

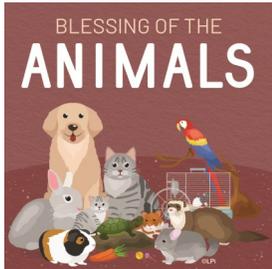


**St. Matthew's**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## Bulletin Insert

September 28, 2025  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Blessing of the Animals



Saturday, October 4  
2:45 PM  
Outside in the square  
around the Saint Matthew  
status. Bring your pet for  
this special blessing!

### Help Wanted: AV System

We're looking for one or more volunteers to help us put Mass back online this winter. To do that, we need people who know how our liturgy works, and are willing to learn how to use our audio-visual system.

If you're interested, or if you know someone who might be interested, please talk to Cristina (cczaia@st-matts.org) or me. Thanks!

Phil Grant  
pgrant@st-matts.org

## "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE"

Join us for an Archdiocesan Mass of Solidarity for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees



### Sunday, October 5, 2025

5 p.m. Cultural Celebration  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
The Basilica of Saint Mary

"In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes."

— Message of Pope Leo XIV for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2025

All are invited to share the richness of their culture by wearing the clothes of their native culture or ethnicity.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is home to more than 800,000 Catholics celebrating Mass regularly in 11 different languages.



### St. Matthew Community Band

The community band's next session is **Friday, October 3** in the Social Hall at **6:30 p.m.** If you play, are learning to play, or want to play an instrument — you're welcome to join. Music's a great way for people to connect! Children 12 and under need a parent or guardian. Teens need a note. For questions, contact **Phil Grant** (pgrant@st-matts.org).

### Commonweal Study Group

All are welcome to join monthly *Commonweal* magazine's next meeting on **Saturday, October 4, 10:00-11:30 AM** in the Parish Center. *Commonweal* covers the arts and literature, as well as current events. For a copy of the article, and a quick introduction to how we conduct our discussion, please email **Phil Grant** (pgrant@st-matts.org).

### Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund

In partnership with Annunciation, Catholic Community Foundation has established the Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund, a charitable fund that will provide financial support to the Church of the Annunciation for the needs of the church and school, as well as to support those affected by the tragedy. To donate, please visit: **ccf-mn.org/support-annunciation**

### Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

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

### 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, 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).

### Center for Catholic Social Thought Fall Course: Localism, Good Work, and Technological Society

**Thursdays, October 2-December 11, 5:30-7 PM  
Assumption, St. Paul**

Technology is reaching into ever more remote corners of our lives, and at the same time there is increasing interest in reconnecting with the land as the source of our material life, finding good work, and living locally. How should we think about these issues as Catholics? This course is offered by the Center for Catholic Social Thought and is co-taught by Colin Miller (Ph.D., Duke University) and KC Flynn (Baylor University). Find more information and registration at [catholicsocialthought.org/course-on-technology-good-work](https://catholicsocialthought.org/course-on-technology-good-work)



### Baptism Preparation Meetings (Ages 7 - 13)

For baptism of children ages 7-13, parents and the child must attend a series of three baptism preparation meetings. Godparents are strongly encouraged to attend also. The meetings will be held in the St. Matthew Church at 510 Hall Avenue (unless noted otherwise) on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM.

For the 2025-2026 academic year, the preparation meetings will take place on the following dates:

**\*November 12, 2025**

**December 17, 2025**

**January 14, 2026**

*\*November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in the Parish Center at 490 Hall Avenue.*

Attendance is required for parents/guardians, and their children.

**Registration for the baptism preparation classes is required at least one week in advance of the first meeting date.** To register, please contact **Cristina Czaia (cczaia@st-matts.org)** or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

### 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/>

### Center for Catholic Social Thought: Dr. William T. Cavanaugh on Consumerism and Idolatry –

**Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Assumption, St. Paul**

William T. Cavanaugh (Ph.D., Duke University) is professor of Catholic Studies and director of the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology at DePaul university. He will be speaking on Consumerism and Idolatry in our times. This event is co-sponsored by the Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law, and Business at the University of St. Thomas and the Anselm House at the University of Minnesota. Find more information and registration at [catholicsocialthought.org/fall-2025-speaking-event](https://catholicsocialthought.org/fall-2025-speaking-event)