

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord

Last Saturday and Sunday, 120 people shared soup and stories about Father Steve. His sisters, Mary and Ann, and Father Marty Warren shared humorous stories about him. Others shared what Father Steve meant to their families. The memories are typed up and they are taped on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.

Thank You!

St. Matthew would like to thank those who helped with organizing and volunteering at the event:

Steve and Josie Mike, Becky Montgomery and Dave Haley, Kathleen Thompson, Ellen Schneider, Tara Perron, Isaac Garcia, Kathy and Scott Goldenstein, Maggie Lee, John Del Vecchio, Ralph Brown, Kelly Finnegan, Sarah Hernandez, Jackie Morales, Jenni and Javier Mancha, Paul Storms, Karen Thompson and Charlie Anderson.

Community Band - First Fridays

Next St. Matt's Community Band session is on **Friday, February 7 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.**

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

For more information, please email Phil Grant (pgrant@st-matts.org) or call the office.



Black Catholic History

Saint Martin de Porres (1579-1639) was born in Lima, Peru in 1579. His father was a Spanish nobleman and his mother was a black former slave.

At fifteen, he became a lay brother at the Dominican Friary in Lima and spent his whole life there as a barber, surgeon, infirmary worker, wardrobe keeper among other things.

De Porres worked on behalf of the poor throughout his life. He set up an orphanage and a hospital for abandoned children. He was canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII, who named him the patron saint of social justice and racial harmony.



Sources:

Archdiocese of Detroit website: <https://info.aod.org/articles/black-saints-and-notable-figures>

Archdiocese of Chicago website: <https://bci.archchicago.org/resources/black-catholic-saints>

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Rosary Society - February 11th Meeting

All women of the community are invited to the **Tuesday, February 11th** Rosary Society meeting, which will be held from **12:30 to 2:00 pm** in the Parish Center's lower level meeting room. Come to socialize, enjoy valentine themed refreshments and activities and plan our remaining Winter and Spring activities.

CRAFT GROUP

Have an unfinished project?
Want to start something new?
Come share, create, learn and socialize

Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall

*Crochet, needlepoint, knit, quilt, sew,
paint, wood working, scrapbooking,
anything else you can think of*



Thank You Letter from the Parish

If you would like an annual contribution statement for 2024, call the parish office. We send these statements out upon request. (According to the IRS, it is the donor's responsibility to ask for such statements.)

In addition to the annual contribution statement, we have customarily sent thank you letters whenever an individual donation was \$250 or more. Our Finance Council recently recommended an increase in the threshold for those letters.

The new threshold is \$500. That is, we will send a letter of appreciation whenever someone donates \$500 or more.

Regardless of how much you give, know that we greatly appreciate your generous support of our parish!

Phil Grant

Know Your Rights Red Cards

Red Cards feature information about constitutional rights immigrants have, regardless of immigrant status. These Red Cards contain helpful tips and inform carriers of their rights. These cards are available in our parish office and at the back of the church. You can check out the card at www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas



Community of Saints Regional Catholic School in West St. Paul serves students PreK-8th Grade. We are committed to providing a sense of belonging rooted in faith, inclusivity, and love.

Join us for our monthly tours and lunch with the 2nd graders! Tours are the first Tuesday of every month.

Please contact Natalie Hartung to register. 651-457-2510 or nhartung@communityofsaints.org

2025 Catholic Services Appeal

This year's Catholic Services Appeal focuses support in four overarching areas:

- o Educating in faith
- o Helping those in need
- o Faith formation
- o Respect for Life

In the back of the church, you will see donation cards and a QR code. Both give you access to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal website. You can also fill out the pledge card and return it in the collection. Make checks payable to Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your generous support.



Funeral Mass for **William Moser** was held at St. Matthew on Friday, January 24, 2025.

Please remember William and his family in your prayers.

Correction

In the January 26th Christmas Flowers insert, there was an error on the second page. The page title should be **2024 Christmas Flowers**, not 2023. We apologize for this error.

