

St. Matthew Parish

A Parish of Many Cultures But One Faith

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Masses

Monday & Wednesday: NO MASS
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 8:30 am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

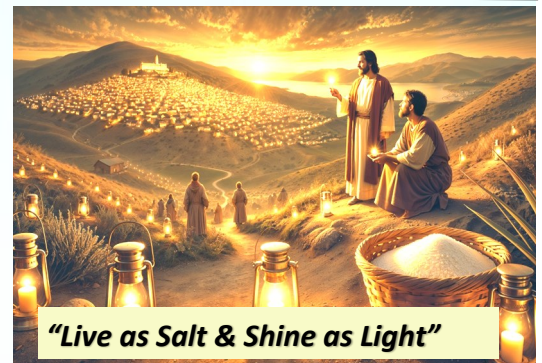
Sacraments

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 Weekdays: 8:30 - 3:30pm .

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Matthew 5:13–16 uses the images of salt and light to describe the role of believers in the world. **Salt** represents quiet influence—preserving what is good and giving life flavor—showing that faith should make a real difference without being showy.

Light represents visible witness, reminding believers that faith is not meant to be hidden but lived out in a way that guides and inspires others. Jesus emphasizes that good works are not for personal recognition but to direct attention to God. The passage also teaches that believers act as salt and light because of who they are, not to earn identity, calling for a faith that is distinct, visible, humble, and impactful.



"Live as Salt & Shine as Light"

SCRIPTURE READINGS - FEBRUARY 8-15, 2026

Sunday Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9 / (1) Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Kgs 8:232-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13
Mass intention: For the repose of the soul of Gretchen Gibert
Wednesday: Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/Mk 7:24-30
Mass intention for the repose of the souls in purgatory
Friday: Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 71:10-11b, 12-15/Mk 7:31-37
Mass intention for the repose of the soul of Ernesto Manongdo
Saturday: Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:-6-7, 19-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34(1); Cor 2:6-10/
 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	(Under)
Week Ending Feb 1. 2026	\$ 9,994	\$ 12,000	(\$ 2,006)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 329,499	\$ 372,000	(\$ 42,501)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
Superbowl TV Watch Party	02/08/26@2pm	Community Center
Ash Wednesday	02/18/26 Mass at 9 am & 7 pm 02/18 @ 12 Noon-Liturgy of the Word with Ashes Dist.	St. Matthew Church
Bingo Night	02/28/26 at 6 pm	Community Center
Crab Feed	03/07/26 at 6pm	Community Center

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

Pope Leo's February prayer—Prayer for children with incurable disease.

- We pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families, that they receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

For our Parish Family:

- As we come together in one community of faith, that the Holy spirit may guide us in unity, patience and love.

For the sick:

- For the sick and the frail, that God's presence may surround them with peace and restoration, and for Marilyn Whited & Kobkij Panaram in a special way.

For the Faithful Departed:

- Especially those remembered in our prayers, that they may be welcomed into God's kingdom of light and peace.

INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL DATE SET & HELP WANTED



It's time to start planning the 32nd annual St. Matthew International Festival (formerly Rainbow Heritage Festival). Save the date for Saturday, May 16 from noon to 3 pm. Are you able to help organize this year's festival?

Email spretti@stmattschool.org or call 206-363-2785

GALILEO SUMMER CAMP AT ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

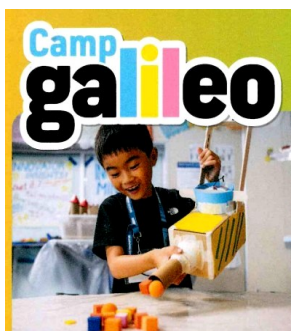
We are pleased to announce that **Camp Galileo** will be hosting summer camp again at our school campus!

Camp Galileo offers a summer of hands-on STEAM* projects and outdoor fun.

Enrollment is open now at galileo-camps.com. All local families are welcome.

