**March 5, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

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<td>St. Paul, MN 55107</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
<td>(651) 224-9793</td>
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<td>Fax</td>
<td>(651) 222-2688</td>
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Reflection from Father Steve

Note: The use of GS and a number points to the paragraph in the council document on the Church in the World Today. GS refers to the Latin title of the document, Gaudium et Spes (Joy and Hope).

The final months of the Second Vatican Council were given to crafting a document reflecting the vocation of the Church in the world of today — a declaration of the Christian’s solidarity with the human family: “the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially of those who are poor and afflicted, these are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Nothing genuinely human fails to rise in the hearts of the followers of Christ” (GS 1)

The desire of the council is to address itself without hesitation to the whole of humanity. “The council focuses its attention on the world, the whole human family along with the sum of those realities in the midst of which it lives; that world which is the theater of human history” (GS 2).

We are the Church — you and I — and this teaching affirms that the Church is wrapped up in human life and human history. This is an affirmation of what we believe of Jesus. Jesus became all that it is to be a human being — nothing of human life was foreign to Him:

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
7 did not regard equality with God
8 but emptied himself,
9 taking the form of a slave,
10 being born in human likeness,
And being found in human form,
5 he humbled himself
6 and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
10 that is above every name,
11 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2).

Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, “born of a woman and born under the Law” is fully wrapped up in human history. And, Let us remember the Council’s reminder: “Nothing genuinely human fails to rise in the hearts of the followers of Christ”

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. This ministry is done from your home and at your convenience. Can you devote some time during the day to pray for those in need? If so, please contact Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) 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 317 people who attended our first Fish Fry of the Lenten Season. 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 237 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 pianist Francois accompanied by Phil and Chris on Sunday. Cantors Shelly on Saturday and Andy on Sunday. We thank lectors Mary on Saturday and Jerrold on Sunday. Eucharistic/ Ashes ministers Karen, Kathy, Mary, Ann and Tim on Saturday; Paul, Ellen and Dave on Sunday. To Diane and Greg Lothenbach who brought up the gifts on Saturday; Jalis and Josiah on Sunday. To ushers Tim, Scott and Dave on Saturday; Ginny and Steve on Sunday. To greeters Chris, Tim and Doris on Saturday; Josiah on Sunday. To sacristans Mary on Saturday; Ginny and Kathy on Sunday.

THANK YOU: To Tim, Ginny, Denise, Debbie and Zach who took the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

THANK YOU: To Mary and Bob who removed the liturgical decorations for ordinary and prepared the church for the Lenten Season.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
mleibl@st-matts.org

THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT’S

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.
FUNDING OUR FACILITIES
At our most recent Parish Finance Council meeting on February 23, we discussed how our fiscal year 2023 expenses (7.1.22 - 6.30.23) compare to what we budgeted. We noticed that we’re over budget when it comes to maintenance and repairs. I asked our accountant for details.

Here are the major items in the detail report. We’ve paid for out of our operating budget.

• Repairing the church’s air conditioning system: $4,196
• Parish Center roof maintenance: $6,590*
• Church building LED conversion: $6,603*
• School building repairs required by fire marshal: $5,037
• School building roof repairs (so far; several thousand more to come): $5,420*
• Boiler improvements: $2,558*
Total = $30,404

*Some items are likely to save us money in the future. Others are normal costs of doing business. Let me know if you’d like to know more.

The Finance Council also discussed our major capital projects for this year—the electric panel and the complete replacement of the school roof. We’ll pay for those with our Capital Needs fund and a loan.

I’m glad to report that our Capital Needs fund has begun to grow, thanks to generous donors. And by the way—have you checked out the video on our website, in support of our Donorbox effort to pay for the electric panel (the “E-Box”)?

PRAY FOR AN ENEMY?
A couple of weeks ago, Fr. Steve suggested we think of an enemy in our life—and pray for that person.

Yowch! I immediately thought of a person who wronged me years ago. I even tried to forget the name. Successfully, too, for a couple of years, until someone said, “Hey, did you hear about _______?” And, bam, that name was back in my memory. It hurt. Now, I’m supposed to pray for that person?

That’s my struggle this Lent. I’m testing Fr. Steve’s assertion that you’ll feel better if you pray for your enemy for ten days. You can’t pray for someone and keep holding a grudge.

Who are you praying for this Lent?

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

Phil Grant
pgrant@st-matts.org
651-224-9793

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!


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

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. These three talks will take place on Saturday, March 11, 18 and 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.

HAM BINGO
St. Matthew’s Men’s Club is hosting its annual Ham Bingo featuring twelve games for hams and three games for cash on Saturday, March 18. Doors open at 5:00 PM and games start at 6:00 PM. Food, beer, wine and pop available for purchase.

Expected completion time is between 8:30 to 9:00 PM.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK: On March 8, all Faith Formation students in Grades K to 10 start class at 6:30 PM. Grades K to 5 go to the Parish Center at 6:30 PM, and Grades 6 to 10 go to the church at 6:30 PM. For part of the evening, Fr. Steve Adrian will hear confessions. Faith Formation parents and family members are also welcome to come to the church that evening for a Reconciliation service, and they may go to confession with Father in the chapel after the students have finished.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS ON MARCH 15: Faith Formation and Community of Saints students preparing for First Communion at St. Matthew have class in the church building on Wednesday, March 15, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. This is a required class for students. Parents do not need to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASS ON MARCH 15: Community of Saints 8th graders and Faith Formation students in Grades 8 to 10 who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation with St. Matthew have class on Wednesday, March 15, from 6:45 to 7:50 PM in the Parish Center.

CONGRATULATIONS to Faith Formation student Yaritza Chamu Cardoso who made her First Communion at St. Matthew on Sunday, February 19 during the 10:15 AM Mass.
### Parish Leadership

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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 5, 2023

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9  
**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 4
4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerard Jenniges
+Leo Kegler
+Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, March 5
10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Aurora Hernandez
+Glen Opine

Monday, March 6
8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, March 7
8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, March 8
8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, March 9
8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, March 10
8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, March 11
4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+John Sperl
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Sunday, March 12
10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerard Jenniges
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 6 - Thursday, March 9
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes
Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.

Monday, March 6
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 7
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 8
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary’s Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM Faith Formation

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

Friday, March 10
Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday, March 11
9:30 AM Saturday Mornings with Fr. Adrian
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

Sunday, March 12
10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
After Mass Coffee Sunday
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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