



Safety & Security – Save the Date

We're convening a new task force at St. Matt's at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 10**. This Safety and Security task force will be charged with examining all aspects of safety & security for our campus. One goal is an up-to-date Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

We have some measures in place, but I'm aware of growing concerns—particularly since the Annunciation tragedy last August.

If you'd like to help with this effort, please let me know. Several volunteers have already come forward. I anticipate developing a core group while also welcoming occasional attendees who can share particular information and ideas.

Phil Grant

Fire Damage at Parish Center

Have you noticed the scorched brick on the wall next to the Parish Center's Door 1, the main entrance?

On January 1 at 11:11 p.m., a white male in a leather jacket and hoodie approached the front door of our Parish Center office building. Over the course of the next four hours, he built a fire that consumed a mail drop box, some "20 is Plenty" signs, and branches from a nearby bush. The fire scorched the brick wall in that area.

I've filed reports with the police and our insurance company, more to provide data than in hopes of identifying and helping this individual. No doubt he built the fire to try to keep warm on a very cold night. Please say a prayer for him.

Our security camera system helped with my reports and solving part of the mystery of the fire. Now we turn to cleanup. Anyone know anything about cleaning brickwork?

Phil Grant

Where is the Spirit Guiding Me? Come and See!

**Join us for an introductory workshop
about Ignatian Spirituality**

Wednesday, January 21, 6:30-8:00 pm
St. Matt's Social Hall

The Ignatian Spirituality Center will offer a free workshop to help explore the answer to questions such as *"How do I know God's direction for my life?"* and *"How can I be closer to God?"*

This 90-minute session will introduce you to the transformative impact of Ignatian Spirituality, a practice used by the Jesuits and named for the order's founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. In this hands-on workshop, you will come away with practical tools you can use every day to discern your path to God's presence through prayer. You'll find more information on the News page of St. Matt's website www.st-matts.org.

**A Wounded Church: Finding Peace and Healing
with Bishop Andrew Cozzens**

Monday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

So many of us have been shaken by the events of Aug. 27 at Annunciation, Minneapolis. How can a Church find hope and healing amidst the suffering?

All in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are invited to unite in communion (in-person or virtually) for an evening of healing, hope and prayer. Join Bishop Andrew Cozzens as he speaks on *A Wounded Church: Finding Peace and Healing*. Light refreshments will be available following Mass. If you plan to attend virtually, please register as a virtual attendant and you will receive the livestream link 48 hours before the event.