



St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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JANUARY 18, 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The next day, upon seeing Jesus coming towards him John the Baptist gave his testimony “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” (John 1:29-34)



These words spoken by John, are not only a proclamation –they are an invitation to recognize who Jesus truly is and to respond in faith. Calling Jesus the Lamb of God reminds us that Jesus comes not with power or force, but with self-giving love. He takes upon Himself the sin of the world —not to condemn but to save. John also speaks of the Holy Spirit descending and remaining upon Jesus. This moment reveals that Jesus is the Son of God. And through Him, we too receive the Holy Spirit. As we gather around the altar and hear once again “behold the Lamb of God ” may we truly behold Him—with open hearts, renewed faith, and a willingness to follow.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - JANUARY 18-25, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5, 6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/(1) Cor 1:1-13/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Mass intention: Eternal rest prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12

Mass intention: Thanksgiving for Rio Lacsamana

Friday: Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; (1)Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Week Ending Jan. 11. 2026	Actual	Needed	(Under)
	\$ 13,113	\$ 12,000	\$ 1,113

Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 292,025	\$336,000	(\$ 43,975)
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ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS will be mailed or emailed on Tuesday, January 20th. Please watch for the Statement.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Host	Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
St. Matthew	Wine & Cheese Social	02/07/26@6pm	Community Center
St. Matthew	Bingo Night	02/28/26@6pm	Community Center
St. Matthew	Crab Feed	03/07/26@6pm	Community Center

Sacraments

Confession: Saturday at 4 pm or by appointment. Call 206-363-6767.

Marriage, baptism, funeral mass or confirmation. Call

206-363-6767 Ext 200

Office Hours: 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Pope Leo's January prayer—Pray with the Word of God.

- That praying with the Word of God be a nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

For our Parish Family:

- For the well being and unity of our parish family, and for the steadfast support of all parish activities

For the Sick & Suffering:

- For all who are sick and suffering, especially **Richard McDaniel**, that the Lord may gently restore their strength, comfort them in their pain, and surround them with His healing love.

For the Deceased

- For all the faithful departed especially **Dawn Walton**, and **Roger O'Brien**, may find eternal rest in God's loving embrace, and experience the fullness of joy and peace in His heavenly kingdom.

School News

Thank You



CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

MASS

Please join St. Matthew School students and staff for our Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 25th at 10am. There will be student speakers and singers and extra treats at coffee hour.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

ST. MATTHEW 20TH ANNUAL ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CRAB DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 AT 6PM

Join us for one of St. Matthew Parish's most beloved traditions—our Annual All-You-Can-Eat Crab Dinner!

Started in 2006, this cherished parish event was created to support the parish in its greatest needs while helping raise funds for our graduating 8th graders' Graduation Retreat, a meaningful milestone in their faith journey.

Come enjoy a delicious crab feast, fellowship with parishioners, and be part of a tradition that has brought our community together for two decades.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026, @ 6PM

Where: St. Matthew Community Center.

Tickets: \$65 pre-sale; \$75 at the door, unless sold out!

Tickets will be sold during coffee hour every Sunday after Mass at the Community Center or at the Parish Office (**206-363-6767**).



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! It will be open in the school library after the 10 am Mass on January 25, during Catholic Schools Week and online.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BINGO NIGHT!

Buy your tickets now for a fun evening of **BINGO!** on **Saturday, February 28th** in the Community Center. Doors open at 6 pm and bingo starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and include 10 rounds of bingo, plus dinner. Drinks will be available for purchase. Ages 14+ are welcome. Tickets available for sale in the parish and school offices and online at <https://secure.etransfer.com/StMatthewSchool/Bingo.cfm> or use the QR code.

BINGO!
Saturday, February 28



Scan the code to buy tickets





January 12, 2026

Dear Parish Family 12,

I am writing you to provide an update on the proposal for the combination of our two parish schools: St Matthew Catholic School and St Mark Catholic Classical School. In 2024 I established a joint steering strategic committee to create a strategic plan to propose how to combine the two schools. This was in response to a declining enrollment at St Matthew School and steady, but low, enrollment at St. Mark Catholic Classical School. Efforts began in September 2024. The St. Mark / St. Matthew Combined School Strategy Steering Committee completed their proposal in December 2025 and submitted to the archbishop for his final approval.

