



WANTED

***CRAFTERS, ARTISTS, SEWERS, ETC., for the
Christmas Bake Sale, Boutique and Craft Fair***



Saint Matthew's Catholic Church Social Hall
510 Hall Avenue, Saint Paul

**Saturday, December 6
11:00 am to 5:30 pm**

and

**Sunday, December 7
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**



Table Fees: \$30 for Saturday, \$50 for both Saturday & Sunday

For more information, contact Joyce at osbornejoyce44@gmail.com or
Becky at montgomery_bec@hotmail.com

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 1st**.

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)



Turkey Bingo



This Saturday
November 8 after Mass!
St. Matthew Social Hall

Sponsored by St. Matthew Men's Club

Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser Winners

November 3 - Gabe Grundtner (\$75)

November 4 - Jerry Geis (\$100)

November 5 - Susan Nowaczewski (\$125)

November 6 - Scott Thalhuber (\$150)

November 7 - Jerry Zigan (\$50)

November 8 - John Nelson (\$25)

November 9 - Hope Savard (\$100)

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

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

Gifted and Belonging Meeting

Gifted and Belonging will hold their next meeting at St. Matthew **this Sunday, November 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. This month's theme is **Pie Night!**

Gifted and Belonging aims to provide Catholic fellowship for young adults with disabilities, seen and unseen. The group invites you to get together to share a brief time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. For more information, visit www.giftedbelonging.com/

Facilities Update

- This past week, we paved an area at the north end of the parking lot, where an old play structure was removed several weeks ago. We decided to patch just that area for now, balancing current needs with costs. Put another way, we now think we won't be able to do a complete renewal of the north half of the parking lot for at least a couple of years. We need more information and analysis from an engineering consulting group, given how complicated the north half of the lot is.
- While the asphalt company (Bituminous Road ways) was at our site, we had them return the green space at the school building's Robie entrance back to asphalt. Our charter school tenant expressly asked for this, in order to gain back some parking spaces.
- Soon to be scheduled: clay roof tile repair and replacement on the school building's north end. There are numerous openings that let in rain, snow, and critters. We're solving those problems. This is a roughly \$45K project, which we'll finance through Emmaus Partners.

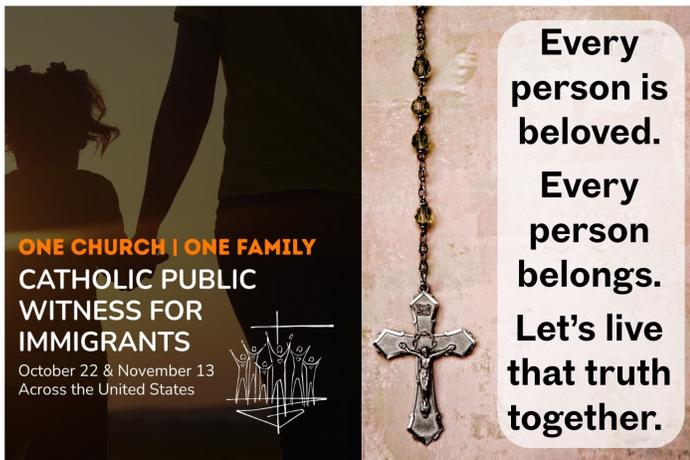
Phil Grant, Administrator
pgrant@st-matts.org

Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

This collection is taken every three years to support the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Its mission is to both increase awareness and support "Serving Those Who Serve. The AMS provides ministries to those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans and their families. In addition, the AMS also co-sponsors a seminarian program to serve as military chaplains.

Accordingly, our parish community of St. Matt's is sending \$100 to the Archdiocesan Center for Mission for the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

You may add to this collection if you wish. Envelopes are in the back of church.



Every person is beloved.
 Every person belongs.
 Let's live that truth together.

Prayer Vigil

Sunday, November 9

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Steps of the Cathedral of St. Paul
 (239 Selby Ave, St Paul)

Reject the culture of fear and silence that dehumanizes. Join the One Church, One Family campaign to stand in support of migrant dignity and family unification.

