



First
Communion



Pictured here are the students whose First Communions were celebrated on May 10, May 11, and May 18, at the Church of St. Matthew. Fourteen of the students attend Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, and twelve of the students attend area public elementary and middle schools and were prepared through the St. Matthew Faith Formation program. Father Thomas M. Kommers, Sacramental Minister at St. Matthew, presided at the Masses.

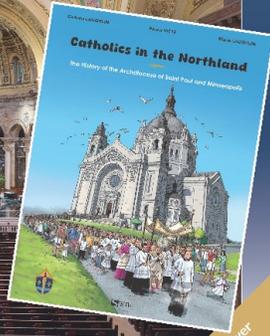
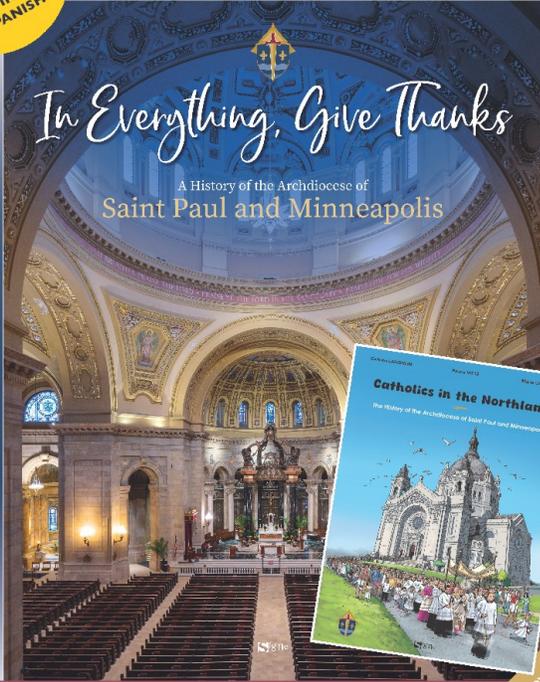
These students received First Communion: Abel, Alex, Brenda, Eleanor, Jazmin, Kain, Luna, Lupita, Maya, Oscar, Nicholas, Valerie, Abel, Agatha, Aidan, Aniyah, Camila, Jalisiana, Jayvin, Johanna, Marty, Mia, Samantha, Santiago, Syier, and William.

Registration for First Communion in May 2026 will open for public school students in August at the St Matthew website, st-matts.org/faith-formation. Registration for Community of Saints students will also open in August at parent paperwork night at the school, as well as on back-to-school night. Families who want their students in grades 2 and up to receive First Communion in the spring need to complete registration for First Communion in the preceding fall.

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These books celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese.

They will be available for purchase at the back of the church for the next three weeks. The price for the coffee table book is \$35.00 and the price for the graphic novel is \$15.00.

You may order in advance and either bring your payment to church the following week or pick up the book in the Parish Office. The Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We accept cash or a check made out to the Church of Saint Matthew.



Funeral Mass for **Marian Wolters** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Funeral Mass for **Donald Giesel** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Please remember Marian, Donald and their families in your prayers.

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Volunteering with Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes has been serving free community meals from the St. Matthew Social Hall since 2006.

Volunteers work with a Site Coordinator to chop fruits/veggies, complete salads, and finish entrees during the Preparation/Package shift. Throughout the Service Shift, volunteers pass out meals and greet guests. They also assist with keeping service materials organized and cleanup.

Loaves & Fishes is in need of more volunteers! To volunteer at St. Matthew, go to <https://app.initlive.com:443/JE/sn85yp14q9vcal> to sign up. For more information, contact Loaves & Fishes Director of Volunteer & Outreach at volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org.