Camp will begin on June 22nd through August 7th

*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math



School News

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 28th

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>

use the QR code.

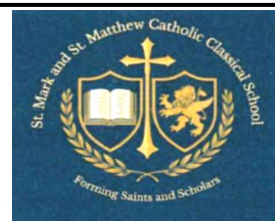


Scan the code to buy tickets



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2026—2027 SCHOOL YEAR

ST. MARK & ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CLASSICAL SCHOOL



Dear St. Matthew School Parents,

Registration is now open for the combined St. Mark and St. Matthew Catholic Classical School for the 2026-2027 School Year.

The School will be located at the St. Mark campus at 18033 15th Place Northeast in Shoreline.

You will need this link:

https://stmss.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in

for the St. Mark Finals account in order to register and to create a new account.

Please note that there is a \$25 application fee per student due at the time of application.

The registration fee of \$150 will be waived for families who complete their enrollment by March 20.

For more information, please read the full registration letter from Interim Principal Kathy Keck, and Fr. Ross.

PREPARES

Pregnancy & Parenting Support



PREPARES – Pregnancy & Parenting Support is a statewide initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State that offers free, parish-based support for pregnant individuals and families with young children. It is designed both to promote the sanctity of human life

and to walk with families in practical, emotional and community support as they navigate pregnancy and early parenthood.

As of 2025, PREPARES statewide has been embraced by 197 parishes with over 1000 parish volunteers helping 27,218 families with one-on-one family interaction, companionship, and support, performed by trained volunteers, supplies of infant and children essentials, helping families connect to available health services and social support, organize community baby Showers and playgroup.

More importantly your financial donation enables **PREPARES** to continue its programs and services.

Give Online at preparesforlife.org/support or point your camera on the QR code and it will take you to **PREPARES**



St. MATTHEW PARISH — CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN CAMPAIGN

This Lent, St. Matthew Parish will participate in the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl** campaign, inviting parishioners to deepen their Lenten journey through **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. CRS Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of **Catholic Relief Services**, encouraging us to encounter Christ in those who hunger and impoverished and to respond with compassion and solidarity.

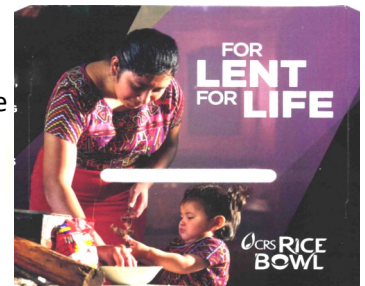
During the 40 days of Lent, we are encouraged to pray and fast in solidarity with those who lack enough to eat, and give alms to help alleviate hunger and poverty both abroad and in our own community.

Rice Bowls will be available for pick-up in the church foyer beginning **February 18, Ash Wednesday**. Please take one home and use the Rice Bowl throughout Lent to collect your alms. When Lent ends, return your Rice Bowl or your donation envelope to the parish office or in the collection basket. A portion of what was collected will support Catholic Relief Services' life-saving programs around the world, and a share of the collection stays here in the **Archdiocese of Seattle** to assist local hunger-relief efforts.

For those wanting Online donation, visit: crsricebowl.org/donate or by scanning the **QR Code**.



Thank you for your generous participation as we live out the Gospel call to love and serve our brothers and sisters near and far this holy season.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FACILITY KEY HOLDERS

Linda Haptonstall, our Pastoral Assistant for Administration (PAA), is leaving St. Matthew on February 20th. With her position ending, all keys issued to parishioners must be returned to the office to be re-issued.

Keys will be re-issued only to those who have an authorized need for having a key, and which will only be used for Church or School business. Keys will be available to check out for one-time use, which is what the current practice is for Funeral Ministry, one-time special events, soup suppers, or homebound ministers.

Please stop by the parish office from Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 3:30pm, or call the office at 206-363-6767 to speak with Cris and make arrangements to return your keys for re-issue and to sign the updated key control form.

