

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

June 2 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Reflection from Father Steve

June 5th, Wednesday, is the feast of Saint Boniface, Patron of Germany and German speaking people.

In the mid 19th century, German farmers settled south of the Mississippi River in the area known today as the West Side and West Saint Paul.

The Church of the Assumption, established in 1856, was the German National parish for immigrant German settlers. West Side and West Saint Paul German Catholic families would cross the River, in boat or on sled during the winter, to attend Mass.

By 1886, German farmers on this side of the River sought their own Church. The West Side Lutheran and Catholic parishes — Holy Trinity Lutheran and Saint Matthew Catholic Church — were established.

Saint Matthew's is a "daughter" of the Assumption. The Assumption has four other "daughters" — Saint Agnes, Saint Francis De Sales, Saint Bernard and Guardian Angels — all German National parishes spun off from the "mother" parish — Assumption.

Father John Malone, former pastor of the Church of the Assumption, used to invite the pastor of one of the "daughter" parishes to preach the Assumption noon Mass on the Feast of Saint Boniface. He regarded the Feast of Boniface as "Mother's Day", and thus the opportunity for good "daughters" to recognize "mother". I recall preaching on June 5th and on occasion Saint Matthew's sent a bouquet of flowers, as any good "daughter" would do on "Mother's Day."

This Wednesday take the time of remember that communities of faith are called to replicate, and thus spread centers of worship and mercy. Evangelization is at the center of a parish mission.

Father Steve Adrian



Anointing of the Sick

St. Matthew will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick during Mass the weekend of June 1 and 2. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul are welcome to come forward and take part.

We ask that you write your name on a name tag, so the presider can say your name as you receive the sacrament.

Due to the fact that these Masses will draw a number of vulnerable individuals, we ask that all members of the community wear a mask to those services. Masks will be provided at the doors.



Save the Date - Strawberry Cleaning

We have again been asked to clean strawberries for the Minnesota State Fair! We will begin at **8:00 AM, Wednesday, August 21**. Our last day to clean will be **Sunday, September 1**.

Cleaning usually takes two to three hours, depending on weather and fair attendance. So mark your calendars for the "Great St. Matthew's Get-Together"!



St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) at the parish office.



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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.



Free Bus Ride

Metro Transit bus #62, which runs on the north side of the St. Matthew campus, is a free bus from now until December 2024.

From the bus stop at the northwest corner of the Humboldt Avenue and Winifred Street intersection, the #62 bus goes west on Winifred Street south along Smith Avenue, and ends at Signal Hills shopping center.

From the stop directly in front of St. Matthew School on Winifred Street, the bus goes north into downtown and then runs along Rice Street and ends in Little Canada.

The #62 bus runs once an hour by St. Matthew on Saturdays and Sundays and runs more frequently on weekdays. For the bus schedule and a complete route map, see <https://www.metrotransit.org/route/62>

Archdiocesan Marriage Day

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.
Cathedral of 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/



First Annual West Fest on 7th:

A celebration of West 7th People, Places, and History

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church (398 Superior Street, St. Paul, MN 55102) is hosting an outdoor event called West Fest on 7th on **Saturday, June 8 from 2:00 - 9:00 PM.**

Highlights include:

- Free Family Activities
- Free Picnic Meals (*While Supplies Last*)
- Live Music
- Walking & Bus Tours
- Community Resource Tables
- Street Dance
- Food & Drinks for purchase
- Raffles & Pull-tabs

Mass with Archbishop Hebda is at 4:00 PM.

Visit <https://westfeston7th.com/> for more information.

