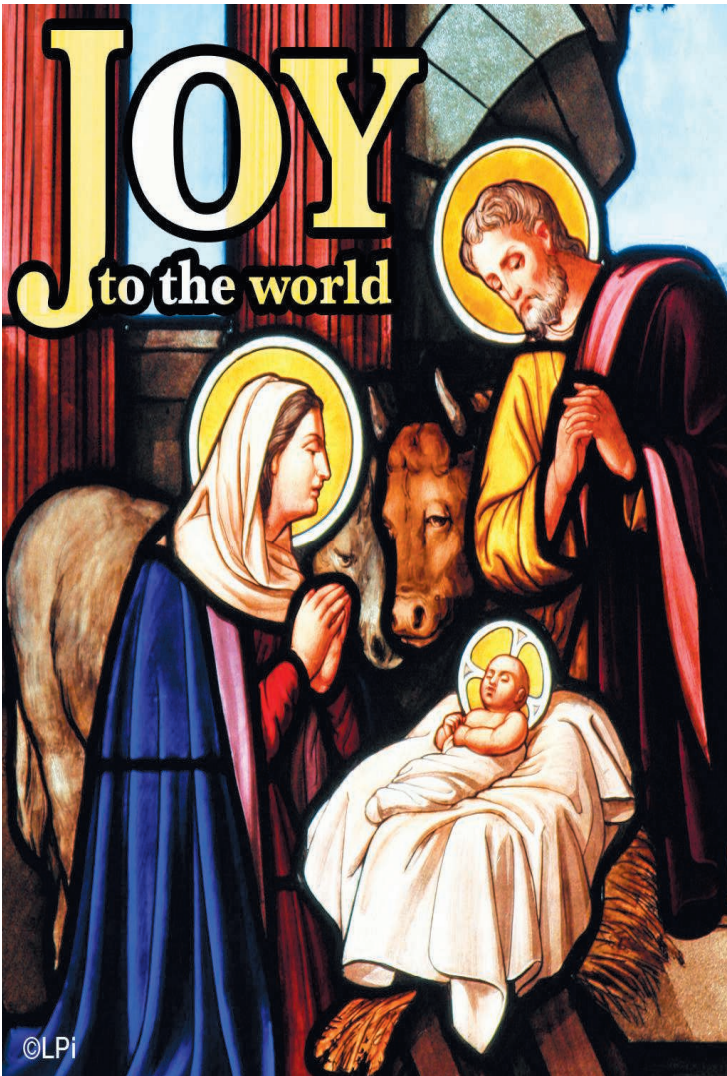


# CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW

## Christmas

December 25, 2016



### **Parish Staff**

Rev. Robert Kelly, OP, Parochial Administrator  
Deacon John Murphy  
Deacon Gregg Sroder  
Sister Anne Becker, Pastoral Ministry  
Cindy Hoffman, Parish Bookkeeper  
Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry  
Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer  
Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary

### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday - Wednesday - Friday** 8:00 am  
**Tuesday** 8:00 am Word & Communion Service  
**Thursday** - 9:30 am at Community of Saints School  
**Saturday** - 4:00 pm  
**Sunday** - 10:00 am

### **Reconciliation**

**Saturday**  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm and by appointment

### **Sacraments**

Please contact the Parish Office regarding baptism, marriage, first communion or confirmation information.

### **Prayer Line**

651.457.0228  
651.455.5473

### **Parish Center Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Address: 490 Hall Avenue  
St. Paul MN 55107

651-224-9793  
Fax 651.227.2688  
510 Hall Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
Website: [st-matts.org](http://st-matts.org)

### **Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016**

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35  
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18  
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



### **“THANK-YOU, GOD!”**

I think it is an interesting fact about human life that in most American families we begin to teach children how to say the magic words “Please” and “Thank-you” soon after they begin to talk. I have seen some parents who will not give their child a sippy cup before the child says “Please.” and I have seen parents who will not release their hold on a sippy cup before their child says “Thank-you.” I think most adults have a concern about teaching children how to be courteous and well-mannered. But I am not so sure that we have always helped our children or ourselves to understand what is behind the words “Thank-you.”

The philosopher, Daniel Bader, writes “The word “Thank-you” indicates that a gift given is a free gift. That what is done or given is not done by any obligation. Therefore, when we say ‘thank you’, we are saying that the gift is being given at the pleasure of the giver and not on a demand from the receiver. It is a mark that the gift is not a required gift. It is something given out of love and concern. “

In his First Letter to the Corinthians and in his letters to the Romans and to the Ephesians as well, St. Paul urges his communities to recognize the spiritual gifts that God has given to each of them and in return to give thanks to God. Their “Thank-you” is not to be spoken but to be lived out by using the gifts for the benefit of the whole community.

