

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

August 25, 2024
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Community Band

Calling all St. Matt's instrumentalists: you're invited to our first St. Matt's Community Band session on **Friday, September 6**. (I anticipate future sessions on the first Friday of each month during the school year.)

We'll start in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m. and play for an hour or so.

All levels are welcome, from beginning musicians on up.

All instruments are welcome. If you don't have an instrument, and would like to learn how to play the Irish whistle, I'll give free starter lessons.

We have hymnal music for instruments in the keys of concert C, B, and E flat. I'll also provide sheet music for a variety of jigs, reels, and dance tunes. Let me know if you plan to come, so I can make sure I have enough copies available.

All ages are welcome. Children 12 or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Those aged 13-17 may come on their own. However, they must bring a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian.

Community Band goals: (a) Have fun making music together; (b) Explore instrumental music possibilities for worship and other events; and (c) Play for events here at St. Matt's.

For more information, please email me or call the office.

Phil Grant, Band Enthusiast
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How to Get Your Child Baptized at St. Matthew Baptism Preparation Meetings

Interested in having your child baptized at St. Matt's? If so, know that we offer the required Baptism Preparation meeting on a regular basis — usually the third week of every month.

Preparation meetings are held in the church. They are a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's unimaginable love which we experience through the grace of baptism.

The next meetings are on:

- **Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

Preparation meetings are required for parents and guardians with children aged six or younger. If you have had a child baptized at St. Matt's in the last five years, you may waive this requirement — but you're invited to attend a meeting if you wish.

Baptism Preparation is an opportunity to connect more deeply with your own faith and relationship with God, as well as your spiritual relationship with your partner/spouse, and the people you've chosen as godparents. It is also a chance to build relationships with other parents of young children.

Registration is required, at least one week in advance. To register — or for more information — please contact Cristina Czaia or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at 651-224-9793 by 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday.

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Faith Formation, First Communion, Confirmation Registration Now Open

Families with students in grades K-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2024-2025 school year. The registration form is available at www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ and at the Parish Center front desk.

This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in winter and spring 2025; public school students use the two-page Faith Formation registration form to sign up for those sacraments. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes, which run from **September 25 through April 30**.

Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. Community of Saints parents can sign up their children at the sacraments table at the COS Back to School Night on August 29.

Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

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

New Book Reading and Reception

Colin Miller's new book, *We Are Only Saved Together: Living the Revolutionary Vision of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement* is due out from Ave Maria Press August 2, and there will be a reading and reception from **6:30-8:00 pm on Thursday, August 29th**, at the Church of the Assumption in St. Paul. All are warmly invited.

Please register at catholicsocialthought.org.

The book is an introduction to living the Catholic Worker's vision today for the ordinary person. You can learn more about it as well as place a pre-order for a copy at www.avemariapress.com/products/we-are-only-saved-together



Funeral Mass for **Roberta Otte** was held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Please remember Roberta and her family in your prayers.

Gifted and Belonging

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, will meet at **Harmon Park** in West St. Paul from **6:00 - 8:00 PM on August 25**. Bring outdoor activities, snacks or beverages and chairs! Meet at the northeast corner of the park which is the intersection of Bidwell and Bernard Street West.

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.

