

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

September 8, 2024  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Early Childhood Family Faith Formation (Birth to Age 3)

We are going to offer an Early Childhood Family Faith Formation program at St. Matt's for parents and their small children birth to age 3. As part of the process, we will be having an Advisory Committee Meeting on **September 16 at 7:00 PM** in the Chapel for any parents, parishioners, and community members who would like to assist in developing discussion topics for this new program. A survey for interested parents may be found online or in the back of church.

**Please RSVP to [cczaia@st-matts.org](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org) by September 9 if you are able to attend the meeting.**

For more information contact Cristina Czaia or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word (1) Attention Parents!

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.



## Coffee Sunday

Coffee Sunday resumes 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!

## Children's Liturgy of the Word (2) Adult Volunteer Needed

We are in need of an adult volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. CLW takes place each Sunday during the 10:15 AM Mass. The children are taken to the chapel for a short lesson which is based around the readings for that weekend and may consist of story-telling, coloring or a similar activity. The volunteer will assist the CLW teacher and help conduct the class when needed. **Training will be provided.**

Call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 if interested in this volunteer opportunity.



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## 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.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## Saint Paul Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women

The next meeting is on Thursday, September 19th, at the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 1725 Kennard Street, Maplewood.

Registration begins at 4:15 pm, followed by Mass at 5:00 pm, a light dinner at 6:00 pm, and at 6:45 pm a brief business meeting and inspiring and entertaining program by renowned storyteller **Pati Kachel**. Cost for the evening is \$18.00.

Please RSVP by Monday, September 19th by calling **651-261-2534**. **All women of the parish** are invited to attend.



## The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 8, 2024 in honor of **Rosary Society Members**.

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.

## 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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## Neighborhood House Collection

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

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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).



## 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.

## 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!

