

## Church of Saint Matthew – November 24, 2019

### BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew rang on November 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the installation of Austin Vetter as the new bishop of the Diocese of Helena, Montana. Congratulations and God's blessings Bishop Vetter.  
The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on November 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Joe Savard's birthday. Joe was 84 years young on November 21<sup>st</sup>. May God bless and keep you Joe!

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Faith Formation Break:** Faith Formation students do not have class on Wednesday, November 27, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Class resumes on December 4, and students that evening should go directly to their parish center classroom at 6:30 pm. If possible, on December 4, students should also bring a donation for our Advent giving effort, which is toward Isaac's blessing bags.

**Faith Formation Advent Mass:** Faith Formation students and families will celebrate Advent with a Mass on Wednesday, December 4. Students should come to their Parish Center classroom at 6:30 pm and later will go with their teacher to church for the 7 pm Mass. That evening, we will collect small nonperishable food items plus toiletries, hand warmers, and other useful items to add to Isaac's Blessings Bags, which will be given to the homeless at Christmas. Parents/guardians and parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass. We will have light refreshments afterwards. Students can be picked up from church at 7:45 pm.

### HELP ISAAC FILL HIS BLESSINGS BAGS

Isaac Garcia, a student a COS, is hoping to fill many "Blessings Bags" for the homeless again this Christmas season. These are the items he has suggested for the bags: hand warmers, socks, hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters, boots, and jackets all for men, women & children. Bottled water, soap, fruit snacks, granola bars, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, hair brushes, and disposable razors, small toys for babies & children and diapers.

### 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.

### BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE HERE

If you ordered a Christmas wreath, or garland or other item from the Boy Scouts last month, they have arrived. Pick your order up before or after Mass this weekend at the main church entrance.

The Scouts do have some extras for those who didn't get an order in, please stop by to take a look. Thank you to everyone who helped to support this Scouting project.

### Also from the Scouts...

The Boy Scout annual Christmas Tree Lot will open on November 29<sup>th</sup> and continue through December 21<sup>st</sup>. It again will be located in the Cub Foods parking lot on South Robert Street. Hours are weekdays 4 pm-8 pm and weekends 9 am-9 pm.

### COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS



Community of Saints met their combined goal of \$20k between Give to the Max Day and our school Marathon. The funds that we raised will go directly to student support in flexible seating and STEM resources. Thank you to all in the school and greater community for your support. Without you, this goal would not have been possible!

Community of Saints is a proud partner with the University of Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). Over the past two years, our school has been selected to collaborate with Notre Dame through three different initiatives and grants: Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows, Higher Powered Learning Program, and the Latino Enrollment Institute. Our school feels blessed with these opportunities to deepen the support of our mission: provide academic excellence and a sense of belonging in our Catholic school community.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

#### SAINT MICHAEL ADORATION CHAPEL

COME TO ME... IN PERPTUAL ADORATION

#### ELEVEN Open Hours WHO HAS ONE HOUR TO GIVE TO THE LORD?

Sunday 11:00 a.m.      Sunday 11:00 p.m.  
Monday 7:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 3:00 a.m.      10:00 a.m.      Tuesday 11:00 a.m.      Tuesday 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday 2:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 am      Friday 9:00 am      Friday 11:00 a.m.

**Each Saturday morning at 8:00 am the Chapel is cleaned**, can you spare a little time on Saturday to help clean the Chapel? It takes very little time, and the reward is great. Currently there are only a couple ladies cleaning every week, please consider, joining them or alternating with them. Call Shirley for details about the cleaning schedule or see the cleaning schedule in the Chapel vestibule.

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.