

# St. Matt's Parish

## 2024 Accomplishments

- **Administration/Staffing**
  - Successfully convened a task force which provided recommendations for St. Matt's Future Planning initiative.
  - Fiscal responsibility - Another year of being able to pay the bills and still drive building improvements.
  - Improved communications – recently updated logo and overhauled website to better reflect who we are as a community.
- **Liturgy & Sacraments**
  - The successful transition from Fr. Steve Adrian to Fr. Thomas Kommers in the midst of celebrating the Triduum.
  - Hosted Fr. Steve's funeral, including all-night Vigil, funeral luncheon and Soup & Story event, with more events planned for 2025.
  - Increase in Mass attendance -especially on Sunday.
  - Name Tags were implemented - the philosophy behind it to create a cohesive equal level.
  - Catching up on baptisms and helping connect to those young families.
  - Continued to support our partners, including Community of Saints, Loaves & Fishes, St. Mary's Health Clinic, Casa Guadalupana, & Raices Sagradas.
- **Programming**
  - Children's Liturgy of the Word has continued.
  - West Side Project – our participation has made it easier to build connections and community.
  - Early Childhood Family Faith Formation - initial steps to bring this to life for 2025 and beyond.
  - Emphasis on youth in the parish (at all ages), but especially with the Youth Group.
- **Community Impact**
  - Continuing to connect St. Matt's to the broader community through events like Night to Unite. Really brought together intergenerational community.
  - St. Matt's continues to be a community leader on the West side.
  - Eucharist ministry at Cerenity again - including memory care. An impactful ministry for the broader community.
  - New programming - Bible Study group, *Commonweal* discussion group.
  - Continued - Coffee Sunday, Feast of St. Matthews, Night to Unite, Mass in the Park.
- **Facilities Improvements**
  - Replaced electric box for entire campus.
  - Raised funds to renovate parking lot – plan to begin work summer 2025.
  - Installed security cameras around campus.
  - Added recording/live-streaming capability in the church sanctuary.