



St. Matthew's
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Bulletin Insert

October 19, 2025
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass of Explanation

St. Matthew Church
October 29, 2025
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Father Thomas Kommers will preside and lead Faith Formation families in a Teaching Mass on Wednesday, October 29. **ALL parishioners are invited to attend.**

Father will offer context and background to help all of us gain a deeper understanding of:

- What happens during Mass and why
- What the rituals and prayers mean
- How the Prayers are meant to help us be closer to Jesus, follow his example, and share his love in our community



Please join us!

World Mission Sunday

"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"
October 18 and 19, 2025

This 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" (Evangeli 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 Sister Stephanie Spandl, the new Director of Casa Guadalupana, to tell us more about the mission of **Casa Guadalupana**. This weekend's second collection will go to Casa Guadalupana. (Casa houses people from across the globe.)



Giving Thanks in November Last Chance!

Turn in your form by **Monday, October 20**,
at the Parish Center by 1:00 pm
or after Mass this Saturday or Sunday.

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

Giving Back & Raffles

What will you do if you win in our November Giving
Thanks fundraiser?

I was talking to a friend at St. Thomas More recently.
He said that if he wins in their raffle, he'll just give the
money back.

I urged him to accept any prize money. "Either spend
it on yourself, or give it to a family member, a friend,
or another charity."

He made a gracious offer, and I admire people for
making it. However, I like to think that if you win, it
might be God giving you a gentle nudge to help
others in your life.

Note that our raffle form allows you to donate without
being entered in the drawing. We added that box
because occasionally, one of our winners offers to
return the prize money.

Whichever box you check, thank you for your
support. Remember, this year's deadline to
participate is 1:00 p.m. this Monday, October 20.

Phil Grant, Administrator
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Neighborhood House Collection

This 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!

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*

Monthly Scripture Study

St. Matthew's monthly Scripture Study is on
**Tuesday, October 28 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the
Parish Center Community Room** (first floor).

It will focus on reading and discussing the Gospel
readings for the upcoming Sunday Masses and
celebrations.

Facilitated by Zach Czaia, the Scripture Study will
be on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Let Zach
know if you're planning to come, or if you have any
questions at zczaia@hotmail.com.

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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 the following Wednesday evenings from **5:30 PM to 6:45 PM**.

***November 12, 2025**
December 17, 2025
January 14, 2026

**November 12th meeting will be in the Parish Center at 490 Hall Avenue.*

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

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, November 5**. To register, please contact **Cristina Czaia** (cczaia@st-matts.org), **Angela Rakow** (arakow@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Office (651-224-9793).

Families with children who are preparing for the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation in Spring 2026 and need to be baptized, must register for Baptism Preparation Meetings by Wednesday, November 5.



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.



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!



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!
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Questions?
Contact cczaia@st-matts.org