



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.

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. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

Contribution Statements

If you would like an annual contribution statement for 2025, call the parish office. We send these statements out upon request. (According to the IRS, it is the donor's responsibility to ask for such statements.)

Regardless of how you contribute, thank you! We could not sustain our service to our community without your generous support.

Scout Sunday

Scouting America, formerly known as Boy Scouts of America, was officially incorporated on February 8, 1910. Since the 1940s, Scout Sunday has been celebrated in late January or early February. St. Matthew's parish has a long history with Scouting going back generations and a Boy Scout is incorporated in the middle painting on the church's right (east) wall. This year, St. Matthew's celebrates Scout Sunday today, January 18.

Scouting America's mission is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law." In his bulletin column on November 6, 2022, Fr. Steve Adrian wrote "Scouting is a fine leadership academy. Scouting invites young people – boys and girls – to grow in the work of leadership."

Troop 107 was St. Matthew's historic troop from at least 1937 until the early 2000s. Troop 288, chartered by the Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, has been active with the parish since then. Scouting America opened their full program to girls and young women in February 2019. That month, Troop 7091 was formed as the first all-female troop in St. Paul and began helping with St. Matt's annual fish fry. In 2025, Troop 7091 took over helping with the annual Breakfast with Santa and next month the Troop's Scouts will volunteer with the fish fry for the 8th year in a row. Thank you all for your support of Scouting.

For more information about Troop 288 contact Simon Haeg (simonhaeg@gmail.com) and for Troop 7091 contact Jerald Dosch (dosch.troop91@gmail.com).



Opportunities to Help Our Neighbors

Community of Saints (COS) Regional Catholic School has a family assistance fund that will be used for grocery cards, gas/transportation, and also as needed with housing stability. Some of the COS families have been unable to work for weeks now. The donation can be done on the school's website or dropped off at the school office. COS is also starting a food drive next week that will go toward the Our Lady of Guadalupe food shelf.

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<https://www.communityofsaints.org>

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Neighborhood House is taking food and fund donations, including the purchase of El Burrito gift cards. If donating El Burrito gift card, request to have the gift card be sent to info@elburritomercado.com and the name of recipient is **Neighborhood House**. Neighborhood House will then use those cards to purchase food for deliveries.

Neighborhood House also has a volunteer sign-up for Basic Needs Delivery. To be put on the waiting list for this volunteer opportunity, visit <https://neighborhoodhousemn.org/volunteer>

Save the Date - St. Matthew's Annual Fish Fry

The annual Lenten Fish Fry returns on **Fridays, February 20 through April 3, 2026** in the St. Matthew Social Hall.



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Parish Office Closure

St. Matthew Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 19, 2026.



Monthly Scripture Study

St. Matthew's monthly Scripture Study is on **Tuesday, January 27 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.