

Church of Saint Matthew – December 8, 2019

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Thanks to everyone who came and prayed together in witness to the "thanks" that we have. There were about 60 people who were present. [Terrible weather....!]
The collection for the food shelf at Neighborhood House was \$377. Rev. Steven Larson, the chaplain at Cerenity asked them for a further contribution. Cerenity has pledged \$500. Therefore the giving to the food shelf is \$877.

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 \$crip you are supporting our parish.
Remember, the shopping season is shorter this year, let's get shopping with \$crip!



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



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 PERPETUAL ADORATION

TWELVE 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.

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!!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS

Would you like to make a donation to the Christmas flower fund in memory of loved one? Or perhaps to honor someone? Forms were included in last week's bulletin; complete the form, return it with your contribution either in the collection basket or by mail to the parish office. We will publish names in the January bulletin. Additional forms are on the table by the Saint Matthew statue. Thank you for helping to make the church beautiful for Christmas.



BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

The Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot Fundraiser is open for business now through December 21st. Located in the Cub Foods parking lot on South Robert Street. There are beautiful fresh trees in many varieties, wreaths, garlands, spruces tips and tree stands for all your Christmas decorating needs. Come see the Boys Scouts and their Leaders, they will help you choose a perfect Christmas tree!
Hours are Weekdays 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Weekends 9:00 am to 8:00 pm