

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

November 17, 2024
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2024 Advent and Christmas Schedule

Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 1 – 3:00 pm

Private Confessions

Saturdays – 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Sundays – after the 10:15 am Mass

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert

Sunday, December 8 – 3:00 pm

Men's Club Auction

Wednesday, December 11 – 7:00 pm

Christmas Bake Sale, Boutique and Craft Fair

Saturday, December 14 – 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 15 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 15 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Christmas Story and Carols

Tuesday, December 24 – 3:45 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 24 – 4:15 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25 – 10:15 am

The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28 – 4:15 pm

Sunday, December 29 – 10:15 am

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – 10:15 am

Saint Paul Civic Symphony presents "Winter Romance"

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 3:00 PM

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Beethoven: Overture "Leonore" No. 3 in C major, Op. 72b

Beethoven: *Romance for violin and orchestra* Nos. 1 & 2 (Cecilia Belcher, violin)

Diamond: Symphony No. 4

Dukas: *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*

As always, the concert is free of charge!



Men's Club Holiday Auction

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 7:00 PM

Church of Saint Matthew Social Hall

The Men's Club Holiday Auction to raise funds for Parish and Community of Saints Regional Catholic School families will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 11. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Items auctioned include: gift cards, homemade foods, fruit boxes and donated items. Accepting donations of gift cards, homemade foods (cookies, holiday candies, your home canning specialties) and gift baskets. Contact Tim Nowak at 612-269-9471 or bring your donation to the auction.

Neighborhood House Collection

This 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.

During the month of October, St. Matthew donated 36 pounds of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at usccb.org/cchd.

To contribute, specially marked envelopes are available in the back of the church. Make checks out to the Church of St. Matthew with "CCHD" in the memo line.

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Isaac's Blessing Bags - Donations Needed

This fall, I was invited back to speak once again at the "Night of Light" Aim Higher Foundation Gala. I was honored to connect with over 700 people to highlight the importance of Catholic education. I spoke from my heart regarding my ongoing mission to help our unsheltered relatives in need.

Every year, we continue to work together to gather items for Isaac's Blessing Bags, and every year St. Matthew's Parish reminds me how blessed I am to be part of such a loving community!

Please consider giving again this year. Each item donated makes a huge difference in someone's life. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for always supporting my mission!

Sincerely,
Isaac Garcia

2024 List of Items Needed

Warm socks
Hat
Gloves
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Hand warmers
Water/Drinks
Snacks
Deodorant
Soap
Travel size tissue
Tarps

Place your donations in large bins in the back of the church by **Sunday, December 1**. Thank you!



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.

Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser Winners

November 11 - Rick Tibesar (\$75)
November 12 - Beatrice O'Neill (\$25)
November 13 - Samuel Nowak (\$75)
November 14 - Marjorie Arnold (\$25)
November 15 - Ann Contreras (\$50)
November 16 - Joe Hrdlicka (\$100)
November 17 - Tony and Christine Wilfahrt (\$25)

Congratulations to all the winners! Watch the bulletin for next set of winners.

Thanks to all who participated in our fifth annual Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser!

On Anointing

Jesus showed special concern for the sick, and He told His followers to have the same concern. That's why this weekend's Masses included a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

I'm glad you were able to join us this weekend. Our next Anointing weekend with Mass will be in the spring.

Welcome, Fr. Mike. In the meantime, we've recently enlisted the services of Fr. Mike Minogue, a full-time hospital chaplain. He's willing to help out with anointings through St. Matt's. If interested, please call the office, and we'll reach out to Fr. Mike.



Fr. Mike had this to say in an email to me: "It's important to encourage parishioners to get anointed early instead of waiting for an emergency or when one is actively dying. Anointings can be offered more than once, of course, but I've discovered parishioners and families appreciate the healing presence of Christ's sacramental grace during and along the journey of illness."

