



CONFIRMATION



Archbishop Bernard Hebda at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on April 6 with 19 newly confirmed students from the Church of Saint Matthew. The students include ten who attend the Saint Matthew Faith Formation program, and nine who attend Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Congratulations, families! Thank you to Confirmation teacher Dave Sunday.

The Little White Book - Easter 2025

This year, St. Matthew is offering *The Little White Book* for Easter. You can find these books on the tables at the back of the church, including regular and large prints and Spanish version. We hope these books help you celebrate the season of Easter. Please take one book per family.



Eat, Dance, Sing – Saturday, April 26

All are welcome to next Saturday's after-Mass event in honor of Fr. Steve Adrian. We're highlighting the importance of Catholic education, given Fr. Steve's dedication St. Matt's School and Community of Saints Regional Catholic School.

We'll start with a simple supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by a short program at 6:00 p.m. After that, we'll have live music for some dancing. There'll be simple folk dances for all ages, along with a waltz or two. There'll even be cake, in honor of Fr. Steve's April birthday. The event will wrap up around 7:00 p.m.

The event is free. We will take up a free will offering on behalf of Community of Saints.

Some background: on December 21, 2024, our parish said farewell to our long-time pastor, Fr. Steve Adrian. I've heard it might have been the largest funeral ever held at St. Matt's. *Check out our new website, where you can see the recording.*

In January, we hosted a "Soup and Stories" event in Fr. Steve's honor. People submitted dozens of stories and anecdotes about him—check them out on the bulletin boards in the hall. We also heard stories from family and friends. (One of my personal favorites: the time Fr. Steve chastised a future pope. Ask Steve Mike for details.)

We'll host two additional events in honor of Fr. Steve: one of them will coincide with the August Mass in the Park. In December, we'll close out our year of remembrance with an event focused on the Second Vatican Council. Recall how often Fr. Steve preached on and wrote about Vatican II.

Please join us next Saturday in the Social Hall. All are welcome.

Phil Grant

You're
Invited!

Bandwidth Community Band Festival Sunday, April 27

Landmark Center is again hosting this year's Bandwidth Community Festival **next Sunday, April 27, starting at noon**. It's free and open to the public. Enjoy an afternoon listening to marches, concert band classics, pop, Broadway, and jazz music performed by some of the top volunteer-based ensembles in Minnesota.

I especially recommend the final band: the Lex-Ham Community Band. (Recall that Lex-Ham performed at St. Matt's in March.) That's because I play trombone in Lex-Ham. Our estimated start time is 4:20 p.m.

This year's Bandwidth theme is regional composers. I'm honored to be one of them, with my arrangement of three jigs for concert band. (You've heard all three at Fish Fries; now hear them in a full band arrangement!)

Phil Grant (Lex-Ham Band member)



Correction

The April 13th bulletin incorrectly stated the contributor of the donkey puppet for our Palm Sunday procession as In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre. The organization which loaned us the puppets was **Puppet Nest run by Sandra Spieler**. We apologize for the error. Thank you, Puppet Nest, for adding these puppets to our Palm Sunday services.