

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

April 7, 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter

## Community Dinner

April 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM  
(following 4:15 PM Mass)

Church of Saint Matthew Social Hall

Father Steve's birthday is April 15. He won't be able to join us this year for a birthday party so we're going to take the party to him on his day. I bet you are wondering how we are going to do it and how you can participate.

Join us for a spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening, April 13, in the Social Hall. There will be **no charge** for the event. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Tom Kegler and John Del Vecchio will be preparing an Italian meal of salad, spaghetti, bread, and brownies. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the food.

During the dinner, Alan Christiansen will be making a video. You'll have a chance to record a greeting to Father Steve which will be delivered to him on his birthday. We'll set up a special area where you can send your message via video or bring a card if you wish and we'll see that it gets to him.

If you can't make it to the dinner, you have another opportunity to record a message. It's Coffee Sunday, the very next day on April 14. We will set up a special area where you can record a message. Even though he can't be with us, he will enjoy knowing that we are thinking of him on his birthday.



## Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **April 14 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



## Rosary Society April Meeting

The Rosary Society's annual **Funeral Lunch Volunteer and Member Appreciation dinner** will occur at its Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will begin with the meal at 6:00 pm, in the Lower Level of the Parish Center. All funeral lunch volunteers and Rosary Society members are invited. Please call the Parish Office at **651-224-9793** by Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, to let us know you're coming.

## Saint Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women

On **Thursday, April 11, 2024**, the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting of the Saint Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at Church of St. Peter, North St. Paul beginning with registration at 4:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 5 p.m., dinner, and short business meeting. The program will be Sister Lucia, speaking about her book Life in a Monastery. Cost for the day is \$18.00. RSVP by **Monday, April 8** by calling **651-261-2534**. **ALL women** of the parish are invited to attend this program. You are invited to bring a friend and get a special deal. The cost is \$18 for you and \$9 for your friend, for a total of \$27.00. Let us know if you're bringing a friend when you call in your reservation.

## St. Matthew's Choir

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

## Quantum STEAM Academy Sunday, April 14

Crescence Nabil, the lead teacher at Quantum STEAM Academy will be at St. Matthew on Sunday, April 14 to give a short presentation about the school. Quantum STEAM Academy has been leasing the former St. Matthew school building since 2020. It is a charter school that welcomes all faiths and cultures.

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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

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Parish Council



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### Thank You

Hello, everyone. I am Isabella Minus, the Girl Scout who was selling cookies at the Fish Fries this Lent. Thank you to everyone who supported me by buying cookies and giving me donations! I really appreciate your help to reach my goal this year. Thank you!

*-Isabella Minus*

### 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](mailto: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.



### Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

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