

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

November 24, 2024

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

## 2024 Advent and Christmas Schedule

### Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 1 • 3:00 pm

### Private Confessions

Saturdays • 3:00 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

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

This year, St. Matthew will not have a Thanksgiving Day Mass. Here are nearby parishes with Mass on Thanksgiving Day:

### Church of Saint John Vianney - 8:30 AM

840 19th Avenue North  
South St Paul, MN 55075

### Church of the Assumption - 10:00 AM

51 West Seventh Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102

## 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](http://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.

## Saint Paul Civic Symphony presents "Winter Romance"

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 3:00 PM  
Church of Saint Matthew

**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!

## Thank You!

We thank an anonymous donor for their contribution to a paper folding machine in the parish office.

This past week, the parish mailed out our annual Advent mailing and the machine was purchased in time to prepare these mailings! The machine made the process much smoother and faster.

We are grateful for their generous contribution.

*Angela Rakow*

# Thank You!

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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 • Hats • Gloves • Hand warmers  
Toothpaste • Toothbrush • Tarps • Travel size tissue  
Water/Drinks • Snacks • Deodorant • Soap*

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

## 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.

## Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser Winners

November 18 - Marjorie Arnold (\$150)

November 19 - Tim Nowak (\$75)

November 20 - Stacey Redding (\$100)

November 21 - Barbara Squire (\$150)

November 22 - Robyn Gunderson (\$125)

November 23 - Peg Lindlof (\$25)

November 24 - Robert Stickler (\$75)

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!

## 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](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org).

*Cristina Czaia*  
*Director of Music and Liturgy*

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## 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](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org) or 651-224-9793) with number of attendees & any song requests by **Monday, November 25**.

### Be Careful Out There!

Cold weather is here, and we ask that everyone be careful while walking, driving, or doing anything outside.

Our insurance company, Catholic Mutual, advises everyone to do the "Penguin Shuffle" while walking. That is, take smaller steps and watch your center of gravity. We do everything we can to clear snow from our steps, sidewalks and parking lot, but everyone should still be careful.



*Phil Grant*

### Come Join Boy Scout Troop 288

Boy Scout Troop 288, chartered by Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, has spots available to join our 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](mailto:Simonhaeg@gmail.com) or call 651-308-8622.

### Community of Saints School Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

### 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](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com).



### The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit November 23-29, 2024 in memory of **Jose Martinez**.

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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### 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](mailto:montgomery_bec@hotmail.com)

## Calling All Bakers, Treat and Candy Makers!



*Your skills and creations are needed for the*

### **ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

*the weekend of December 14 and 15*

As you begin baking and making items for this holiday season, please bake and make some extra and donate it to the **Rosary Society's Christmas Bake Sale**.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The money raised is used to cover our operational costs and the annual donations we make to charitable organizations, including Saint Matt's, Casa Guadalupana, Loaves and Fishes, Neighborhood House, Neighbors, Inc., and Our Lady of Peace Hospice Home.

Please drop off your creations at the **St. Matthew Social Hall on Saturday, December 14, starting at 9:00 am**. Call the office (651-224-9793) and leave a message if you need someone to pick up your donation.

Thank you in advance, for your support.

*Saint Matt's Rosary Society*