

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

October 13, 2024  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Attention Parents: ECFFF

Are you interested in an opportunity to connect with other parents in our community? Would you like to deepen your relationship with your child through playful worship and faith sharing? How about helpful discussions on parenting and early childhood?

If so, consider **ECFFF: Early Childhood Family Faith Formation**. St. Matt's is starting an ECFFF program, and it welcomes families with children birth to five years old.

An ECFFF Advisory Committee met on September 16 to plan our program before it begins in January.

To help it succeed, we need:

- 1. Parent Leaders**, to facilitate parent conversations. Parent leaders are expected to attend two two-hour online training\* sessions. The first opportunity is on **October 19**.
- 2. Early Childhood Leaders**, to facilitate parent/child group time, circle time, and children's play. Early Childhood Leaders are also expected to attend two two-hour online training\* sessions. The first opportunities are for one session on **October 19** and the other on **October 26**.
- 3. Early Childhood Assistants**, to assist the leaders. Assistants must be age 12 or older.

\*Training is free and online, sponsored by St. Matt's and run through the Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL) program. There is no cost to you.

For more information or to sign up, please contact **cczaia@st-matts.org**. Other training dates will be available.

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## Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is **October 13 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**, hosted by the Parish Council. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!

## Monthly Scripture Study - Gospel of Luke

St. Matthew is offering a monthly Scripture Study, centering on the Gospel of Luke, facilitated by Zach Czaia. The first meeting is on **Tuesday, October 15, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Community Room** (first floor).

Zach is in touch with Fr. Steve Adrian for reflections for each of the meetings and will work to incorporate those into the prayer and conversations together. As the meetings will be over the dinner hour, please do bring a dish/item to share.

Let Zach know if you're planning on coming, or if you have any questions about the meeting at **zczaia@hotmail.com**.

## Parish Mailing

We recently mailed our **Annual Financial Report** and **November fundraising information**. If you did not receive it and would like to be on our parish mailing list, please notify Angela in the parish office (651-224-9793 or [arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)). We want to make sure everyone's address is up to date.



## The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on October 12, 2024 in memory of **Judith Postiglione**.

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.

## St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela ([arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)) in the parish office.



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## Baptism Preparation Meetings

At St. Matthew, Baptism Preparation meetings are offered on a regular basis — usually the third week of every month.

The next meetings are on:

- **Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, October 19 at 10:30 AM**
- **Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, November 16 at 10:30 AM**

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).

## Gluten-Free Host Available beginning October 26 and 27, 2024

If you have Celiac disease or another condition that does not allow you to receive a regular host, please inform an usher or greeter **before** the beginning of Mass.

At the end of Communion, one of the ministers will be at spot 5 near the tabernacle to distribute *gluten free* Communion to you. Gluten Free hosts will be in an individual pix so that there is no cross contamination.

## Attention Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

We will have a Eucharistic Minister Refresh after Mass on **October 19 and 20**. If you are a Eucharistic minister, please plan to attend this 15-minute overview to go over some new changes.

There will be a Lector Refresh after Mass on **November 2 and 3**. If you are a lector and you were not able to attend Liturgy Training in September, please plan to attend this 15-minute overview.

## New Ministry Schedule

We will be writing the new ministry schedule the week of November 4. This schedule will begin Thanksgiving Day, November 28, and run through Sunday, March 2, 2025. It will include the 4:15 PM Christmas Vigil Mass and the 10:15 AM Christmas Day Mass.

Please let us know by **Monday, November 4**, which days you **would be available**, and/or which Masses you **cannot** serve. Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthew's Parish!

## 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 each Mass 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.

## The Center for Catholic Social Thought has two upcoming events for the Fall:

***Love of Neighbor and the Fear of Beggars: A Spirituality of the 'Common Good' for our Streets*** with Professor Kelly Johnson (University of Dayton), Friday, Oct. 18, at 6:30 pm, and Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10:00 am at the Church of the Assumption, St. Paul, MN.

***Dorothy Day and the Christian Revolution: Four Talks with Colin Miller*** on his New Book, *We Are Only Saved Together*. Tuesdays, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, and Nov. 12 at 5:30 pm at the Church of the Assumption, St. Paul, MN.

Both events are free of charge. For more information or to register, visit [catholicsocialthought.org](http://catholicsocialthought.org).

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## Hurricane Relief

Archbishop Hebda has asked everyone in our Archdiocese to contribute to hurricane relief for our brothers and sisters in Florida and surrounding states. The terrible hurricanes have created an opportunity for donations and prayers.

Accordingly, our parish community of St. Matt's is sending \$500 to the Archdiocesan Center for Mission immediately. The Center will forward our contribution to Catholic Charities USA, to provide immediate disaster relief. They will also stand by affected communities throughout what's expected to be a long recovery.

We will not be taking up a separate hurricane relief collection at this time. If you wish, you may write a check to the Church of St. Matthew and put "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. Any funds so designated will be forwarded to the Center for Mission at a later date.

## 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.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"**  
**October 19 and 20, 2024**

Next weekend, in every parish around the world, a collection is being taken up for Catholic missions in over 1,100 dioceses in 120 countries. Your contributions will go towards helping teachers and catechists to teach the faith in urban centers and remote villages. You will help to build churches and chapels in mission stations for people to worship, hear God's word and receive the sacraments. You will help efforts to raise up and train new leaders who will minister to people in their own language. You will provide material support to the poor and suffering lifting up individual dignity through the love of Christ.

Your financial gift will go to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which is the official worldwide Catholic network of mission cooperation enabling the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach to the ends of the earth. Thank you for joining in this central work of the Church!

In addition to supporting the global mission, your donation will support **Casa Guadalupe**. **Hannah Schwarze**, Casa's new director, will speak at Mass to tell us more about the mission of Casa Guadalupe.

There are specially marked envelopes in the back of the church. Make checks out to the Church of St. Matthew with "World Mission Sunday" in the memo line. We will split this special collection 50-50 with Casa. Thank you!