I am happy to announce Archbishop Etienne has approved the combined classical school for the school year starting in September 2026. Location of the combined classical school is at St Mark Campus with expectations that seismic upgrades to the school must be completed by summer of 2029. A new patron name will be chosen for the combined classical school in spring of 2026. This new name could potentially forecast the new Parish Family name, but it is not a guarantee.

With this approval, I have named Mrs. Kathryn Palmquist-Keck to be the interim principal to lead the transition to the new combined school and a national search for a long-term principal will be initiated. Mrs. Keck will begin the process for selecting the faculty and staff roles beginning next week and we expect enrollment to open at the beginning of February 2026. From this enrollment I will invite parents to join the school commission for the new combined classical school.

I want to thank the Steering Committee for their critical role in achieving this milestone under the guidance and leadership of Tom Martin. I also want to thank the Parish Family Advisory Council for taking on the important work that lies ahead. I, most especially, want to thank our school staff, teachers and principals who, in the face of uncertainty, have remained dedicated to caring for and educating our students.

Please keep our schools, the staff, and our students close in your prayers.

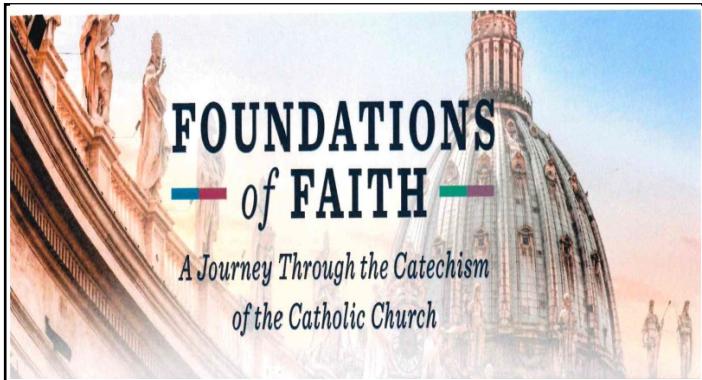
May the Lord bless you and keep you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Fr. Ross".

+Fr. Ross

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FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH—A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM!

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs as we continue the ***Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.***

On January 7, we will begin a 4-week study of what the Catechism teaches about “How we Worship.” There will be two more series before we close the year that will focus on “How we Live” and “How we Pray.” You are welcome to join us for one or all these series. We will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the St. Matthew Community Center Conference Room to view dynamic video presentations followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Here is the schedule:

- **January 7, 14, 21, & 28** 4 Weeks on “How We Worship” - Focus on the liturgy and sacraments
- **February 4, 11, April 8 & 15** - 4 Weeks on “How we Live” – Focus on the call to freedom and happiness, the Human Community, & the Ten Commandments
- **April 29, May 6 & 13** – 3 weeks on “How we Pray” – Focus on the call to prayer, the Christian life of prayer and the Our Father.

Learn from some of the most renowned Catholic educators of our time, including Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio, and Fr. Mike Schmitz to explore the *Catechism*, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life. Strengthen your connection to the truth, beauty, goodness, and fullness of the Catholic Faith!

For more information or to register for the study, contact Sara Lane, sslane5@comcast.net, Jolene Lynch, jnslynch@comcast.net, or Mike & Maureen Sloane at mnmsloane@gmail.com. The cost to participate is as low as \$6.95 for online materials . An optional workbook can be purchased for \$39.95, and scholarships are available. You can preview and/or purchase online access to materials for the class at: <https://acensionpress.com/collections-foundations-of-faith-a-journey-through-the-catechism-of-the-catholic-church>.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD WITH STO. NIÑO (HOLY CHILD JESUS) CELEBRATION

St. Matthew Parish joyfully celebrated the Mass of the Baptism of the Lord together with Sto. Niño devotion. The Mass included the blessing of children and the blessing of Sto. Niño statues (a revered statue in the Philippines), reminding us of God’s abiding love and our baptismal call as His beloved sons and daughters.

Following the Mass , the Sto. Niño celebration continued at the Community Center with a dinner reception and a joyful procession of the Sto. Niño images. Devoted parishioners carried the images in prayerful reverence, swaying and swinging to the lively rhythm of drums and chants of “Viva Pit Señor”, expressing faith, gratitude and communal joy. We thank all who participated especially the Sto. Nino Committee, Fr. Ross and Fr. Davis who have helped make this celebration a beautiful expression of our parish faith and unity. **Viva Pit Señor!**

