

Church of Saint Matthew – December 5, 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, **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.

Christmas at the Monastery

December 6-11, virtual event

Our 14th annual Christmas at the Monastery is an online virtual gala this year. Join us for a social hour with the Sisters, an online auction and marketplace, and a raffle! Visit stpaulmonastery.org/christmas2021 to participate!

Catholic Charities Warming House

December 10-11, Mall of America North Parking Lot, Bloomington

The Catholic Charities Warming House is a free, outdoor, holiday event bringing together the entire Twin Cities community for a fun, festive holiday experience. Enjoy food trucks, hot drinks, winter crafts and activities, holiday displays, speed volunteering and more, all while learning about Catholic Charities and the men, women, children and families we serve. The event also includes our annual Giving Tree tradition so bring your new, unused and unwrapped items for your neighbors!

Visit cctwincities.org for more details.

Cathedral Festival of Lights



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

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

Cretin-Derham Hall sophomore Isaac Garcia spoke to our parish recently about his newly created non-profit "Blessing Bag"

This young man began "Blessing Bags as small child and student at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Why? Because he was so concerned for the homeless people he saw each day. They were cold, they didn't have hats, scarves, warm mittens or basic necessities such as tooth brushes and tooth paste.

This small incredible child wanted to help give these things to the homeless...and Blessing Bag was born. Through collections at Community of Saints, Saint Matthews and other organizations, Isaac's little collections is now a non-profit ! Amazing!!

Let us continue to help his organization grow and care for others, especially in the holiday season, in the cold winter months.

We have two boxes at the rear of the church, let's fill them to the tops!!

View the new Icon, representing the Archdiocese's relationship with Archdiocese of Damascus, Syria on pilgrimage at local parishes and institutions

Now- January 20, various locations

A new Icon of the Conversion of St. Paul was commissioned to represent this patronal feast of the Archdiocese and witness to our partnership with the Church in Damascus. It is meant to inspire prayer and meditation. The Icon is beginning a six-month pilgrimage around the Archdiocese stopping in Catholic parishes and institutions. To view the schedule, visit archspm.org/icon-tour

Christmas Flower Fund

Last week you were mailed a specially marked envelope for the Christmas Flower Fund. Please use this envelope to make a contribution in memory of a loved one. Or to honor someone special in your life.

Your contributions will be used to decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.