March 26, 2023
Fifth 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
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
Reflection from Father Steve

Next weekend begins Holy Week, the most solemn week in the life of the Church; the week in which we are invited to walk deeply in the mystery of God's love and mercy made manifest in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

I encourage you to try and set some time aside to pray and reflect on that mystery of Christ and remember how it plays out in your life.

That kind of remembering has a special meaning. It is not just a recalling of historical events; it is personally entering into the event and knowing that the mystery played out so long ago is now truly being played out today in your life.

That kind of “remembering” is known in Greek as “anamneses” – an effective and causative remembering in which the very event remembered becomes alive and present in the life of the one or the community.

It is what “sacrament” is all about. When we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, we know that mystery is once more made available to me. In the Eucharist it is “the real presence” of Jesus in his saving work.

When Jews observe Passover, they know that in recalling the Exodus event that freedom from slavery won by God for Israel is truly made active and present in one’s own life.

Holy Week and Passover are always linked together, for the covenant with God is once more made with both Jews and Christians; each in the sharing of a sacred meal.

Fr. Steve Adrian

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.

THANK YOU: To the 325 people who attended our fourth Fish Fry of the Lenten Season. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food and sell tickets. To the students from COS 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 210 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 on Saturday and Sunday, accompanied by Phil on Sunday. Cantors John on Saturday and Amanda on Sunday. We thank Karen who did welcome on Saturday and Andy on Sunday. Lectors Marie on Saturday and Becky on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers Mary, Tim, Jeanne and Karen on Saturday; Jerold and Maureen on Sunday. To Alecia and family who brought up the gifts on Saturday; Josiah and family on Sunday. To ushers Tim, Scott and Dave on Saturday; Ginny and Steve on Sunday. To greeters Chris and Doris on Saturday; Josiah on Sunday. To sacristans Mary on Saturday; Ginny and Kathy on Sunday. To Tim, Dave, Deb, Becky, Ginny, Dave and Joe who took the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

THANK YOU: To Linda, Mooreen, Marge, Sandy and Mary who serve as sacristans at parish funerals. Your ministry offers aid and comfort to grieving families.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT’S

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on March 31, 2023 for Sister Anne Becker’s 90th birthday.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit April 1 - 7, 2023 in memory of Don Leibl, Rich Neveu, Tony Joseph, Mark Meissinger and Deceased Members of St. Matthew Class of 1961.

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.
CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children’s Liturgy will not take place on Easter Sunday, April 9 at the 10:15 AM Mass. It will resume on Sunday, April 16.

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 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

Parish Administrator’s Note

A VOLUNTEER PARISH

I feel blessed to be at St. Matt’s. We have a great community! A big reason: our many volunteers.

To take last weekend, for example: we had volunteers running a Fish Fry and Ham Bingo; setting up for Fr. Steve’s talk, counting money, assisting in various liturgical ministries—it’s marvelous! (See also Volunteer Coordinator Mary Leibl’s column.) We say we’re a volunteer parish, and we’ve plenty of evidence to support that label.

At the same time, we can always use more volunteers. Sometimes, it’s as backup for an existing ministry. That’s why we’re looking for one or two more money counters.

It’s also the case that some volunteers might step up for a new ministry. What interests you? What would you like to see us do here at St. Matt’s?

One ministry I’d like to see is a Parish Library. We have bookshelves available. I know people who’d donate books. What we need is people willing to manage things. Let me know if you’re interested.

FR. STEVE ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

I’m still processing Fr. Steve’s recent series on the Acts of the Apostles. He gave us much to reflect on. (We expect to post recordings on the website.)

One of my strongest takeaways was how applicable Acts is to today’s world and church: problems, crises, arguments, and the never-ending challenges of adapting to new realities. I expect to revisit this topic soon.

SNOW REMOVAL – THANKS, GUYS!

It’s been a hard winter, with much snow. Let’s give thanks for The Great Snow Removal Effort of 2023. Our snow removal team members have done a great job of keeping sidewalks clear all winter. Kudos to Steve Kowal, Mario Medina-Gonzalez, Jair Aguilar-Vasquez, and Tom Burr!

CCF (Catholic Community Foundation)

I recently received an interesting letter from CCF. It talked about the recent failure of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature Bank.

CCF’s president, Anne Cullen Miller, noted that CCF had no exposure to Signature. They did own about $10,000 worth of SVB. That’s out of CCF’s total portfolio of $530 million. I think CCF will survive.

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

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Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION SPRING BREAK: Faith Formation students do NOT have class on Wednesday, March 29, and April 5, due to spring break in the local school districts. Classes resume on Wednesday, April 12.
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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 26, 2023

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
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: Gb 6:4-11/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25
4:15 PM Mass
- Our Parish
- Carol Dvorak Johnson
- Leo Kegler
- Kevin Kleman
- Rudy Saucedo, Jr.

Sunday, March 26
10:15 AM Mass
- Our Parish
- Arthur Geis
- Carol Grundei
- Cindy Michlitsch

Monday, March 27
8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, March 28
8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, March 29
8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, March 30
8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, March 31
8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, April 1
4:15 PM Mass
- Our Parish
- Gerard Jenniges
- John Leibl
- Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, April 2
10:15 PM Mass
- Our Parish
- Nancy Aguilar
- Carol Dvorak Johnson
- Glen Opine

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 27 - Thursday, March 31
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mass
Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.

Monday, March 27
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 28
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, March 29
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary’s Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:15 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, March 30
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
5:00 PM Finance Council Meeting
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, March 31
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, April 1
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

Sunday, April 2
10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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