

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

September 22, 2024
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 4, is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. Father Thomas will bless animals after **the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, October 5.**

It will take place outside in the square around the Saint Matthew status. Bring your pets for this special blessing!



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, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, October 19 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.

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).

Cristina Czaia
Director of Music and Liturgy
cczaia@st-matts.org

Community Band

Calling all St. Matt's instrumentalists: you're invited to our next St. Matt's Community Band session on **Friday, October 4 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.**

All levels and instruments are welcome, from beginning musicians on up.

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
pgrant@st-matts.org

Thank You!

We appreciated all the support and donations from everyone who came to our breakfast Sunday.

Thanks to everyone, St. Matthew will receive \$500.00 towards the parking lot repair fund.

Sincerely,
The Minus Family



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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Boy Scout Wreath and Popcorn Sale

Boy Scout Troop 288, chartered by the Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, will be taking orders for their annual Wreath and Popcorn Sale from **now through Sunday, October 27, 2024.**



Your order will be distributed before and after the Masses the weekend of November 23 and 24. Payments will be collected at distribution.



You can find the order forms and contact information at the back of the church. Please see flyers in the church for pictures of the wreaths.

Gifted and Belonging Meeting

The Gifted and Belonging meeting resumes at St. Matthew on **Sunday, September 22 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall.

Gifted and Belonging aims to provide Catholic fellowship for young adults with disabilities, seen and unseen. The group invites you to get together to share a brief time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. Contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com for more information.

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.**

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.

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.



Candlelight Rosary Procession

Friday, October 4 at 7:00 PM
Procession from State Capitol
to Cathedral of Saint Paul

Come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Candlelight Rosary Procession. Line-up begins at 6:30 p.m. on the State Capitol grounds.

Those who cannot walk the procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary with those who are in procession. The event concludes at the Cathedral with Marian prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction with Archbishop Hebda presiding.

For more information visit minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.