

Church of Saint Matthew – December 12, 2021

Prayers For Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of our prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Shelly McMonigal, Gwen Powell, Grant Littler, Patrick Owens, Pam Perkovich, Sol David, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison and Jerry Jenniges**

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one.

Thank You Neighbor

Next weekend, December 18th & 19th is Saint Matthew's regular monthly collection for the food shelf at Neighborhood House.



Please remember children will be out on school break shortly, the food shelf will see an increased use at this time. And Christmas always sees higher than normal use. Please be as generous as you are able.

If you are not attending Mass in person and want to make a monetary donation you can send your contribution to: Food Shelf 179 E. Robie St. St. Paul MN 55107. You can mention you are a parishioner of St. Matt's if you wish.

Thank you for feeding our friends and neighbors.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Class, then a break: Students in grades K to 10 have Faith Formation class on December 15 in the Parish Center. Grades K to 5 start at 6:30, Grades 6 and 7 at 6:40, and Grades 8 to 10 at 6:45 PM. Community of Saints 8th graders planning to be confirmed with the Church of St Matthew will join us for class on December 15. There is NO Faith Formation class on December 22, 29 and January 5.

Cathedral Festival of Lights

December 15-19, Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

Advent and Christmas Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 18, 7-8:30 p.m., Holy Cross Catholic Church, Minneapolis

Get into the spirit of the Christmas (and late Advent) Season by partaking in this time-honored tradition that tells the narrative of Salvation History with scripture, beloved carols, and choral selections sung by the choirs of Holy Cross. Though the tradition of Lessons and Carols has its origin in England, this particular version of Lessons and Carols will also incorporate the rich Polish heritage of Holy Cross Catholic Church. Admission is free, and the event is family friendly. Visit ourholycross.org for more info.

New Members Welcome!

All Are Welcome Here - Please Come Join Us At The Church of Saint Matthew

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@st-matts.org to register as a member of our parish family. We will be happy to get you

Blessing Bags

We are a giving parish and we proved it again this past week. Pictured to the right is Isaac Garcia with one of the two jammed full boxes of wonderful, needed donations from our parishioners.

Isaac and his family will take these donations to the homeless and those in need.

Thank you to everyone who helped Isaac on his mission to care for others. It is especially meaningful at this time of year to give a bit more, to be a bit kinder. God's blessing to all!



Christmas Flower Fund

Please send in your Christmas Flower Fund Envelope. All registered parishioners were mailed Advent Mailing a couple of weeks ago containing an Advent daily prayer book, letter from the parish a Christmas Offering Envelope and a Christmas Flower Fund Envelope. If you did not receive a packet you can find these items on the tables at the church entrances.



Make a Flower Fund contributions in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special in your life.

Contributions are used for plants and other decorations that beautifully decorate Saint Matthew Church for Advent and Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.