



2025 Advent and Christmas Schedule

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

Men's Club Auction

Wednesday, December 10
Doors open at 7:30 pm
Auction starts at 8:00 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

Christmas Choir

Join the St. Matt's Choir on Christmas Eve Mass!

December 24, 4:15 PM
Caroling to start at 3:45 PM
Call Time: 3:00 PM

Rehearsal Dates (Tuesdays):

December 9
December 16
December 23

7:00 - 9:00 PM



-CHOIR PRACTICE-

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert at St. Matthew
Sunday, December 7, 2025, 3:00 PM

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 spscmusic.org.



Join us as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child with the sacred tradition of the **Jesse Tree**.

Each week ornaments will be placed on our Jesse Tree in the Sanctuary at Church. Printouts of the ornaments will be available in the back of Church for you to take home.

Adorn a tree in your home with these beautiful ornaments illustrating our sacred stories; From the creation of the world to the birth of the Savior, together we will unwrap the symbols, stories, and lessons that will bring the true meaning of Christmas to life.

This weekends ornaments include:

Day 7 - Jacob's Ladder (Genesis 28:12-13)

Day 8 - Joseph (Genesis 37:3-4)

Day 9 - Moses (Exodus 3:14-15)

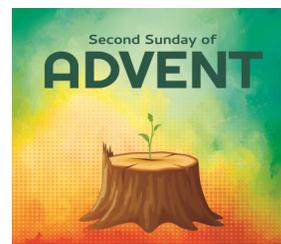
Day 10 - Rahab (Joshua 2:18-21)

Day 11 - Ruth (Ruth 1:16)

Day 12: David is Chosen (1 Samuel 16:12-15)

Day 13: The Shepherd King (2 Samuel 5:3-5)

Check out our Facebook page for reflections on these upcoming days.



Donations received during the November 30th Communal Reconciliation Service will be sent to Neighborhood House. Thank you for your generosity.

Baptism Preparation Meeting (age 6 and younger)

Baptism preparation meetings for parents and guardians with children aged six or younger for baptism are scheduled for:

- **Saturday, January 10 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).

Vatican Unveiled

January 10-February 1, 2026
Mall of America, Bloomington

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting Vatican Unveiled, an exhibit of the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome.

Father Richard Kunst, a priest of the Diocese of Duluth, serves as curator of the exhibit. Father Kunst has a deep knowledge of the items and a passion for telling their stories. Find more information at archspm.org/vaticanunveiled.

Retirement Fund for Religious December 13 and 14, 2025

For 174 of our 175 years as an Archdiocese, we have been blessed with the presence of religious. The annual Retirement Fund for Religious is one way to support those who have given a lifetime. These Religious Sisters and Brothers and Religious Order Priests have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay.

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious helps enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Your contributions also support newer religious communities with their retirement planning.

In 2025, the faithful of our archdiocese donated \$474,939 to the fund. A testament to how much we love our consecrated religious! We thank you for your past generosity and ask that when the collection takes place the weekend of December 13 and 14, 2025, that you may give generously in gratitude for our religious sisters and brothers and religious order priests. Donations may be given directly to your parish for them to forward onto the archdiocese. Find more information at retiredreligious.org.

To contribute, specially marked envelopes are available in the back of the church. **Make checks out to the Church of St. Matthew with “RFR” in the memo line.**



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JAN. 10 - FEB. 1, 2026

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times Monday, December 8

Church of Francis de Sales
650 Palace Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102

8:00 AM
6:00 PM - *bilingual*

Church of the Assumption
51 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

7:00 AM
12:00 PM (*livestreamed*)
5:15 PM