



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

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

Isaac's Blessing Bags - Last Week!

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)

Parish Mailing

We recently mailed out Advent mailing, which include *The Little Blue Book*. If you have not received the mailing, please notify Angela in the parish office (651-224-9793 or arakow@st-matts.org). We want to make sure everyone's address is up to date.

Community Band and *Commonweal* Group

St. Matthew Community Band and *Commonweal* group will not meet in December. Both will resume meeting in January 2026.

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 spcsmusic.org.



Reflections on Fr. Steve Adrian's Legacy: Guest Speaker - Fr. Michael Joncas

Tuesday, December 2, 2025
6:30 PM

Church of Saint Matthew
490 Hall Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55107

You are invited to attend a talk given by Fr. Michael Joncas, at which he will reflect on Fr. Steve Adrian's legacy and how it was shaped by Vatican II.

Fr. Mike will also talk about 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 of them during his presentation.

Please come and bring your friends. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Calling All Bakers, Treat and Candy Makers!



Your skills and creations are needed for the annual

ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

the weekend of December 6th and 7th.

As you begin baking and making items for this holiday season, please bake and make some extra and donate it to the **Rosary Society's Christmas Bake Sale**.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The money raised is used to cover our operational costs and the annual donations we make to charitable organizations, including Saint Matt's, Casa Guadalupana, Loaves and Fishes, Neighborhood House, Neighbors, Inc., and Our Lady of Peace Hospice Home.

You can drop off your creations at the Social Hall on Saturday, December 6^h, starting at 9:00 AM. Please call the office (651-224-9793) by December 2nd and leave a message if you need someone to pick up your donation.

Thank you in advance, for your support.

Saint Matt's Rosary Society

Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser Winners

November 24 - Tom and Pat Rolewicz (\$50)

November 25 - Pamela Gnan (\$25)

November 26 - Cecilia Glenn (\$75)

November 27 - Nico Cortez-Orme (\$50)

November 28 - Suzanne Clarke and
George Derringer (\$100)

November 29 - Peg Lindlof and John Riehle (\$25)

November 30 - Cathy Goaley (\$1,000)

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!

YOU ARE INVITED TO Youth Club and Isaac's Blessing Bags

**Sunday, December 7
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM**

St. Matthew Parish Center
490 Hall Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55107

Join us after 10:15 AM Mass in
St. Matthew Parish Center
to create blessing bags.
Together we can give back
through small acts of kindness.

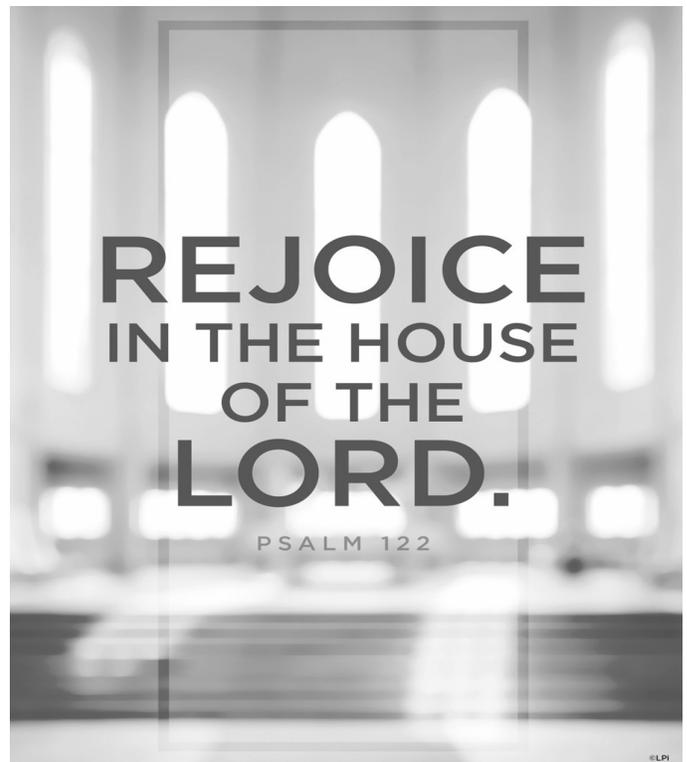
Treats • Pizza • Beverages

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, December 13 at 10:00 AM**
- **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).



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No Coffee Sunday in December

There will not be Coffee Sunday in December. It will return on January 11, 2026.



Community of Saints Regional Catholic School Collection



Next weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Catholic School. Thank you for your continued generous support!