

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord

Soup and Stories in the Social Hall Remembering Fr. Steve Adrian

All are welcome to share stories of Fr. Steve Adrian after both Masses on the weekend of January 25-26. One gathering will be **after the 4:15 p.m. Mass on January 25**; the other will be **after the 10:15 a.m. Mass on January 26**.

At the same times, we'll be hosting simple soup, salad, and bread meals. (Fr. Steve really liked soup.) There is no charge.



We're going to display photos of Fr. Steve. We're also going to post stories already submitted. (We're looking into gathering them into a booklet.)

If you'd like to write up your memories of Fr. Steve, that would be great! Send them to Angela in our office (arakow@st-matts.org). You may also submit photos to her.

We're planning to read some stories aloud on January 25-26. There'll also be an opportunity for people to speak.

Phil Grant & Karen Thompson

THANK YOU!

To all of the volunteers, including our Confirmation candidates, whose donations of time, talent and treasure contributed to the success of the Rosary Society's Christmas Bake Sale, Boutique and Craft Fair.

Thanks to those who:

- Helped set up the Social Hall
- Contributed baked goods and treats
- Created and generously donated the theme baskets
- Donated gently used Christmas items to the Boutique
- Donated jewelry to the Jewelry Booth
- Staffed the Bake Sale, Jewelry, Boutique and Theme Basket tables
- Assisted the Craft Fair vendors as needed

Everyone's help made our 2024 Christmas Bake Sale, Boutique and Craft Fair a resounding success!

*Many Thanks,
The Rosary Society*

Coffee Sunday

Our next Coffee Sunday is this Sunday, **January 12 after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall and visit with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there!



Thank You!

To the Men's Club members who cooked the pancakes, eggs and sausage breakfast, and the Community of Saints Boy Scouts Troop members and helpers who served the wonderful breakfast to everyone who attended the 2024 Breakfast with Santa.

Our Santa did a great job talking with the children, posing for photographs and spreading good cheer. Thanks to the Faith Formation students who supervised the kid's activities, including creating a new one. The success of the 2024 Breakfast with Santa was due to all of these great volunteers! Thank You!

Lost and Found Basket

The Lost and Found basket in the church is filling up! Check to see if any items are yours. The basket is located by the Welcome Table at the church entrance.

**The Center for Catholic Social Thought
Spring 2025 Speaker Series**

**Land and Labor, City and Homestead:
Working Towards a Local Economy**

How can small farms, urban homesteads, crafts, gardens, chickens, good work, and local economies help us build stronger communities and be better Christians?

**Thursdays, February 20 - March 13, 6:30 PM
Assumption Church, St. Paul**

February 20 - *What is a Local Economy and Why Does It Matter?*

- Colin Miller, Director of the Center for Catholic Social Thought

February 27 - *Reflections on the Preferential Option for Localism*

- Professor Christopher Thompson, Dean of Saint Paul Seminary and author of *The Joyful Mystery: Field Notes Towards a Green Thomism*

March 6 - *Catholic Land Movements*

- Tim Strieff, Catholic Rural Life

March 13 - *Localism and Catholic Social Teaching*

- Dale Ahlquist, Speaker and author/editor of many books, including, *Localism: Coming Home to Catholic Social Teaching*

Register online at catholicsocialthought.org

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.

During the month of December 2024, St. Matthew donated **60 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!




BAPTISM OF THE LORD

2025 Calendars

This year, our parish has two calendars available.

2025 Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope calendars are provided by Bradshaw Funeral Home. This is what we annually have available for our parishioners.

The second calendar, ***Sent Forth by the Holy Spirit to Make Jesus Known and Loved***, is in celebration of our Archdiocese's 175th Anniversary. There are limited quantities of the Archdiocesan calendars.

Both calendars are available in the back of the church.

Volunteer Needs at St. Mary's Health Clinic

We are in need of volunteers for our clinics, including at St. Matt's. We especially need registered nurses but welcome physicians, Spanish interpreters and admitting/receptionist personnel. You do not have to speak Spanish except for the interpreter role.

Clinic sessions are held mornings or afternoons (half day sessions) on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday in the Twin Cities metro area. St. Matt's sees patients on Wednesday morning and afternoon. For more information, contact tmason@stmarysclinics.org (Talesha Mason).

