

Church of Saint Matthew – March 1, 2020

SCHOOL BUILDING

The board of directors of the charter school who has been investigating our property has decided not to make the move. As you can see from the comments of the director, the main reason for not moving is the anticipation of losing many students, even though they would receive bussing. This is from the Tuesday e-mail from our realtor to me:

She shared the following, "The Board felt the move would be too disruptive to the families we currently serve. Even though we would still offer bussing, they felt we could potentially lose more students than gain. The facilities needed some cosmetic work which the Board felt was not a big concern. Some paint, cleaning, that kind of thing. They had initially felt that the parish would probably accommodate those needs. They really liked the big classrooms and all the windows, the number of restrooms was also a bonus. The gym was a good size and they liked how close the library is to the school. In the end, it was really a tough debate about keeping our students versus not."

Please keep praying for a favorable resolution for leasing our school building.

Thank you.
John Riehle

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Community Brunch and Confirmation Blessing: Join us for Mass on Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 am to see our Confirmation candidates blessed. Then please come to the Social Hall after the service for brunch. Confirmation families will be at Mass and then also come to the brunch and have a meeting during the meal. The meal is free of charge but free-will offerings are accepted. Our 15 Confirmation candidates from the Faith Formation program and Community of Saints Catholic school will be confirmed at a 2:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on March 22. Please pray for these students.

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.

HAM BINGO



Come with family and friends for a fun evening of "Ham Bingo" at St. Matthew's. **Saturday, March 28, 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.

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



Night of Community results have been configured, and the benefit brought in \$12,400! All proceeds will go directly to our Student Experience Fund. A huge thank you to all who helped make this happen. Many people worked with us to keep the costs of our event to a minimum, yet still allow us to throw a great time! Also, a special thank you to St. Matthew Church and St. Matthew Men's Club for allowing us to use your venue, and for donating soda, beer and your hard work at the event! We hope everyone who added had a "roaring" good time (get it, the theme was "Roaring Twenties"?).

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.

LENTEN ENCHILADA DINNER

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - All welcome! Please join us for an authentic Mexican Enchilada Lenten dinner on Friday's, February 28th through April 3rd (not serving Good Friday) from 11:30am – 6:30pm. Enjoy time with family and friends (eat in) or order as "take-out". Large plate \$10.00, small plate \$8.00. Enchiladas also sold "to-go" (by the dozen for \$20.00). Come and taste the "Mexican Experience"! Credit cards now accepted.

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OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

March 3, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men discerning the priesthood, ages 16 – 50, to dinner and conversation with vocations testimonials on priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a pastor, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Register online at www.10000vocations.org before March 2.

Questions? Email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

MIRIAM DINNER

March 10, 6-8 p.m., Holy Cross, Minneapolis

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us for a Miriam Dinner. Come for an evening of prayer and dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. It is typical for guests to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth / campus minister.

RSVP before March 6 at 10000vocations.org. Questions? Email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

March 10, 7-9 p.m., Benedictine Center, St. Paul's Monastery, Maplewood

Caregivers will have a chance to share stories, feelings, frustrations and joys in a supportive, non-judgmental setting. Each session will be a form of group spiritual direction with check-ins, introductions and discussions around the disease of dementia. RSVPs to Steve at sarnold@benedictinecenter.org or 651-777-7251.

ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights

Embrace the Challenge is the theme for the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference. This is a great opportunity for men of Faith to come together for good fraternity, good food and to grow in faith! This year's keynote speaker is priest, scholar, author and son of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, Fr. Paul Scalia.