Compliance with the key control policy will help us avoid the prohibitive expense of changing locks.



A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE & FAITH TO:

LINDA HAPTONSTALL,

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH
ADMINISTRATOR**

With grateful hearts, we announce the retirement of **Linda Haptonstall**, St. Mathew's PAA, after nearly 8 years of devoted service to St. Matthew. Linda has also served for 25 years in various ministries/churches in the Archdiocese of Seattle.



Please join us for a farewell reception honoring Linda on **Saturday and Sunday, February 21st and 22nd**, after each Mass in the St. Matthew Community Center.

All are welcome as we thank Linda and wish her abundant blessings and success in a new phase in her career.



CALLED BY NAME

PRAY • DISCERN • INVITE

Do you know someone who might be called to the priesthood or religious life?

Invite your parishioners and school community to participate in the upcoming **Called by Name** campaign with these digital assets for your communications channels. Please link to the Archdiocese of Seattle's Called By Name 2026 page, archseattle.org/called-by-name, to help parishioners pray, discern and invite those who might be called to priesthood or religious life. Our Lord often calls young people forth through family, friends, teachers, and parishioners.

Scan the QR Code to learn more and nominate someone by February 13th.



St. Matthew Parish



Saturday, March 7, 2026

At the Community Center – doors open at 6:00 pm
1240 NE 127th St. Seattle WA 98125

Menu: All you can eat Fresh Dungeness Crab, Ivar's Clam Chowder, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Dessert and plenty of cold drinks available for purchase



Let's Get Crackin'!



For the Greatest needs of St. Matthew Parish!

Tickets: \$65.00 pre-sale

\$75.00 at the door unless sold out

Tickets will be sold during coffee hour every Sunday at the Community Center and on weekdays at the Parish Office (206-363-6767).

SUPER BOWL XLIX AT ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY CENTER



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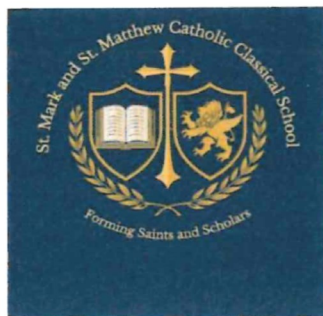
Date: Sunday, February 8, 2026

Kickoff: 3:30 PM (Seattle Time)

Venue: St. Matthew Com. Center

It's the biggest game of the year– and we are watching it together! Come to the St. Matthew Community Center for a Super Bowl 2026 TV Viewing Party and cheer on the Seattle Seahawks as they face off against the New England Patriots.

Bring your team spirit, wear your Seahawks gear and bring your food to share, snacks, and drinks to enjoy with fellow St. Mark parishioners. Door opens at 2pm
Don't miss the action!



Dear St. Mark and St. Matthew Families,

We are deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in Catholic education and for the role your family plays in our parish communities. Because of that shared commitment, we are excited to invite you to **continue your family's educational journey** by enrolling in our new, unified school: **St. Mark and St. Matthew Catholic Classical School**.

This combined school is not a new beginning from scratch—it is a *strengthening* of what already exists. By bringing our two communities together, we are building a school that is more vibrant, more sustainable, and more richly rooted in our shared Catholic mission. Your family is an essential part of that foundation.

At St. Mark and St. Matthew Catholic Classical School, your children will continue to receive:

- A **Catholic classical education** that forms faith, intellect, and virtue
- A school culture grounded in **prayer, beauty, and truth**
- Strong relationships between **families, teachers, and parish life**
- The stability and support that come from a united Catholic school community

Your decision to enroll is important. When our current families commit to the school, they help shape its culture, strengthen its future, and demonstrate the value of Catholic education for generations to come.

We warmly encourage you to **re-enroll and be part of this exciting next chapter**. We look forward to walking alongside your family as we grow together—one school, one community, united in Christ.

