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March 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 am Mass
Wednesday 8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service
Thursday: 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School
Saturday - 4:15 pm
Sunday - 10:15 am

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday: After Mass until 5:30 pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: After Mass until 11:30 am

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of March 10, 2019

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt
25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt
6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk
11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-
8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-
26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

And so it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.

Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period of time devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow, and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

The Catholic Steward



Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 2 opportunities.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

We need volunteers to take communion to those unable to worship with us. This "liturgical" ministry involves taking a pyx with a host from Saturday or Sunday Mass; visiting the person in their home; reading the gospel and sharing a sentence or two from the homily; praying the Lord's Prayer together and then giving the Host to the person. After we get a few volunteers for this ministry then we will invite people to request that visit. This is different from a pastoral visit in the middle of the week with a goodly amount of conversation in the visit. If you would like more information, please call John Riehle at the parish office.

SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have five 4-hour shifts and four 3-hr shifts. Hours are: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm & Monday – Thursday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. **I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org**

THANK YOU

We are a Volunteer Parish!!

Thank you to the following people who have stepped forward to volunteer their time and talent to our parish:

Thank you to all who helped to make the Community Dinner last Saturday a huge success. To all those who helped with set up, preparing food, and donating desserts.

Thanks to all who stayed after the 10:15 mass last Sunday to help clean and prepare the church for the season of Lent. Special thanks to **Mary Bejblik** and **Jill Kilzer** who help plan the environment for each season.

Thank you to **Jack Heitzinger** who has volunteered to play the organ, and to **Richard Schletty** who will be the cantor at the Stations of the Cross during Lent.



CRS RICE BOWL TEACHINGS FROM THE POPES

“Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God’s image. Their dignity comes from the persons they are.” - *St. John Paul II, Centesimus Annus*
Give fifty cents for each of your families members this week.

FOOD FROM THE HEART...NEXT WEEKEND

On February 16 & 17 our parish collected 239 pounds of non-perishable food and personal care items for the food shelf at Neighborhood House.



March 16 and 17 will be our next collection dates for the food shelf. Your donations provide nutritious food to our friends and neighbors and their families. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In preparation for their Confirmation on March 17th four students received Holy Communion for the first time from Father Steve Adrian on Saturday, March 2nd. They were surrounded by family, friends, classmates and our parish community. We congratulate **Arelys Torres Sinohui and Yahir Torres Sinohui, Jose Avilla Tovalin and Lilliana Avilla-Tovalin.**

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

We welcome our newest members to Saint Matthew, **Josiah Enrique Bailey Richardson**, son of **Alya and Jonah**. Josiah was baptized on March 2, 2019. We also welcome **Gianna Louise Rodriguez-Rolfer**, daughter of **Deja and Gary**. Gianna was baptized on February 3, 2019. Also baptised on February 3rd was **Nora Grace Jenniges**, daughter of **Monica and Caleb**. All children were baptized by Father Steve Adrian.



As a parish community let us pray for these children, their parents and Godparents as they begin their faith journey in our Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS March 3, 2019

Volunteer Service			
Hours in prayer	7		
Hours in service	15	School	\$ 761
Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,374	Total	\$ 761
Electronic Giving	\$ 909	Thank You	
Vigil Lights	\$ 14		
Funeral	\$ 450		
Fuel	\$ 35		
Memorials	\$ 25		
Mass Intention	\$ 25		
Holyday	\$ 10		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 25		
Total	\$ 5,867		

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on Friday, March 15th in celebration of **Jeanne Murphy's** birthday.

CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRY

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March 8 - April 19

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9

4:15 pm Bob Nowak†

Sunday, March 10

10:15 am Our Parish

Guadalupe Luces Desalve†

Monday, March 11

8:00 am Mary Ann Rasmussen†

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 am Deacon John Murphy†

Friday, March 15

8:00 am Vern Achman†

Saturday, March 16

4:15 pm Joe Kegler†

Sunday, March 17

10:15 am Our Parish

John DelVecchio, Special Intention

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 9

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

Monday, March 11 - Thursday, March 15

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, March 11

8:00 am Mass

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross CH

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting PC

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Faith Formation CH/PC

7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, March 14

9:10 am Mass Community of Saint School

Friday, March 15

8:00 am Mass

4:30-7:30 pm Fish Fry SH

Saturday, March 16 with Food Collection

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, March 17 with Food Collection

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

2:00 pm Confirmation at the Cathedral

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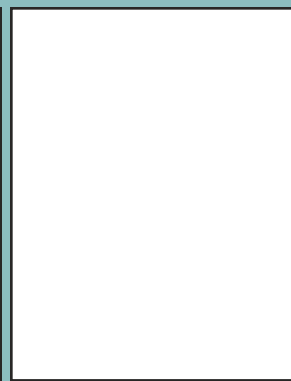
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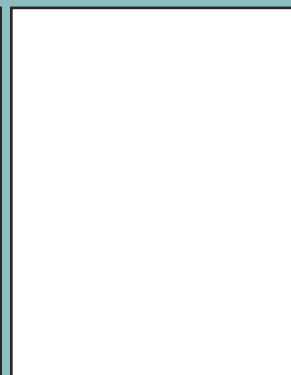
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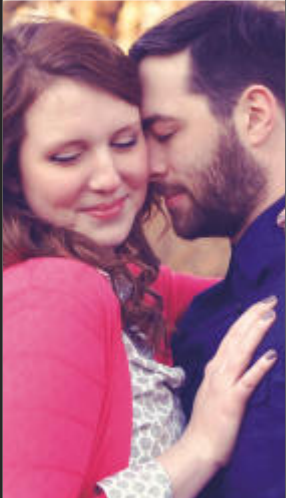


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