



**Showing Support for
Annunciation Catholic Church and School**

You may have noticed green or blue bands around local trees. They are a sign of support for Annunciation Catholic Church and School.

Please pray for the Annunciation community whenever you notice one of these bands.

Phil Grant
Pastoral Administrator

Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund

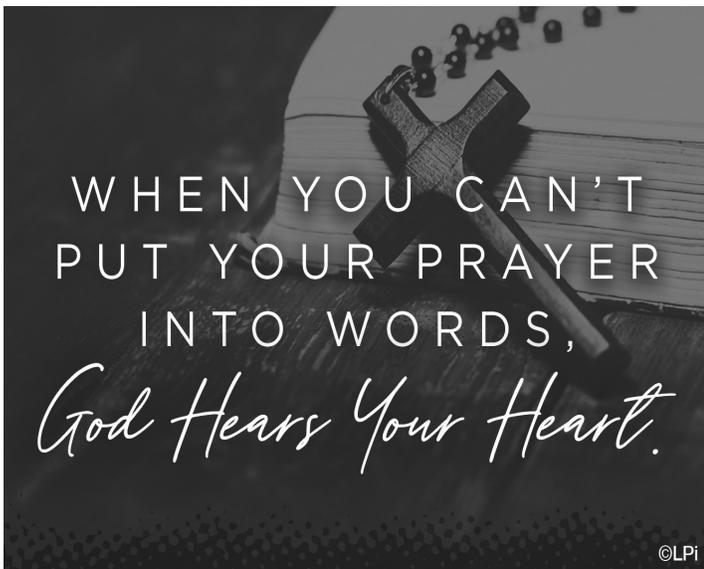
As we process the events on August 27, mourning the loss of innocent lives and praying for healing for all those affected, we are called to step into action. "When you pray, move your feet," said Annunciation Principal Matt DeBoer.

In response to the mass shooting at the Church of the Annunciation during the all-school Mass on August 27, 2025, the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF) has established the Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund.

The Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund is a charitable fund at CCF that will provide financial support to the Church of the Annunciation for the needs of the church and school, as well as support to those affected by the tragedy.

100% of net contributions will benefit the community. CCF will receive, process, and steward gifts to the fund without charging fees. To find out more or to make a donation, please visit www.ccf-mn.org/annunciation-hope-and-healing-fund/

Free will offerings collected at the September Coffee Sunday on September 7th will be sent to the Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund.



Rosary Society September Meeting

All women of Saint Matt's community are invited to the **September 9th** Rosary Society meeting, which is **12:30 to 2:00 pm** in the lower level of the Parish Center.

During the meeting we will reconnect with one another, enjoy refreshments and discuss some new fun activities for the coming year. Your ideas and input are welcome as we make plans for our upcoming program year. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend this meeting.

988 – Minnesota Lifeline

Minnesota is a state that provides 988 service, which includes immediate emotional support. You can call 988 about everything from a tough day and stress, to thoughts of suicide and concerns about alcohol or drug use.

If you're concerned about someone you know, 988 might be able to help you—and by extension, help that other person. It's OK to ask for help. It's OK to seek help for others.

Call 911 if you need EMS, fire and/or police dispatched to your location.

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Celebrate St. Matt's

Sunday, September 21
11:15 am – 1:30 pm
St. Matthew's Campus

Everyone is invited to a family-friendly event celebrating the Feast of St. Matthew! Fun for all ages & mostly free!

Activities include:

- Hotdog meal and baked goods
- Live rock music featuring hits from the 90s
- Boys 2v2 Basketball Tournament
- Face Painting
- Bingo
- Bottle Lotto
- And more!

Come for 10:15 am Mass and stay for the party!
Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Watch for a flyer in next week's bulletin or check the News page on St. Matt's website.

This event is organized by St. Matthew's Youth Team.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Adult Volunteers Needed

In-person Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) returns on **Sunday, September 21!**

We are in need of adult volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. CLW takes place each Sunday during the 10:15 AM Mass. The children are taken to the chapel for a short lesson which is based around the readings for that weekend and may consist of story-telling, coloring or a similar activity. The volunteer will assist the CLW teacher and help conduct the class when needed. **Training will be provided.**

Call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 if interested in this volunteer opportunity.

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 meetings are on:

- **Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 AM**
- **Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 AM**
- **Saturday, November 8 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).

Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

This weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

We Are the Body of Christ: An Ignatian Approach to Restoring the Humanity of Migrants

How does our faith call us to accompany migrants, who face kidnapping, exploitation, and criminalization? Fr. Brian Strassburger, SJ, Director of the Del Camino Jesuit Border Ministries based in Brownsville, Texas, will talk about the dynamic of migration on the U.S. - Mexico border and in cities throughout the country. Fr. Brian will also offer practical suggestions for stopping the dehumanization of migrants. The talk will be livestreamed or you may come in person on **Monday, October 6, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas More Church, St. Paul.** For more information and registration: <https://ignatianspiritualitycenter.org/event/we-are-the-body-of-christ/>

Church of St. Stanislaus Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner

St. Stanislaus Church's annual Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, September 14 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm!** The event will feature Bingo, Variety Booth, Kids Games, Beer and Hotdogs, White Elephant Garage Sale, Jar Bar, Bakery, and our Famous Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings! **Bring your friends and family!** St. Stanislaus is located at **398 Superior Street St. Paul MN 55102.**