

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

April 21, 2024
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CONFIRMATION



Archbishop Bernard Hebda at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on April 14 with 26 newly confirmed students from the Church of Saint Matthew. The students include 17 who attend the Saint Matthew Faith Formation program, and 9 who attend Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Congratulations, families!

St. Matthew Youth Group

The next Youth Group meeting is **Sunday, April 28** after the **10:15 AM Mass** until **1:00 PM** in the **Social Hall**.

Please join us for lunch, community building and more! All youth are welcome. Younger children (under 10) should be accompanied by an adult. Older children can attend on their own.



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St. Matthew's Parish Council Are You Called to Serve?

In June, four of ten Parish Council seats will become available. We are asking members of our faith community to consider whether they are being called to help lead our parish community.

The Parish Council is made up of individuals who combine their diverse gifts, experiences, knowledge, and perspectives to form a team that supports our entire community and advances the mission of St. Matthew.

What is the role of the Parish Council at the Church of St. Matthew?

The Parish Council represents the voice of the parish community. The Council is responsible for understanding the needs, ideas, hopes, life, and activity of the parish community so it can effectively carry out the mission of the parish. As a lay-led community, the Parish Council at St. Matthew plays an active role along with the Trustees, the Finance Committee, and the Parish Administrator in leading the parish.

Over the next year, one of the Parish Council's top priorities will be to act on recommendations from the Task Force exploring the following areas of our parish life.

- **St. Matt's Leadership - Priorities and Concerns:** What will spiritual leadership look like at St. Matt's and how can we, as a parish, be active in providing input to the Archdiocese around this issue? How do we continue to model lay leadership in the Archdiocese?
- **St. Matt's Culture:** How will we continue to build on our commitment to welcome all?
- **Community Building and Outreach:** How will we expand events, activities, and programs as we continue to be "A visible expression of God's love" on the West Side of St. Paul

For More Information

If you would like to learn more about what's involved, please reach out to a Council member, or send questions to the Council at parishcouncil@st-matts.org. You are also welcome to attend a Council meeting which are open to the public.

Here's the schedule for the next two meetings:

**April 25 at 6:30 pm
Parish Center, Lower Level**

**May 23 at 6:30 pm
Parish Center, Lower Level**

Meeting agendas are available in the Sunday bulletin insert the weekend before each meeting, or you can go to the web page <https://st-matts.org/parish-pastoral-council/>.

Parish Council FAQs

How many people are on the Parish Council?

Up to nine Council members plus the Trustee and Parish Administrator. We currently have seven Council members.

How long is a Parish Council term?

It is a three-year commitment.

How often does the Parish Council meet?

The whole Council meets once per month, but only 11 times per year because we combine the meetings for November and December.

When does the Parish Council meet?

The Council currently meets from 6:30-8:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of every month, although each Council has the discretion to change meeting times and dates.

Where does the council meet?

In-person meetings are held at St. Matthew's Parish Center. The Council has the discretion to meet virtually to minimize travel during winter or for other reasons.

How can I learn more?

All Council meetings are open to the public, so a good way to learn more is to attend an upcoming meeting.

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Our next in-person meeting is on **April 25**. Another option is to talk to one of our current Council members, who could answer your questions. You could also send an email with questions or to express your interest to the Parish Council at **parishcouncil@st-matts.org**.

What should I do if I want to join?

People who are considering joining are asked to attend a meeting to learn more about what the Council does and how it operates. After reflection, if they would like to join, they should inform the Council by the meeting on May 20.

Is there any training for this role? Yes! Two or more current Council members have a training session with new members. Also, experienced members (those with a year left in their term) help and mentor the new members.

How are people chosen? Four seats will become available in June. If four people want to join, they will take the vacant seats and join the Council at the June meeting. If more people are interested than there are Council positions available, names are drawn from a hat on Pentecost. Because St. Matthew's is led by and heavily dependent on lay members, there are many opportunities for people to be active and play an important role in parish life.

St. Matthew Parish Council - Jerald Dosch, Kathy Goldenstein, Maggie Lee, Anthony Minus, Tara Perron, Ellen Schneider, Katie Shetka



Earth Day
EVERY DAY



Funeral Mass for **Andrew McFarland** was held at St. Matthew on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Funeral Mass for **Jeffrey Richardson** was held at St. Matthew on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Please remember Andrew. Jeffrey and their families in your prayers.

