

Church of Saint Matthew – April 21, 2019

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Mass: Our last St. Matthew Faith Formation class for public school students for the 2018-2019 school year will be on Wednesday, April 24. Students should arrive at 6:30 pm and go to their classroom in the Parish Center. Mass will begin at 7:00 pm, and students will go to Mass with their teachers. Parents, guardians, and parishioners are welcome to join us for this Mass. We will have light refreshments after Mass, as well as an opportunity to complete early registration for the following school year of Faith Formation. This is a chance to sign up your child for First Communion preparation next school year. Students in Grades 8 or above can be signed up to join the Confirmation preparation program for next year; that preparation starts in September.

First Communion Practice: Faith Formation and Community of Saints children signed up for the sacrament of First Communion in May 2019 at St. Matthew Church are required to come to our First Communion practice on Wednesday, May 8. Practice will be from 7:00 to 8:15 pm in St. Matthew Church. At least one parent or guardian should also attend the practice. St. Matthew will celebrate First Communions at the weekend Masses on May 11 and May 19.

PARISH CLEANING



Please join us for a 'sprucing up' of the grounds and the entrances to our buildings. Hopefully we are finally done with snow, sand, salt and all those wintry things.

We will work on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Bring what you think might be helpful. For outside: rakes, and leaf blowers, push brooms and shovels. For inside: brooms and dustpans, vacuums [battery powered]. We'll start with coffee and dividing the laborers.

RECONCILIATION MONEY FOR THE POOR IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Thank you to each person who put money in the basket as they exited church after the Reconciliation Service last Sunday. More than \$750 was given!! These donations will be used to purchase gift cards through \$cript for Holiday and Cub. These cards are what are given to those who come to the parish center door for assistance.

ROOF FUND

Continued thanks for the donations received so far. There will be more envelopes available for your donations. The contract has been signed and the company is ordering materials. We do not have a schedule of the work; notice will be given as soon as we know when they will be 'on campus' and 'on the roof.'

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

Food Collection for Neighborhood House Food Shelf...

We will NOT take that collection on Easter Sunday weekend.

Rather, we will do it on April 27 and 28.

Thank you very much for your understanding



THE POWER OF PRAYER



You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.

REUNION SUNDAY – APRIL 28

All alums of Saint Matt's and all the other feeder schools to Community of Saints Regional Catholic School [St. Mike's, St John Vianney, Our Lady of Guadalupe] are invited to Mass at COS at 11:15am on Sunday, April 28.-

A special invitation to all those whose grad year was 4 or -9. Extra special invitation to anyone who graduated before 1960!!

Please RSVP to the school so there is enough food for all. dliester@communityofsaints.org; or 457-2510

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Feliz dia del Ninos! All are welcome to join us for our first annual Children's Day Festival. The celebration will take place Saturday, April 27th, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Community of Saints gymnasium. Admission is FREE, and includes games, snacks, music and a whole lot of fun! It is an event you cannot miss, and we hope to see you and your family there!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SAINT MICHAEL ADORATION CHAPEL

HE IS RISEN - REJOICE AND BE GLAD - COME TO ME... IN PERPTUAL ADORATION

EIGHT Open Hours I gave all for you ...will you give an hour to ME?

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday 2:00 a.m. Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 11:00 a.m. Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:00 p.m.

Help is also needed on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am cleaning the Chapel, many hands make light work. Currently there are only a couple ladies cleaning every week, please consider, joining them or alternating with them. Call Shirley for details, please.

The Chapel is located at 337 East Hurley Street, West St. Paul MN 55118. The entrance is on the north end of the building. Please call Shirley for the entrance code 651.457. 6844.

at our event next year!

CERENITY GARAGE SALE

Our neighbors at Cerenity Senior Living invite you to a Garage Sale – Silent Auction – Raffle – Bake Sale on Friday, May 3rd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The location is 510 Humboldt Avenue in the lower level.

OBSERVE THE FEAST OF MERCY ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Many parishes celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a special event. To find a detailed listing of these celebrations throughout Minnesota, check these websites: www.3oclockhour.org and www.faithfitnessclub.org/mercy.

To find information about Divine Mercy, St. Faustina and this special day of grace, check the website: www.thediinemeracy.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am Mass, Cathedral of Saint Paul

Celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The celebration includes Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by June 10 at 651-291-4488 or mfl@archspm.org.

MEN'S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Saturday, June 22, 4:30 – 9:00 pm, Maternity of Mary Church, St. Paul

Men are invited to attend the Eucharistic Procession. The evening includes Corpus Christi Mass, Men's Procession and barbecue at Como Park. Cost is FREE (\$20 suggested donation). Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483.