

Church of Saint Matthew – February 16, 2019

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, SEMESTER TWO

Father Steve will discuss the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus as recorded in Matthew's gospel. The presentations will be on **three Saturday mornings--March 14, 21, and 28, each from 9:15 to 11:00am**. The sessions will be in the lower level of the parish center. It is not too early to register: please call the parish center to reserve a spot. Donations accepted.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

If you would like the Sanctuary lights lit in memory of your loved one we are going to begin doing this next week. There is one light over the Tabernacle in the church as well as one in the Chapel. You may choose either; they burn for one week. The donation is \$10, the name for the week and which location will be published in the bulletin weekly. It is a lovely visual remembrance. If you are interested in doing this, call Linda Rivera at the parish office Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

To receive your 2019 stewardship statement, please call the parish office and leave your name and address. Your 2019 statement will be mailed to you.

The office staff/volunteers will mail statements once a week to those who request a statement.

SAINT MATTHEW'S FABULOUS LENTEN FISH FRY – FEBRUARY 28 TO APRIL 10, 2020



We begin Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, February 28th and end on Good Friday, February 10th. You can choose baked or fried fish included is a baked potato, cole slaw, veggie, roll, milk or coffee. A non-fish option will be grilled cheese sandwich or spaghetti. Beer and wine is on sale at the bar. Drive up service is available on Hall Ave. by going to: <http://www.st-matts.org> and following the directions to place an order. Hours 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Adults \$12, Seniors \$11, Children 6-12 \$6, Children 5 & under free.

HAM BINGO



Come with family and friends for a fun evening of "Ham Bingo" at St. Matthew's. **Saturday, March 27, 2020 5:00 – 8:00 pm** in the Social Hall. You will have many opportunities to win cash prizes and hams for your Easter dinner. There will be food, wine, beer and soda on sale for to further your evening's enjoyment.

We welcome everyone to come have a great evening at the Church of Saint Matthew.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS MADE EASY!

Thanks to all those who donate through the process of EFT [electronic funds transfer] whereby the money is transferred from your bank account to the Church's bank account at BankCherokee. You can donate weekly, once a month, or twice a month. Please call John Riehle at the parish office with your questions.



You can also donate by using the PayPal QR code (the square symbol) that is on the parish website. Simply scan it with your phone and make your donation. One person does that weekly. For your convenience, the code is shown here! Try it, please.

Thank you for your financial support of St. Matt's. This is one way of helping us as a parish be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

Are you or a member of your family unable to attend a weekend Mass? We have ministers who will bring Communion to the home. They receive a pyx with a host, at the end of the Saturday & Sunday Masses. They are then sent out with the blessing of the parish community. They will visit the home of a person who is no longer able to attend Mass and they will read the gospel for that weekend. They will share a sentence or two from the homily, pray the Lord's Prayer together and then give the host to the person they are visiting. This allows the parishioner to still feel a connection to the parish community. We have 2 more volunteer ministers. If you would like someone to bring this ministry into your home or know someone who would like this opportunity, please call the Parish Center.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SAINT MICHAEL ADORATION CHAPEL

EIGHT Open Hours

COME TO ME... IN PERPTUAL ADORATION

WE ALL NEED A BIT OF TIME TO REFLECT, PRAY, THINK – WHO BETTER TO JOIN YOU THEN JESUS!

Monday 7:00 a.m. Monday 10:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 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.

COS NEWS



Our annual Night of Community with the theme of Roaring Twenties was a huge success! We project we had close to 150 people attend. Our guests had a great time, and we will share the outcome of our fundraiser once we finalize numbers.

During Catholic Schools Week, Amari Muhammad in fifth grade was our COS finalist for the National Geographic geography bee. Amari will submit an online geography assessment that could potentially make him eligible to participate in the state bee! Adriana Silva in eight grade was our runner up. Way to go to all those who participated - they did a fantastic job!

SYNOD PARTICIPATION

Pray each day for the success of the Synod *Attend* one of the Listening Sessions.

Complete the Disciplemaker Index Survey. [This will give the Archbishop a snapshot of the spirituality of the archdiocese. [It is anonymous; your e-mail address will not be captured.] This survey is available during the month of February.

<http://www.disciplemakerindex.com> There are paper versions of the survey at the Icon table.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION - CLOSE TO ST. MATTS

The last one this that is close by is March 7th at Transfiguration. The session is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Archbishop Hebda will be in attendance.

Plan to attend this session and let your voice be heard...what is going well and what could be improved. Remember that the prayer we are using each week at the end of the General Intercession's is a prayer written for this Synod. All these preparations will occur in the next 18 months. The Synod itself will be Pentecost weekend, in May, 2021.

US CENSUS VOLUNTEERS

The 2020 Census Operations is recruiting for Census jobs, the bulk of which is for census takers. The pay rate for Ramsey County is \$22.00; Mileage is \$.58/mile. Please contact Gregory.L.Huppert@2020census.gov. [651-470-7609]. Census takers are needed especially on the West Side and beyond. You may apply online at: 2020census.gov/jobs.