Volunteering with Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve free, healthy meals to Minnesotans where the need is greatest. Loaves & Fishes has been serving free community meals from the St. Matthew Social Hall since 2006. Currently, St. Matthew hosts one of the largest free community meals for the organization.

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.



Funeral Mass for **Fred Garcia** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Please remember Fred and his family in your prayers.

A Conversation That Matters: Planning for the End of Life

Church of St. Stanislaus
 398 Superior Street
 St. Paul, MN 55102

Join us for **Graceful Journey: A Workshop about Making End-of-Life Decisions** at the Church of St. Stanislaus on **Saturday, November 15, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall (lower level; elevator available).

Led by **Pat Tommet**, an Advance Care Planning Facilitator, retired nurse practitioner, and member of St. Stan's, this free workshop will help you start conversations with loved ones and complete a healthcare directive. We'll reflect on experiences with death and decision-making, consider wishes and concerns for the end of life, review common treatment choices, discuss how to choose a healthcare agent, and explore ways to overcome barriers to these conversations. **Lunch will be served** (free-will offerings appreciated).

Pre-registration is required—please contact **Kim Myers, Parish Administrator**, at **651-224-7998**.

Casper's of Eagan Thanksgiving Dinner

The wonderful tradition of free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings will continue this year! All meals will be curbside pick-up only.

Meals will be available for pick up on Thanksgiving Day, **November 27** at the **Church of Saint Joseph parking lot, 1138 Seminole Avenue, West Saint Paul**. There are two time slots for pick up: **11:00 AM or 1:00 PM**. **Meal delivery is available for the morning time only.**

Tickets are needed for the meal and they are available at the parish office. You can call the parish office at (651) 224-9793 to reserve your ticket. Call the parish office by **Wednesday, November 19** to place your order for tickets.



Neighborhood House Collection

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation.

During the month of October 2025, St. Matthew donated **38 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



An Evening with the Rev. Michael Joncas

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

6:30 PM

Church of Saint Matthew



Attention All Volunteers!

You're invited to our Liturgical New Year's Eve Party

Join us as we celebrate the end of Liturgical Year C

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 at 5:00 PM

Where: Church of Saint Matthew Social Hall

Save THE Date!

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 3:00 PM

Church of Saint Matthew

Save the date for the return of Saint Paul Civic Symphony in December. More details in future bulletins.

Local Food Shelf Information

Wellstone Center Food Market

- **Appointment required**
- Hours:
 - Monday: 1–4 p.m.
 - Tuesday–Friday: 9:30–11:30 AM & 1–4 PM
 - Saturday: Closed on Saturdays until 2026
- Address:
 - 179 Robie Street
 - St. Paul, MN 55107
- To schedule an appointment, call our Service Connect line: **651-789-3602** between the hours of 9 AM–4 PM, Monday–Friday

Neighborhood House on Montreal Food Market

- **No appointment necessary**
- Hours:
 - Monday–Wednesday: 9:30–11:30 AM & 1–4 PM
- Address:
 - 1080 Montreal Ave
 - St. Paul MN 55116
- Phone: **(651) 789-3600**
- Shoppers are welcome to visit this food market 2 times per month.

Winter/Spring Fresh Produce Distributions Events

From November–May, all are welcome to come pick up a variety of free fruits and vegetables for family and friends. **No documentation or identification is required to participate.** First-time visitors are required to register on site. The registration process will take 5-10 minutes to complete.

November 27, 2024 | Time: 2:30 – 4 PM

Wellstone Center | 179 Robie Street East, St. Paul, MN 55107

December 17, 2025 | January 14, 2026 | February 11, 2026 | March 11, 2026 | April 8, 2026 | May 13, 2026 TIME: 2:30–4 PM

Metropolitan State University

(Student Center Room)

101 690 E 7th St

St. Paul, MN 55106

* Weather permitting – If there are thunderstorms or excessive heat warnings, we may cancel the event and / or events.