How to Support St. Matt's

- Pray
- Volunteer
- Contribute as you are able: through collections, EFTs, stocks, PayPal, Donorbox, and/or bequests.

When it comes to financial support, envelopes are the easiest way for many people. Others put cash in the basket. Some supporters use PayPal or Donorbox.

Yet others choose Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs), which allow the direct transfer of funds from their bank to our account at BankCherokee.

EFTs have several advantages. They provide steady support for the parish and convenience for givers. Another is that the fees are less than PayPal and Donorbox, so donor dollars go further. Finally, you can designate the transfers to go to our general parish operational account; and/or to our Capital Needs Fund; and/or to support Community of Saints Regional Catholic School.

If interested in setting up an EFT, let me know. I take your bank information in person or over the phone, then tailor the amount, timing, and account designations as you wish. I can adjust your preferences at any time, though the bank may take a couple of weeks for the change to go into effect.

Regardless of how you support St. Matt's, thank you!

Phil Grant

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Liturgical Ministry Schedule

The next ministry schedule will begin the weekend of May 25 and 26 and run through Labor Day, September 2. Memorial Day, May 27 and the Fourth of July will be included in this schedule. Also included will be the annual **Mass in the Park**. This will take place at Cherokee Park, the afternoon of Saturday, August 10. Mass will begin at 4:30 PM.

We will be writing the new schedule in a few weeks. Please check your calendars and let us know which weeks you will not be available as well as if there is a specific weekend that you would like to be scheduled. We will try to accommodate. Please email Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) before Wednesday, May 8 to let us know your availability.

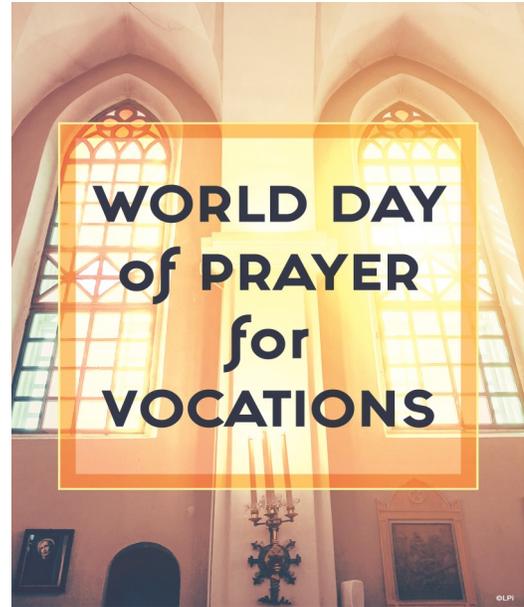
Thank you for your service to St. Matthew's Ministry!

Gifted and Belonging

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is having their next meeting on **April 28, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. This month's theme is *Celebrate the Resurrection*. GAB welcomes all young adults to share a time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. Contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com for more information.

Open Window Theater

Open Window Theatre presents a new production, **The Lilies of the Field**. According to their email: "*Lilies of the Field*, a literary and cinematic classic, tells the story of an itinerant African American worker (circa 1950's) who encounters a small group of East German nuns in a parched valley of the American Southwest. What results is an inspiring and heartwarming story of faith, perseverance, improbable miracles, and unlikely friendships. Tickets & more info are available at openwindowtheatre.org or over the phone: **612-615-1515**.



Music at St. Matthew

Interested in music ministry? Please ask Cristina Czaia for details on how you can join. Send an email to cczaia@st-matts.org.

Prayer Requests

Due to a long list of names on our prayer list, the names are divided into groups and rotated weekly for Prayers of the Faithful. Email Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) or call the parish office (**651-224-9793**) with changes to keep our list up to date.

When requesting to add a loved one's name to our bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful, we kindly ask you obtain the individual's permission. Thank you!

Our parish has several ways in which we can pray for others:

1. We include names of those who need our prayers in our bulletin.
2. We include names of those who need our prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.
3. You can include names in the Book of Intentions, found in the back of the church.