

# 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 22, 2026 –6<sup>TH</sup> FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



In this Sunday's Gospel (*Matthew 4:1-11*), Jesus is led into the wilderness and tempted after forty days of fasting. He faces three powerful temptations—comfort, control, and glory—yet in each moment He chooses trust in God over immediate satisfaction.

These temptations mirror our own. We, too, hunger for security, seek signs of certainty, and are drawn to success or recognition. Like Jesus, we stand at daily crossroads between self-reliance and faithful obedience.

Jesus answers each temptation with God's Word, reminding us that true strength comes not from power or possessions, but from a heart rooted in the Father. "One does not live by bread alone." Lent invites us into our own wilderness—a sacred time of prayer, fasting, and charity. In this season of renewal, may we learn to trust more deeply, love more faithfully, and walk more closely with Christ, who leads us from temptation toward lasting hope.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS - FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 1, 2026

**Sunday** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11  
**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26  
*Mass intention: Thanksgiving by Anthony Lacsamana.*  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 (2) Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

### STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

	Actual	Needed	(Under)
Week Ending Feb 15. 2026	\$ 7,305	\$ 12,000	(\$ 4,695)
Cumulative from July 1, 2025	\$ 349,017	\$ 396,000	(\$ 46,983)

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Event	Date/Day/Time	Venue
Farewell Reception for PAA	02/21 & 22 After each Mass	Community Center
Community Soup Supper	02/25/26 after Stn. Of the Cross	Community Center
Bingo Night	02/28/26 at 6 pm	Community Center
Community Soup Supper	03/04/26 after Stn. Of the Cross	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 for children suffering from incurable diseases and their families, that they receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope, we pray to the Lord.

**For our Parish Family:**

- That we may continue the beautiful journey of becoming one parish family under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

**For the sick:**

- For all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit especially the homebound, that the Lord may grant them comfort, strength, and healing, we pray to the Lord.

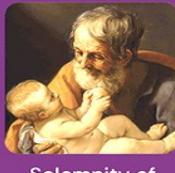
**For the Deceased:**

- For the faithful departed especially, Bard Kelly-Ruff, Lon Ruff, and Carole Jose, that through God's mercy they may be welcomed into the heavenly banquet and rejoice forever in His eternal presence, we pray to the Lord.

## CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITIES & LITURGIES OF LENT



Ash Wednesday  
2/18



Solemnity of  
St. Joseph  
3/19



Solemnity of  
the Annunciation  
3/25



Palm Sunday  
3/29



Holy Thursday  
4/2



Good Friday  
4/3



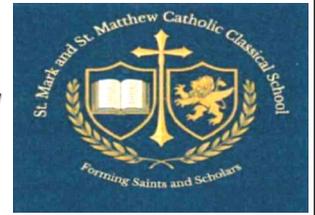
## INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL DATE SET & HELP WANTED

It's time to start planning the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Matthew International Festival (formerly Rainbow Heritage Festival). Save the date for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 pm. Are you able to help organize this year's festival? Contact school **206-362-2785**.



## School News

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN  
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](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



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us! Come and pray with students and staff to reflect on the Stations of the Cross each Monday during Lent, February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

## BINGO NIGHT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Buy your tickets now for a fun evening of **BINGO!** On **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** 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:



Scan the code to buy tickets

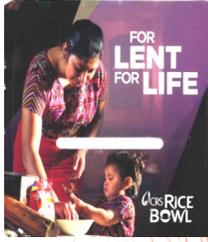
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<https://secure.etransfer.com/StMatthewSchool/Bingo.cfm> or use the QR code on the left.



## 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,**

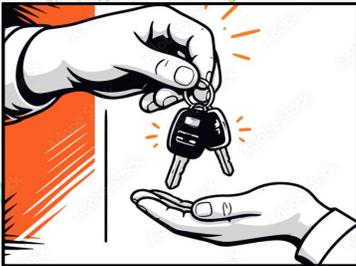


**and almsgiving.** CRS Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, encouraging us to encounter Christ in those who hunger and are impoverished and to respond with compassion and solidarity.

