

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 meeting:

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 **May 23**. 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

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.

Congratulations!

Tony and Tom Wilfahrt, parishioners and graduates of St. Matthew School, recently received awards at the Catholic Athletic Association Banquet for their 45+ years of officiating at sporting events for Catholic schools. Congratulations, Tony and Tom!

How to Support St. Matt's: Appreciated Securities

This is a follow up to last week's insert on the topic of supporting St. Matt's. That's because I attended the April meeting of the Association of Parish Business Administrators (APBA). There, representatives from the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF) spoke about the ways CCF can help those interested in supporting Catholic parishes and schools.

If you would like to donate appreciated securities (stocks, mutual fund shares, bonds, or ETFs) to St. Matt's, please let me know. We work with CCF to receive such gifts.

If appreciated securities are in your estate plan, it's important to **inform your beneficiaries**. If St. Matt's is in your estate plan, please let me know.

Thank you very much!

Phil Grant

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!



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Nancy Maloney passed away on April 24, 2024 at the age of 90.

Funeral Mass will be held at the Church of St. Matthew on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

Please remember Nancy and her family in your prayers.

76th Annual Family Rosary Procession

Sunday, May 5, 1:30 p.m.

Minnesota State Capitol to
Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

Come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession as a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. Bishop Williams will join at the Capitol and in the Cathedral. Line up begins at 1:30 p.m. on the State Capitol grounds and the procession will begin at 2 p.m. Go to minnesotarosaryprocessions.org for more information.



Archdiocesan Marriage Day

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

Please join in celebrating the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Bishop Michael Izen will be celebrating this Mass. Those celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries in 2024 will be honored in a special way. Families and friends are invited to share in this special Mass and short reception. Learn more at archspm.org/archdiocesan-marriage-day.

Friends of Our Lady Luncheon Annual Fundraising Wednesday, May 29, 2024 Noon to 1:00 PM

Check-in Begins at 11:30 AM

Special Guest Musician: Fr. Michael Joncas,
Theologian and Composer "On Eagle's Wings"

University of Saint Thomas - Woulfe Alumni Hall
Anderson Student Center
2115 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Our Lady of Peace Hospice and Home Health Care is hosting its annual fundraising event. There is no cost to attend, but donations are encouraged. Guests will be invited to consider donating to support the mission of providing free end-of-life care to patients and their families. For questions or to register over the phone, please contact: **Meg Pospisil** at 651-789-6822 or email megp@ourladyofpeacemn.org. Register or donate by May 8.

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.