

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

2024 Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Mondays during Lent – 7:00 pm
Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm

Saint Matthew's Fabulous Fish Fry

ALL Fridays during Lent
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 17 – 2:00 pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23 – 4:15 pm
Sunday, March 24 – 10:15 am



Holy Thursday – March 28

Celebration of the Supper of the Lord – 7:00 pm
Altar of Repose – 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Good Friday – March 29

Stations of the Cross – Noon
Good Friday Service – 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday – March 30

7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – March 31

10:15 am

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Please consider taking one for your family to participate in this Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Your donation made through CRS Rice Bowl help provide lifesaving support globally and in our own community. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Liturgical Ministers

The schedule for Holy Week is listed in this insert under 2024 Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule.

The Passion will be read on Palm Sunday, March 23, 24 and Good Friday, March 29. We will need more lectors taking part at those times. This schedule is more time consuming than any other schedule during the year. We will begin the preparation very soon. Please let Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) know your availability during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



St. Matthew Crafting Group

On February 15, the organizing meeting for the Craft Group was attended by several interested parishioners. The company and conversation were very interesting. It was agreed that we will gather **weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.**

This group is to remain very informal; so come when you can. So far, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, and quilting are represented. A strong knitter who is willing to share/teach would be a great addition. This is going to be fun!

Ginny Roethler



Thank You, COF!

Many thanks to the Catholic Order of Foresters for their generous support of our November Giving Thanks Fundraiser! They recently contributed a \$1,500 matching grant. In addition, officers of COF contributed an additional \$217.

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Black Catholic History - Sister Thea Bowman

Did you know that a little Methodist girl born, Bertha Bowman, in Yazoo City, MS, grew up to be a renowned Roman Catholic nun, teacher and scholar?



Sr. Thea Bowman became Catholic when she was nine years old. She later went to college and then became the first African American to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in WI. After 16 years of teaching at the elementary, secondary and college levels, Sr. Thea Bowman was invited to be a special consultant for the Catholic Church. She gave presentations around the country aimed at bridging racial and cultural divisions. She combined her gifts of singing and gospel preaching, with prayers and storytelling. Sr. Thea Bowman was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1984. Yet, she continued her fight against the evils that drive people apart, from her wheel chair, until her death at age 53 in 1990. Sr. Thea Bowman said she prayed “to live until I die – to live fully.” And that she did.

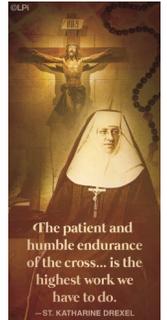
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Black Catholic History - Saint Katherine Drexel

Did you know that a canonized saint who described herself as “The mother and servant of the Indian and Negro races” helped finance the first Black Catholic College in the United States?



In 1858, St. Katherine Drexel was born into great wealth in Philadelphia, PA. St. Katherine’s parents taught her their money was meant to be shared with others. St. Katherine took this to the heart throughout her long life, especially in service to suffering Native and African Americans. She gave more than 21 million dollars of her own money to help found dozens of churches, schools, and hospitals across the United States. Besides founding her own religious congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Katherine also established Xavier University in New Orleans, LA. It’s the only Catholic African American College in the country. St. Katherine Drexel died in 1955 and became a saint in the year 2000.

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Contribution Statements

If you would like an annual contribution statement for 2023, call the parish office or email Angela. We send these statements out upon request. (According to the IRS, it is the donor’s responsibility to ask for such statements.)

These annual contribution statements differ from the contribution acknowledgments we routinely send out for any single contribution over \$250.00. These can happen at any point in the year.

Regardless of how or when you contribute, thank you! We could not sustain our service to our community without your generous support.

Community Conversation March 12

Mark your calendars for our next West Side Community Conversation on Tuesday, March 12. We will meet at Riverview Spanish/English Immersion School, 160 Isabel Street East, St. Paul.

Like the earlier conversations, we’ll start with a meal at 5:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 6:30 PM. On March 12, we’ll hear stories about Riverview, make connections among neighbors, and discover opportunities for West Side partnerships.

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Early Learning Event - February 25

I believe in early learning. I say that as a parent, retired educator, and citizen.

I'm also aware that early learning is not only critically important, it can be very expensive.

That's why I'm going to attend a Feb. 25 campaign kickoff for something called, "Vote Yes for St. Paul Families." I want to learn more about a proposed ballot measure.

Our Ward 2 Council Member Rebecca Noecker invited me to this event, and she asked me to inform members of St. Matt's about it. According to her, "Vote Yes is working to pass a ballot measure that will establish a dedicated fund for early learning and care with a municipal property tax levy."

If you'd like to learn more, you're also invited. The event is on **Sunday, February 25, from 2:30-4:00 p.m.** in the Rondo Library Multipurpose Room (to the right of the main entrance). Rondo Library is at 461 Dale Street North.

The event is open to all and it's designed to be family-friendly, with kid-centered foods and art activities. Families are welcome.

I'll share information about the proposal after I learn more.

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Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

Rebuilding Catholic Community

The Center for Catholic Social Thought is presenting a Spring 2024 Speaker Series at the Church of the Assumption titled *Rebuilding Catholic Community*.

The two remaining dates and topics are:

- **Thursday, February 29, 7:00 PM:** "Community and Parish Life" with Bishop Joseph William.
- **Thursday, March 7, 7:00 PM:** "How To Build Thick Community" with Leah Libresco, author of *Building the Benedict Option*.

Visit www.catholicsocialthought.org to register and learn more.

Meeting God in His Love: Lenten Morning Retreat

The Presentation of Mary Catholic Council of Women invites women and men of all ages to "meet God in His love" this Lent on **March 2nd (8 am-12 pm) at Presentation of Mary Catholic Church** (1725 Kennard St, Maplewood MN).

This inspiring morning retreat will be led by international concert pianist, TV/recording artist and keynote speaker Donna Stoering and will include Mass, a small breakfast, two talks on the themes of "Surrender & Service," Reconciliation, Adoration with meditative prayer music, a rosary, and Benediction.

Free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information and to RSVP, contact the parish office at mail@presentationofmary.org or (651)777-8116.

Election Day March 5, 2024

Once again, St. Matthew Parish Center is a polling site on Tuesday, March 5. Please keep this in mind when coming to the Parish Center as parking may be limited.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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