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 22**. 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 CRS life-saving programs worldwide, and a portion of the collection stays here in the **Archdiocese of Seattle** to assist local hunger-relief efforts. For those who prefer to donate Online, please visit: [crsricebowl.org/donate](https://crsricebowl.org/donate). Thank you for your generosity.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FACILITY KEY HOLDERS



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

parish office to be re-issued as approved by the Director of Operations.

Keys will be re-issued only to those who have an authorized need for having a key, and which will only be used strictly for Church or School business (e.g church ministries, coffee hour, wine and cheese socials, school officials, etc. Keys will be made available to check out for one-time use or one-time event (e.g Crab Feed, Honduras Mission Dinner, Dinner Dance, Simbang Gabi, 3rd party renters of the Community Center, etc)

Please return your keys to Parish Office Cris Rivera (206-363-6767) for re-issue and to sign a new key control form. Compliance with the key control policy will help us avoid the prohibitive cost of changing locks.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS, ON WEDNESDAYS!



Join us in observing the Lenten season with **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a **Community Soup Supper**, every Wednesday from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>.

All are invited to this year's **Lenten Soup Supper**, held at the Community Center after Stations of the Cross. If you are able, please consider sharing your favorite *family recipe* soup on any Wednesday. Drop off your Soups **before 6 PM** at the Community Center kitchen. Thank you to the following group who volunteered to host the Soup Suppers :

Date	Host
February 25	Parish Life Committee
March 4	Finance Council & Honduras Mission
March 11	St. Vincent de Paul & Liturgy Com.
March 1	School Commission & Parent Club
March 25	Knights of Columbus & Parish Life Committee

We look forward to praying, sharing, and breaking bread together this Lenten season.

## 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).

*Congratulations to*

## *Mia Hailey Castro*



Who received her First Holy Communion  
Sunday, February 15, 2026.

May Hailey's faith grow strong and her heart remain open  
to a life-long love of the Eucharist.

## *BAPTISM*



With heart full of love, we welcomed on Saturday,  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, the newest member of our catholic parish

## *Andrea Seungju Paek*

into the **One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church**  
through the Sacrament of **Holy Baptism**.

On this special day dedicated to love, Andrea was  
embraced by the greatest love of all — God's everlasting  
love — and received into our faith community.

Andrea's proud parents are Peggi and St. Matthew's KofC  
Council Grand Knight, Jae Paek.



## First Communion Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 26  
from 4:00-5:00pm  
in the St Mark School Library  
*One parent must be present  
at this meeting.*

## *CELEBRATING* **LINDA HAPTONSTALL** *With Gratitude & Joy*

Join us in honoring Linda for her nearly 8  
years of devoted service as Saint Matthew's  
Pastoral Assistant for Administration (PAA).  
We invite you to celebrate and thank her  
personally on:

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

At the Community Center  
after 8am & 10am Masses  
Donuts, Fruit, Light Snacks  
With cake and a Recognition Program  
after 10am

*There will be an opportunity to sign a goodbye  
card after all Masses.*

*And a basket if you wish to  
leave a personal card or greet-  
ing.*

***THANKS LINDA !!!!!***



# St. Mark & St. Matthew

## PARISH FAMILY

### ANNOUNCING YOUR PARISH FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Sara Lane**  
**Co-Chair**  
**St. Matthew Parish**



Sara Lane has been a St. Matthew parishioner since 1992. Her daughters, Lauren and Kathryn attended St. Matthew school. Over the years she has been involved in many ministries at St. Matthew's including Sunday School, Youth Group, Girl Scouts, Marriage Enrichment, EM, EM to the Homebound and currently is co-leading the St. Matthew's Evening Bible Study. Professionally, Sara worked in Finance and Information Technology for local governments and retired in 2025 from the City of Shoreline where she served as the Director for Finance, Information Technology and Parks for 10 years.

