



**Rosary Society October Meeting**

All women of the community are invited to the **October 14<sup>th</sup>** Rosary Society meeting, which will be from **12:30 to 2:00 PM** in the lower level of the Parish Center. Come and enjoy refreshments and discuss some new fun activities for the coming year. Your ideas and input are welcome as we make and finalize plans and events for our upcoming program year. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend this meeting.

**Community of Saints Prayer Service**  
**Honoring Fr. Steve Adrian**  
**Wednesday, October 15**

Following the All School Mass at Community of Saints on Wednesday, October 15, students, faculty and staff will process over to Riverview Cemetery for a short prayer service at Fr. Steve's niche. All are welcome to attend both Mass and the prayer service or just the prayer service. **All School Mass begins at 9:00 AM.** Prayer service to follow, starting roughly around 9:45 AM. All visitors joining the Mass will need to enter through Door 1 (on Haskell Street) and sign in with school staff.

**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!



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**Turkey Bingo**



**Saturday, November 8, 2025**  
**St. Matthew Social Hall**

**Doors open at 5:00 PM and bingo starts at 5:30 PM.** Children, accompanied by an adult, are eligible to play bingo. Food, beer, wine and pop are available for purchase. Featured meal will be Turkey Wild Rice Hot Dish. Burgers and hotdogs will also be available. Non-bingo players are welcome to join us for dinner as well!

*12 games for turkeys  
(cash if there are multiple winners in a game),  
3 games for cash prizes  
and a raffle for turkeys*

**Ministry Schedule**

The next schedule for the Liturgical Ministers will be written on Monday November 3rd. This schedule will begin November 22 and 23 (first Sunday of Advent) and run through February 14 and 15 (weekend before Ash Wednesday). If you know of weekends/holidays, during this time frame when you will not be available, or special dates you would like to be scheduled, please contact Mary Leibl before **Wednesday, October 29th** at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org).

Thank you all for your dedication to your ministries and to your parish!

## Hymnals, Gray and Red

“Why did we recently use the old red hymnals?”

Good question. The main reason is that the red hymnal had more of the hymns chosen for last weekend. I’m glad we held on to our red hymnals even after we bought the new, gray hymnals a few years ago.

While some of the same music is found in both the red and the gray hymnals, there are key differences. The gray hymnals have the current English language prayers promulgated by Rome in 2011. We wanted those updates, as well as some of the good, new music that’s been written since the red hymnals came out in 2004. At the same time, we cherish many of the songs found only in the red hymnal. It’s likely that we’ll continue to draw from both hymnals in the future.

With all this in mind, feel free to let us know of your favorite hymns. Which ones best support your worship at Mass?

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Interested in hearing next week's music lineup ahead of time. Music lineups will now be posted on our Facebook Page. Go check it out!



## Giving Thanks in November

Enter by **Monday, October 20th**, after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays, or by stopping by the Parish Center (Mon–Thurs, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.)

This year’s raffle proceeds are designated for skylight repair and replacement.

## World Mission Sunday “Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples” October 18 and 19, 2025

Next week, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity supports the Pope’s missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year’s theme—“Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples”—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, “Each of us is a mission on this earth” (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

Accordingly, our parish community of St. Matt’s is sending \$250 to the Archdiocesan Center for Mission for World Mission Sunday.

Locally, St. Matthew will host a speaker from Casa **Guadalupana**. The second collection during the weekend of October 18 and 19 will go to Casa Guadalupana. (Casa houses people from across the globe.)



## 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 September 2025, St. Matthew donated **97 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



## 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).



## Boy Scout Wreath and Popcorn Sale



Boy Scout Troop 288, chartered by the Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, will be taking orders for their annual Wreath and Popcorn Sale from **now through Sunday, October 26, 2025.**

Your order will be distributed before and after each Mass the weekend of November 22 and 23.

**You can find the order forms and contact information at the back of the church. Please see flyers in the church for pictures of the wreaths.**



## Parish Mailing

We recently mailed out Giving Thanks raffle information and our Annual Financial Report. If you have not received the mailing, please notify Angela in the parish office (651-224-9793 or [arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)). We want to make sure everyone's



## ECFFF

### Early Childhood Family Faith Formation

**Days:** Mondays from October 13-December 1

**Time:** 5:30 PM- 7:30 PM

**Where:** St. Matthew Parish Center  
Community Room  
490 Hall Avenue,  
St. Paul, MN 55107

*Meetings include time to share a family meal.*

**JOIN US!**

[st-matts.org/ECFFF](http://st-matts.org/ECFFF)

**Questions?**

Contact [cczaia@st-matts.org](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org)

## Gifted and Belonging Meeting

Gifted and Belonging will hold their next meeting at St. Matthew on **Sunday, October 12 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. October theme is Trivia 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. Contact Megan at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com) for more information.