



2025 Advent and Christmas Schedule

Communal Reconciliation Service
Sunday, November 30 – 2:00 pm

Reflections on Fr. Steve Adrian's Legacy
Guest Speaker: Fr. Michael Joncas
Tuesday, December 2 – 6:30 pm

Christmas Bake Sale, Boutique and Craft Fair
Saturday, December 6 – 11:00 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 7 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 7 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert
Sunday, December 7 – 3:00 pm

Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, December 24 – 4:15 pm

Christmas Day Mass
Thursday, December 25 – 10:15 am

The Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 27 – 4:15 pm
Sunday, December 28 – 10:15 am

Fr. Michael Joncas - December 2

We are delighted to host Fr. Michael Joncas for a talk at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2.

As previously mentioned, Fr. Mike will reflect on Fr. Steve Adrian's legacy and Vatican II. In a recent email, Fr. Mike added that he plans to add reflections on his half century of composing liturgical music.

While "On Eagle's Wings" is Fr. Mike's best-known work, he's composed many other memorable hymns and acclamations. In fact, we can expect to hear some at his December 2nd talk.

All are welcome. Tell friends. There is no charge.

Phil Grant, Administrator

Isaac's Blessing Bags

Hello St. Matthew's Parishioners,

As we enter into fall, I am grateful for this nice weather. This pleasant weather means more comfortable conditions for our unsheltered relatives. Once again, Isaac's Blessing Bags will be collecting donations to support community members in need. We will have labeled boxes located in the back of the church again this year.

Each and everyone of you have contributed in your own way and for that I am thankful. Isaac's Blessing Bags is possible because of folks like you! Together, we will continue to create a brighter future! Donation drop-off will end **December 7**.

Warm regards,
Isaac Garcia
Isaac's Blessing Bags
<https://isaacsblessingbags.com/>

2025 List of Items Needed

- Warm socks
- Warm gloves
- Hygiene items
- Bottled water
- Granola bars
- Gift cards (local fast food restaurants or convenience stores)



Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser Winners

November 10 - Ronald & Janet Odalen (\$25)
November 11 - Bill Redding (\$125)
November 12 - Linda Sellars (\$75)
November 13 - Ann Reidell (\$25)
November 14 - Donis Giefer (\$50)
November 15 - Tony & Karen Wilfahrt (\$150)
November 16 - Tim Dalzell (\$75)

Congratulations to all the winners! Watch the bulletin for next set of winners.

Thanks to all who participated in our sixth annual Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser!

Children at the Altar November 23, 10:15 AM Mass

Next weekend, children are invited to stand around the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children if that would be helpful.

The 2nd Quarterly Meeting of the Saint Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women

The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - 401 Concord Street, St. Paul, MN. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m, followed by a brief business meeting, an interesting program about preparing for Advent by Deacon Luis Rubi, noon Mass, and a wonderful lunch. Cost for the day is \$18.00. RSVP by Monday, November 17, by calling 651-261-2534 or emailing jrsnr7@aol.com. ALL women of the community are invited to attend this program.



Funeral Mass for **Elenita Vidal** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Please remember Elenita and her family in your prayers.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Accordingly, our parish community of St. Matt's is sending \$250 to the Archdiocesan Center for Mission for this special collection.

You may add to this collection if you wish. Specially marked envelopes are available in the back of the church. Make checks out to the Church of St. Matthew with "CCHD" in the memo line.

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert at St. Matthew

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 3:00 PM
Church of Saint Matthew

Samuel Barber - "School for Scandal" Overture

Margaret Bonds - "Montgomery Variations"

Arthur Bliss - Two Studies for Orchestra

Igor Stravinsky - Firebird Suite (1919)

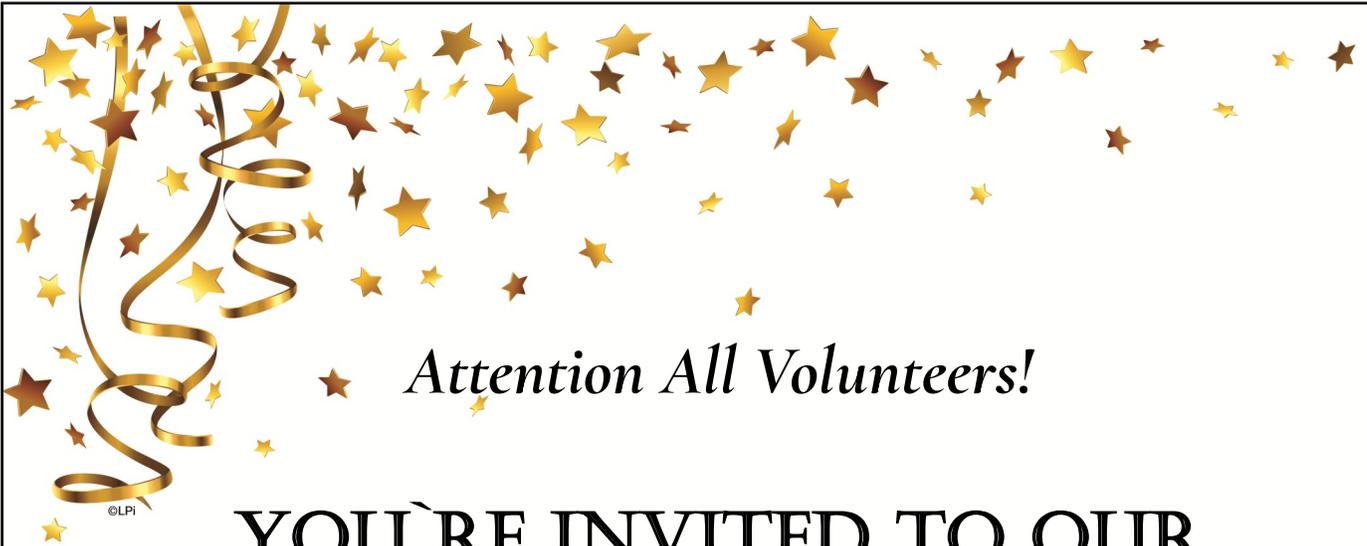
As always, the concert is free of charge! For more information, visit spcsmusic.org.



Liturgical Minister Training

There will be a Lector Training after Mass on Saturday, November 22. If you are a lector, please plan to attend this 30 minute overview.

There will be a Eucharistic Minister Training after Mass on Sunday November 23. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, please plan to attend this 30 minute overview.



Attention All Volunteers!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR LITURGICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Join us as we celebrate the end of Liturgical Year!

- Who: All Volunteers & their families
- What: An evening of appreciation for all the work of our volunteers over the past year
- When: Friday, November 28, 2025
5:00 PM - Social Hour
5:30 PM - Dinner (catered by Chin Chin Chinese Restaurant)
7:00 PM - Ball Drop and Dancing
- Where: Church of Saint Matthew Social Hall

Please RSVP to Angela Rakow (arakow@st-matts.org or 651-224-9793) with number of attendees by Monday, November 24.