



I Met Jesus in the Parking Lot



Check out the photos of our newly upgraded parking lot - Phase 1. It's only half of our lot but it makes a huge difference in safety and aesthetics. Our hope is to complete the other half in 2026.

Workers from Bituminous Roadways spent four (4) days digging up the old lot, installing new surface materials, and striping the lot for parking.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the work by the Facilities Committee, and the Finance Committee and the sidewalk supervisors, we have a beautiful new half parking lot.

You can enter the church through the parking lot and meet Jesus.

Baptism Preparation Meeting (age 6 and younger)

Preparation meetings are required for parents and guardians with children aged six or younger for baptism. The next meeting is on:

- **Saturday, August 16 at 10:00 AM**
- **Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 AM**

Registration is required, at least one week in advance. To register — or for more information — please contact **Cristina Czaia (cczaia@st-matts.org)** or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

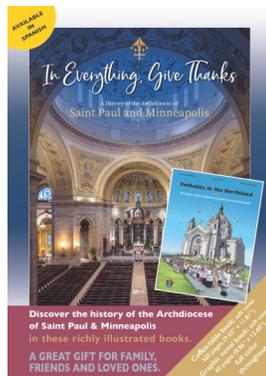


In Everything Give Thanks - A History of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

A new book commissioned by Archbishop Hebda to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese is still available for purchase in the parish office. There is also a smaller graphic novel called *Catholics in the Northland*.

The price for the coffee table book is \$35.00 and the price for the graphic novel is \$15.00.

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.



Strawberry Cleaning

Begin on Wednesday, August 20
through Sunday, August 31



Each day starts at 8:00 am and
cleaning is usually done by Noon.

St. Matthew Social Hall



For more information, email Mary Leibl
(mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Office
(651-224-9793)

Center for Catholic Social Thought 2025 Fall Public Speaking Event

"Consumerism and Idolatry in Amazon's World"
Dr. William T. Cavanaugh of DePaul University

Thursday, October 9th, 2025, 6:30 pm
The lower church at Assumption, St. Paul

Dr. Cavanaugh (Ph.D, Duke University) is a professor of Catholic studies and director of the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology at DePaul university.

A former faculty member of the University of St. Thomas, Dr. Cavanaugh's research focuses on the Church's encounter with social, political, and economic realities. He is especially interested in the social implications of traditional Catholic beliefs and practices, such as the Eucharist.

Visit www.catholicsocialthought.org/ to learn more and register.