**Tom Martin**  
**Co-Chair**  
**St. Mark Parish**



Tom Martin has served in multiple volunteer roles in his 30 years at St. Mark. His wife, Tamara taught at the parish school and his four children all attended. Professionally, he served as chief information and chief strategy officer for the Archdiocese of Seattle, retiring in 2025. As CIO/CSO, he was instrumental in supporting the archdiocese's Partners in the Gospel initiative, a multi-year strategic pastoral plan that involves combining parishes into parish families to create more vibrant and sustainable communities. Tom is an active member and former conference president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and has served on his parish school commission as a Eucharistic minister and coach for many Catholic youth sports teams.

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**Mariela Fletcher**  
St. Matthew  
Parish



Mariela Fletcher has been an active parishioner of St. Matthew Parish since 2004, where she has served on the Parish Life Committee taking a key role helping coordinate community-building and fundraising events that strengthen parish life. Before immigrating to the United States in 1988, she operated a successful manufacturing and export business in the Philippines. Mariela has been a licensed real estate broker in Washington State for 35 years with RE/MAX Metro Realty Inc. She currently serves as National Chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations and is President of IDIC Filipino Senior and Family Services in addition to a long resume.

**Hope Marozwa**  
St. Mark  
Parish



Hope has been a member of St. Mark Parish since 2021, where she serves as an Usher, actively participates in the Young Adult group, and assists with Confirmation classes. Professionally, she is the Community Disaster Program Specialist for Northwest Washington with the American Red Cross, focusing on volunteer engagement, partnership building, and disaster preparedness and response.

Previously, Hope worked as a Public Benefits Specialist with Washington State DSHS, She also brings extensive experience in program management and youth leadership from her work with non-profits in Zimbabwe. Academically, Hope holds a Master of Science in Management and Leadership and an MBA from Western Governors University.

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**Tom Grabowski**  
St. Matthew  
Parish



Tom and his wife, Diane, live in Lake Forest Park and have been members of St. Matthew Parish since 2009. Before that they lived in Iowa City, where Tom was on the faculty of the University of Iowa for 17 yrs. Tom is from Northwest Ohio and Diane grew up in the Seattle area. They have five children and two grandchildren. Dr. Grabowski is a neurologist at University of Washington School of Medicine, where he currently leads the Alzheimer's Disease program and does brain imaging research.

Tom is a longstanding lector at 8 AM Mass, a prior member of the Pastoral Council for several years, and was Council President during a transitional year. Tom and Diane participated in the Honduras Mission for the past two years. Their daughters played with the liturgical music group (flute, bass, violin).

**David Reed**  
St. Mark  
Parish



A lifelong Catholic, David Reed was baptized at St. Mark in 1972 by Fr. Sullivan. After moving throughout the archdiocese, he returned to St. Mark and has been a parishioner for the past 25 years, where his wife, Suzanne, and he have raised their six children in the sacramental life. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, has previously served on the Pastoral Council, and currently serves as a lector and sacristan.

Professionally, he has worked in the construction industry for over 30 years, currently focusing on sales and estimating in residential and commercial remodeling. He has worked on several commercial projects for the Archdiocese of Seattle, including seismic retrofitting, roofing, & remodeling efforts that help ensure the safety and longevity of our Catholic facilities.

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#### Leo Van Hollebeke

St. Mark  
Parish



Leo is a lifelong parishioner at St. Mark Parish. His parents joined the parish in 1954 and he and his siblings attended St. Mark School. Leo and his wife Meghan have continued to be active parishioners since 1988, involved in everything from parish committees to CYO coaching. Leo is a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul. Their four children graduated from St. Mark School. Leo and Meghan have three grandchildren. Professionally, Leo is a realtor with Windermere.

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