Please reach out with any questions, and thank you for your continued partnership, prayers, and support.

With gratitude and hope,

Kathryn Palmquist-Keck

Principal

St. Mark and St. Matthew Catholic Classical School

Fr. Cody Ross

Pastor

2026-2027 Tuition

3-year-old Preschool	4- year-old Preschool	K-8 In-Parish St. Mark & Matthew	K-8 Out of Parish
\$3,500 per year 3 days a week	\$4,600, per year 4 days a week	(1 Child) \$8,750, per year	(1 Child) \$11,800, per year
	\$4,800, per year 5 days a week option for 4-year-olds	(2 Children) \$15,000, per year	(2 Children) \$21,800, per year
		(3 Children) \$21,800, per year	(3 Children) \$31,200, per year
Preschool Yearly Registration Fees	\$275, per family	K - 8 Yearly Registration /	\$515, per family
Preschool Snack Fee	\$30, per student	Enrollment Fees	\$25, activity per student

As part of the transition, all families must submit a new application prior to enrollment. Completing an application is necessary to update records, confirm information, and assist with classroom planning. After the application is reviewed and accepted, families will then proceed with formal enrollment for the new school year by mid-March or April. The application fee is \$25 per student.

Because we are still in the process of merging St. Mark and St. Matthew into one unified Catholic Classical School, we will continue using the St. Mark application and enrollment link for the time being.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this transition and work to ensure a smooth and seamless process for our school community.

Please use the link below or visit the St. Mark website at stmss.org. The Admission Portal link is available under Admissions in the Tuition and Details tab.

https://stmss.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in

As an incentive, all families who complete their enrollment by March 20th will have \$150 waived from their registration fees.

Lent and Triduum 2026 Schedule St. Matthew and St. Mark

Lent Schedule—February 18th to April 1st

Ash Wednesday February 18th
 •9am & 7 pm Mass
 •12 noon Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

Confession
 • Saturdays at 4pm
 •Wednesdays at 5:30pm
 •or by Appointment. Call parish Office.

Stations of the Cross

St. Matthew on Wednesdays

- Confessions at 5:30pm and after Stations
- Stations of the Cross at 6pm
- Soup Supper after Stations of the Cross

St. Mark on Fridays

- Confessions at 5-6pm
- Stations of the Cross at 6pm
- Salmon dinner after Stations at the Gym

Palm Sunday
 March 28th, Saturday, 5:00pm Mass
 March 29th, Sunday 8 am & 10am Mass

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter. (Code of Canon Law, 1249-1252)

Ash Wednesday, February 18th and Good Friday, April 3rd, are days of fast and abstinence.

Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

- Catholics age 4+ practice abstinence, which means no meat allowed on days of abstinence.
- Catholics age 18-59 practice fasting. On a fast day, one full meal and two small meals that do not equal one full meal

When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, Fr. Ross should be consulted.



Holy Week Schedule April 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th



Holy Thursday April 2nd
 11:40am **St. Matthew School Last Supper Reenactment** at Com. Center
 7pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Mark**
 Adoration in the Chapel of Repose after Mass until midnight

Good Friday April 3rd
 11:10am **Living Stations of the Cross** with St. Matthew School
 7pm **Service of the Cross at St. Matthew**

Holy Saturday April 4th
 9pm **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.**
 Celebrated at 9pm at both St. Matthew and St. Mark .
 (No Saturday morning Mass at either parish)

Easter Sunday April 5th
 8am /10am **Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew**
 8:30/10:30am **Mass of the Resurrection at St. Mark**

Please bring your CRS Rice Bowls to Mass on Holy Thursday, or to any of the Holy Week Liturgies. If you have a lot of coins, please wrap them first, or even convert the amount to a check payable to the parish.
Thank you for journeying with St. Matthew and St. Mark Parish through Lent and into the Resurrection.
Please join us for the Easter Season culminating in Pentecost!