

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

September 1, 2024  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Rosary Society September Meeting

All women of the community are invited to the **Tuesday, September 10th** Rosary Society meeting, which will be from **12:30 to 2:00 pm** in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please note the time change. We are meeting during the day so members can watch the evening Presidential Candidates' Debate.

During the meeting, we will reconnect with one another, enjoy refreshments and receive an update on the work of the Parish Council and plans for the coming year. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend this meeting.

## Coffee Sunday

Coffee Sunday returns on September 8, 2024. It will be held after the 10:15 AM Mass on the second Sunday of each month.



On **Sunday, September 8, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, the Minus family invites all to breakfast in the Social Hall in remembrance of Arthur Minus. Come join the Minus family to remember Arthur and spend time with other parish members.

A free will offering for the St. Matthew Parking Lot Fundraiser is welcome. We hope to see you there!

## Third Annual National Night Out/Unite the Night

Thank you to everyone who made our third annual National Night Out/Night to United a huge success!

- Rosary Society
- Men's Club (The Grill Masters!)
- Parish Council
- Tiffany Monita
- Isaac, Tara and team for the games and prizes for the kids which was new this year and a big hit.
- The Shetkas for music, bubbles and chalk for our little artists.

We had both the police and firefighters stop by and the kids got to explore their vehicles.

We estimate 80 people participated this year. It was a nice evening with good food and conversation.

*Thank You!*

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

In-person Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) returns on **Sunday, September 22!**

During CLW, young children ages 3 - 8 leave the sanctuary at the start of the Liturgy of the Word to hear the scripture readings proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. Father calls the children to the altar and says a short blessing over them as they are dismissed. The children return to the Mass at the time of offertory.

All Saint Matthew volunteers must meet criteria of background checks and VIRTUS (protecting Gods Children) safe environment training to work in the Children's Liturgy of the Word and Faith Formation Programs.



## 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!



The parish office is closed on Monday, September 2, 2024.

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## Liturgical Ministers

Beginning in September, we will have two lectors reading at each Mass. Any individual in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older may serve in this ministry. We are also inviting anyone who has been confirmed to join the Liturgical Ministry as a Eucharistic minister.

If you are interested in serving in one or both of these ministries, contact Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793. A workshop for **all liturgical ministers** will take place on **Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 AM** in the church.

## Liturgy Training Workshop

The workshop will take place on **Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 AM** in the church.

Please consider joining a liturgical ministry. Because the best way to learn is to do. Ministers new and old are invited to participate. We will hone our crafts as:

- Lectors
- Eucharistic ministers
- Cantors
- Greeters

Individuals age 12+ are welcome to lector. Eucharistic ministers must be confirmed. For questions, contact **Cristina Czaia** ([cczaia@st-matts.org](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org)).

## 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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## 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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## Festival of Rights

Last Saturday (August 24), St. Matt's had a table at Beautiful Laundrette's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Rights.

It was great! We met many dozens of West Side neighbors. They stopped by our table to learn about our parish and key ministry partners: Loaves & Fishes, St. Mary's Health Clinic, and Raices Sagradas Community Mental Health.

Many thanks to Ralph B. and Becky M. for staffing our table. Thanks also to Angela and Becky for creating a trifold pamphlet about our parish.

I also enjoyed talking to visitors, people at other tables, and learning about the resources available to our neighborhood. (The free tacos and live band were a nice bonus!)

*Phil Grant*



## Donation Needed - Orange Safety Cones

Do you have unused or extra orange safety cones? If so, please consider donating them to St. Matthew. Our parish is in need for a few more orange traffic safety cones for the parish. Thank you for your generosity!



## 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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## Volunteering with Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve free, healthy meals to Minnesotans where the need is greatest. Loaves & Fishes has been serving free community meals from the St. Matthew Social Hall since 2006. Currently, St. Matthew hosts one of the largest free community meals for the organization.

Volunteers work with a Site Coordinator to chop fruits/veggies, complete salads, and finish entrees during the Preparation/Package shift. Throughout the Service Shift, volunteers pass out meals and greet guests in drive-up or walk-up service. They also assist with keeping service materials organized and light cleanup.

Loaves & Fishes is in need of more volunteers! To volunteer at St. Matthew, go to <https://app.initlive.com:443/JE/sn85yp14q9vcal> to sign up.

For youth participation guidelines, contact Loaves & Fishes Director of Volunteer & Outreach at [volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org](mailto:volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org).



## Fall Fiesta at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Shrine is hosting a fall festival on Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7.

Friday, September 6 is a movie night and hot dogs, nachos, popcorn from 5:30 to 9:00 PM.

Events on Saturday, September 7 include food, games, silent auction and soccer tournament from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM,

Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Shrine is located at 401 Concord Street in St. Paul.

## Westside Booster Football Fiesta & Mexican Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, September 14, 2024

The Westside Boosters are inviting families to join their football teams and cheerleaders in a celebratory parade. Families are encouraged to highlight their cultural spirit with vibrant colors in their banner/signage, cultural dress and/or cultural decorations representing the Hispanic/Latino culture or West Side community. For more information or to register for the parade contact:

Tiffany Rivera-Prescott, Parade Coordinator at (651) 315-9271 and Debbie Luna at (651) 231-5799

## 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.

