students have class in the Parish Center. Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. We do **NOT** have class on March 29. Parents with students who will be confirmed at the Cathedral in April may turn in proof of baptism on March 22. Parents with students preparing for First Communion at St. Matthew in May can turn in proof of baptism on April 12 or April 19.

## Parish Leadership

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## Parish Council Members

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Zach Czaia             | Anthony Minus   |
| Jerald Dosch           | Janelle Rohr    |
| Kathy Goldenstein      | Ellen Schneider |
| Maggie Lee             | Linda Sellars   |
| Phil Grant, Ex Officio |                 |

## Finance Council Members

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|------------------|------------------------|
| Alan Christensen | John Sekevitch         |
| John Del Vecchio | Joe Stevens            |
| Bernie Klein     | Karen Thompson         |
| Jackie Lackner   | Phil Grant, Ex Officio |
| Becky Montgomery |                        |

### Bulletin

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 March 19, 2023

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

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

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

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

Next 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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 18

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler Sr.  
+Sherry Simpson

### Sunday, March 19

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Linda Owens  
+Ted and Connie Rivera

### Monday, March 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, March 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, March 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, March 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Friday, March 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Saturday, March 25

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Leo Kegler  
+Kevin Kleman  
+Rudy Saucedo, Jr.

### Sunday, March 26

10:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis  
+Carol Grudnei  
+Cindy Michlitsch

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, March 20 - Thursday, March 24

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes  
*Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.*

### Monday, March 20

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Tuesday, March 21

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

### Wednesday, March 22

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:30 PM Faith Formation  
7:15 PM Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 23

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Friday, March 24

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

### Saturday, March 25

9:30 AM Saturday Mornings with Fr. Adrian  
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM COS/Family Movie Night

### Sunday, March 26

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)  
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online  
2:00 PM Communal Reconciliation Service

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