Phil Grant

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WANTED

**CRAFTERS, ARTISTS, SEWERS, ETC.,
for the
Christmas Bake Sale Boutique and Craft Fair**

at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church Social Hall
510 Hall Avenue, Saint Paul



**Saturday, December 14
12:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

and

**Sunday, December 15
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**



Table Fees: \$30 for Saturday, \$50 for both Saturday & Sunday

For more information, contact Becky at: montgomery_bec@hotmail.com

Attention All Volunteers!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR LITURGICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

*Join us as we celebrate the end of liturgical Year B,
and welcome the Jubilee Year of Hope!*

Who: All Volunteers & their families

What: An evening of appreciation for all the work of
our volunteers over the past year

When: Friday, November 29, 2024

5:00 PM - Social Hour

6:00 PM - Dinner (catered by Chin Chin
Chinese Restaurant)

7:30 PM - Dancing

Where: Church of Saint Matthew Social Hall

Please RSVP to Angela Rakow (arakow@st-matts.org or 651-224-9793) with number of
attendees & any song requests by November 21.

\$CRIP - Gift Cards

Prepaid gift cards will be available for purchase after
Mass on Saturdays and Sunday from **now through
December 22**. You can also place an order for gift
cards. The last day to place orders for pickup on
December 21 or 22 is December 17.

Many retailers are available for purchase including:

Arby's, Bath & Body Works, Burger King,
Caribou Coffee, Chipotle, Dairy Queen,
Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's, Noodles & Co,
Panera Bread, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell,
Target, Walmart/Sam's Club, Wendy's

Proceeds from the program benefit the parish. If you
need gift cards before the holiday season, please
get them early. Contact **Tim Nowak** or the parish
office for more information.

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Gifted and Belonging Meeting

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is having their next meeting on **November 24, 6:30 - 8:00 PM** at the Church of St. Matthew Social Hall.

GAB welcomes all young adults to get together to share a time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. For more information, contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

Come Join Boy Scout Troop 288

Boy Scout Troop 288, chartered by Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, has spots available to join the Troop. The first four boys, age 10 or in the 5th grade and above, who sign up, will have their registration fee (\$205.00 value), paid for the first year. There will be fundraisers available to help pay for the second year.

For more information, contact Scoutmaster Simon Haeg at Simonhaeg@gmail.com or call 651-308-8622.

Thanksgiving Dinner from Casper's of Eagan

The wonderful tradition of free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings will continue this year! All meals will be curbside pick-up only.

Meals will be available for pick up on Thanksgiving Day, November 28 at the **Church of Saint Joseph parking lot, 1138 Seminole Avenue, West Saint Paul**. There are two time slots for pick up: **11:00 AM or 2:00 PM. Meal delivery is available for the morning time only.**

Tickets are needed for the meal and they are available at the parish office. You can call the parish office at (651) 224-9793 to reserve your ticket. Please provide your name, phone number, and number of meals you will be picking up.

Call the parish office by **Wednesday, November 20** to place your order for tickets.

ECFFF Leader Training

St. Matthew is starting an ECFFF (Early Childhood Family Faith Formation) program in January 2025 for families with children birth to five years old.

To help our program succeed, we need:

- 1. Parent Leaders**, to facilitate parent conversations. Parent leaders are expected to attend training sessions*.
- 2. Early Childhood Leaders**, to facilitate parent/child group time, circle time, and children's play. Early Childhood Leaders are also expected to attend training sessions*.
- 3. Early Childhood Assistants**, to assist the leaders. Assistants must be age 12 or older.

Training will take place at St. Matthew on **Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

Training is free and 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 Cristina Czaia at cczaia@st-matts.org.

Cristina Czaia
Director of Music and Liturgy

Donations to Casper's Thanksgiving Dinner

In 2023, Casper's Thanksgiving Dinner was able to serve over 5,500 people for those in need and homebound.

They will once again be providing free Thanksgiving dinner this year. If you would like to support this cause, a donation can be made to:

Cherokee Charitable Thanksgiving Meal Fund
C/O Old National Bank
66 Thompson Avenue East
West Saint Paul, MN 55118
651-451-1111

Casper's
4625 Nicols Road
Eagan, MN 55122
651-454-6744