

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

E-Box (Electric Panel) Update

As I wrote in my bulletin column this week, all electric power to our Parish Center, church building and school building will be turned off this **Tuesday, June 18, starting at 8:00 a.m.** The office will be closed and staff will work remotely.

The reason is that we are replacing our main electric panel. This is the culmination of almost two years of research, bidding, fundraising, and materials procurement.

I am profoundly grateful to everyone who contributed to this project. Recall that we launched our "E-Box" effort at the start of Lent, 2023. In just over a year, we hit our \$109,000 goal.

For this project, we chose Apadana Technologies. Not only are they replacing the E-Box, aka the electric panel; they will be the company installing solar panels on our school and Parish Center roofs. That work is currently scheduled for the fall.

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Emergency Phone Number During Power Outage

During the power outage, the St. Matthew parish office phone line will be unavailable. An emergency phone service has been set up. Call **651-321-4721** in case of emergency or if you need to reach someone at the office immediately. Thank you.

Confession Day and Time Change

Starting **this Saturday, June 15**, confessions will be offered **every Saturday before Mass from 3:00 - 3:30 PM.**

Confessions can also be heard on Sundays after Mass upon request or by appointment, by calling the parish office.



Parking Lot Renewal - Contribution Methods

With our current effort to raise funds to renew the parking lot, it's worth reviewing the several contribution methods available.

PayPal. Shoot the QR bug to make a gift via PayPal. Please note **PARKING LOT** in the PayPal menu.



Capital Needs Envelopes. Use these envelopes for cash or checks. These envelopes are mailed out monthly to registered parishioners, and they're also available in the back of the church. Please put **PARKING LOT** in the memo line on your check.

Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs). This system transfers funds from your bank to our account at BankCherokee. EFTs have a couple of advantages; one is that the fees are less than PayPal. The other is that you can designate the transfers to go to our Capital Needs Fund and/or our general parish operational account.

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

Pledges. I know that many people plan their charitable giving in advance. In these cases, I recommend filling out a pledge form. They are available in the parish office and on the tables in the back of church.

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

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Hospitality - Name Tags

Our parish community of St. Matthew welcomes everyone. In this spirit, we ask everyone to wear a name tag at Masses. This helps us get to know each other and further develop a sense of community.

Please see a greeter or usher. They will assist you in getting a name tag. First name only.

Thank you for helping our spirit of hospitality!

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.

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"!

Sister Anne Becker - 70th Jubilee

Sr. Anne Becker, SSND served at St. Matthews for decades. She taught first grade in our parish school for many years. Then she served as the parish pastoral minister. She visited the elderly and also those parishioners dealing with health issues. In addition, she conducted prayer services on Wednesday mornings and played the piano or organ at many Masses and services.

This year, Sister Anne is celebrating her 70th Jubilee as a School Sister of Notre Dame. She would love hearing from those she once served. You can send her a card to:

Sister Anne Becker, SSND
1705 Windermere Way
Shakopee, MN 55379

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>

