

## ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITY

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING



We will begin decorating the church for the Christmas feast immediately after the 10:15 am Mass on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please mark your calendars. We ask anyone who is available to help, to join us in this endeavor. **Confirmation Candidates:** This will be a perfect time to work on your Confirmation projects.

### SHOPPING WITH SCRIP

It isn't too early to start your Christmas shopping! Begin by stopping by the \$crip Table and purchasing gift cards for those on your gift giving list. Tim Nowak has a wide assortment of cards in stock and what he doesn't have he can order and deliver to you in a few days' time. Tim has everything you can want from gas and groceries to restaurants, clothing and sports stores. When you buy \$scrip you are supporting our parish.

Remember, the shopping season is shorter this year, let's get shopping with \$scrip!



### GIVE THANKS AND SAVE THE PLANET

"The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes." - Pope Francis (Encyclical Letter 2015)

Pope John Paul II addressed this issue in 1990 and many other voices have warned of the consequences we can expect from the lifestyle we've adopted. At this time of thanksgiving, please consider your options and take responsible action as a way of giving thanks for the gifts our planet provides.

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." - Robert Swan

### 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.

### 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.

### COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

**Save the Date!** Our annual Night of Community will take place on Saturday, February 1st from 6-9 pm in the St. Matthew Church social hall. More details to come very soon, and we hope to see you there! Interested in helping plan our benefit? Or help complete preparation tasks? Contact Bridget

### 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.

Monday 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday 3:00 a.m.      10:00 a.m.      Tuesday 11:00 a.m.      Tuesday 1:00 p.m.      Tuesday 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.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.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS November 17 & 24, 2019

### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 66

Hours in service 91

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|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Parish                 |                 | School           | \$ 310        |
| Envelopes/Cash         | \$18,908        | Missions         | 10            |
| Electronic Giving      | \$ 1,398        | <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$ 320</b> |
| Vigil Lights           | \$ 55           | <b>Thank You</b> |               |
| Coffee Sunday          | \$ 16           |                  |               |
| Memorials              | \$ 100          |                  |               |
| Funeral                | \$ 550          |                  |               |
| Masses                 | \$ 100          |                  |               |
| Men's Club Meat Raffle | \$ 1,140        |                  |               |
| All Souls Day          | \$ 70           |                  |               |
| Flowers                | \$ 25           |                  |               |
| Fuel                   | \$ 360          |                  |               |
| Men's Club Raffle      | \$ 640          |                  |               |
| Fix It Dinner          | \$ 200          |                  |               |
| Refund Pull Tabs       | \$ 52           |                  |               |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$23,614</b> |                  |               |
| <b>Thank You</b>       |                 |                  |               |

### BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. STEVE

Father Steve will present a Gospel Bible Study, the first of which is will be about the Gospel of Matthew. Three Saturday mornings, with some drink and a bit of food for the body; and lots of food for the mind and soul. Saturday mornings from 9:15 to 11:00 am. Dates are Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21. Presentations will be in the Parish Center, lower level. (parking is possible on the playground)

Pre-registration is not necessary, but it would be very helpful. Please call the office. 651.224.9793

### PERSONALIZED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

We will have the Saint Matthew's ornaments available for purchase at weekend Masses on December 7 & 8, 21 & 22. And at the Holiday Boutique. Have an ornament personalized in memory of a loved one, to celebrate birth of a new baby, for a newlywed couple, or a special anniversary...any number of occasions. Stop by and see us!!