

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

CONTRIBUTION METHODS

• Envelopes or cash in the collections at Mass. Because of the importance of maintaining our buildings, we've added a Capital Needs envelope to the bimonthly packet. There are also Capital Needs envelopes at the back of the church.

• Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) from your bank to ours. This system simplifies giving for many people, as it enables monthly contributions without needing to write a check. You can also direct contributions to our Capital Needs fund and/or Community of Saints School, in addition to regular operational support. *Approximately 20% of our regular contributors already use EFTs. Might you be next? Call or email me for more information.*

• PayPal. We use this platform mostly for Men's Club activities, though it is possible to donate directly to the parish.

• DonorBox is our newest method, which we're trying out during Lent. It offers the ease of a QR code, which takes you directly to our DonorBox site. Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment.



• All donations to the Church of St. Matthew are tax deductible.

E-BOX VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE!

"E-Box" is our shorthand way of referring to the overdue replacement of our main electric panel. It's the most important capital project planned for 2023.

Because of its importance, we're focusing Lenten fundraising efforts on the E-Box. Several talented volunteers created the promotional video now available on our website. It's good. Check it out!

Phil Grant
Pastoral Administrator



Don Leibl died on February 20, 2023. His funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Church of St. Matthew Capital Needs Fund.

Please remember Don and his family in your prayers.

ST. MATTHEW'S IS LED BY LAY MEMBERS. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

This is the first of a five-week series from the St. Matthew Parish Council

Our parish is one of the very few in the archdioceses led by lay people. Fr. Steve Adrian, who is officially retired, is our sacramental minister. He presides at Mass and other sacraments but has no other responsibilities. Fr. Antony Skaria is our parochial administrator, which means he has oversight responsibilities, but he is also the pastor of St. John Vianney. At St. Matthew's, the Parish Council, the Finance Council, and the parish administrator work together to run the parish. Archbishop Hebda asked us to create a model that could be shared with other parishes, given the decline in the number of priests.

At St. Matthew's, this is a time of renewal. The pandemic disrupted our faith community, and we are still coming back from that. At the same time, our parish has been part of the Archdiocesan Synod. After three years of listening and praying, we are moving into a phase of action. As we move forward, we are committed to transparency and inclusion. We will provide regular updates about the Synod process in the bulletin and on our website. Everyone is welcome to participate. This is a journey meant to be taken together.

St. Matthew Parish Council - Zach Czaia, Jerald Dosch, Kathy Goldenstein, Maggie Lee, Anthony Minus, Janelle Rohr, Ellen Schneider, Linda Sellars

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

We will soon be writing the following ministry schedule for Holy Week:

- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM (Livestreamed)
- Celebration of the Supper of the Lord, Friday, April 7 at 3:00 PM (Livestreamed)
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8 at 7:00 PM
- Easter Sunday, April 9 at 10:15 AM (pre-recorded on Friday, April 7 at 5:15 PM)

If you are interested in taking part in the ministries at these services, please contact **Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org)** and list your availability for Holy Week by **no later than Friday, March 17.**

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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 15 at 7:45 PM
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

Jill Kilzer

Director of Music and Liturgy
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-CHOIR PRACTICE-

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

This weekend, St. Matthew will observe Global Solidarity Sunday as we celebrate "...I was blind and now I see" (Jn 9:25). This is an invitation to share God's light of love in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support, an expression of Lenten almsgiving, by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: The Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share the love of God with your brothers and sisters overseas.

You can find envelopes marked Global Solidarity Sunday in the back of the church. Make a check payable to St. Matthew and put Global Solidarity Sunday in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.



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)** to find out how you can help. Thank you for your support!



MONEY COUNTER

Do you like working with numbers? We are looking for someone to join the Sunday morning money counting team. Counting takes place the last two Sundays of the month, immediately after the 10:15 AM Mass. It takes approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. If you are high school age or older and would like to help the last two weeks of each month, contact **Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org** or call the parish office at (651) 224-9793.



GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING

The next Gifted and Belonging meeting is **Sunday, March 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** in the St. Matthew Social Hall. This month's topic will be the Feast of St. Joseph.

Gifted and Belonging aims to provide Catholic fellowship for young adults with disabilities, seen and unseen.

For more information, contact Megan at **giftedandbelonging@gmail.com**.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

Next 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!

HONOR A LOVED ONE

Are you looking for a way to honor or memorialize a loved one? Consider dedicating a new hymnal in their honor. You may choose your own wording. Suggested donation is \$20. Forms are in the back of the church or call the parish office.