St. Athanasius writes that we should think of our community as a choir of many singers. The leader of the community is like the choir director; the gifted members of the community are like the variety of singers. There are old voices, middle age voices, and young voices. Some people can sing in only one octave while others can sing in two. Some community members don’t have singing voice but their fingers can give voice to one or more musical instruments. The members the community who don’t have the gift of singing or the gift of playing a musical instrument, are like patrons who support the choir and musicians with their attendance and their attentive listening. They receive the benefits of the music that is played and sung.

From the letters of Paul and writings of Athanasius we learn the four qualities of a spiritual gift: A spiritual gift has a servant motive. I am called to a specific community, faith sharing group, and parish because I have a gift. A spiritual gift has a stewardship motive. I am called because the gift I have is to be used not for my own sake but for the sake of my community. A spiritual gift is shared in sacred worship. I am called to give God glory and honor through the use of my gift. A spiritual gift is offered through the strength that God supplies. I only can answer the call to use my gift because God’s power makes it possible.

Because my strongest gifts are not in parish administration and my hours at St. Matthew are limited, John Riehle will be returning to the Church of St. Matthew on January 3 to become our pastoral administrator. Many of you already know John from his previous ministry here and the many gifts that John will bring with him. I believe we are fortunate and blessed that John will help us during this transition period. Information about John will be in next Sunday’s bulletin.

On this Christmas Day we are awesomely blessed because God sent us Jesus who is called “Emmanuel”—God with us. God provided each of us with unique spiritual gifts. God has brought us together to be a welcoming faith community. What a wonderful, divine Christmas gift—**“THANK-YOU, GOD!”**

### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



# News and Events

## Church Bells

The St. Matthew's church bells will ring on the following days in honor of:

- December 21 **Teresa Lannon Grundtner**
- December 23 **Joseph Karas, Sr.**
- December 24 **Joseph Karas, Jr.**
- December 24 **Jody Knops Huisman & Bob Knops**
- December 24 **Joseph Perron**
- December 24 **Richard Squire**
- December 24 **In Memory of Eleanor Bisciglia**

## Year End Contributions

All contributions for the calendar year 2016 must be received in the parish office by Friday, December 30, 2016. Post dated checks are not allowed. Thank you for your support to our parish whether it is financial, time or talent, or some of all. May God bless you for all you that share your friends, neighbors, and parish family.

## Many Thanks!

On behalf of the Community of St. Matthews, a heartfelt THANK YOU to the many generous people who shared their time and talents to help create a beautiful Christmas environment: Sr. Anne, The Men's Club, the Music Ministers, Confirmation Candidates, the many who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund, and all who accepted the invitation to prepare our worship space for this Blessed Christmas Season!

## Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy

Saturday, January 21, 7 – 11 p.m. St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary  
For over forty years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion to pray for hope and healing. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. Find more details, including full evening schedule, at [archspm.org/events](http://archspm.org/events). For more information, contact Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4515.

## Community of Saints School

We hope you had an amazing Christmas, and Happy New Year to you all! Community of Saints' first book swap was an amazing success! We received 50 new books to donate to "Books for Africa", our Student Leadership Team's global literacy service project, and raised almost \$100 to use toward purchasing books for the amazing cause as well.

Friday we hosted a school-wide book swap--every student went home with a lightly used or new book, and spent time during the school day reading with multi- grade level friends! Extra books were packed up and will be used for our next book swap, during Catholic Schools Week. If you have any books you'd like to donate toward the school, or Books for Africa, feel free to drop them off at our school office! Please and thank you!

## Weekly Contributions Report December 18, 2016

Parish Family		Extended Family	
Basket	\$929	Religious Retirement	\$150
Envelopes	\$1,683	Fuel	\$50
Vigil Lights	\$24.10	Total	\$200
Christmas Flowers	\$30		
Total	\$2,666.10		

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Our Parish  
Sarah & George Gubash†

### Sunday, December 25

10:00 am Our Parish  
Hank Goers†

### Monday, December 26

8:00 am No Mass due to 11 am Funeral

### Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am Word & Communion Service

### Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am Elaine Goldberg,  
Special Intention

### Friday, December 30

8:00 am Claudette Borgan,  
Special Intention

### Saturday, December 31

4:00 pm Our Parish  
Sarah & George Gubash†

### Sunday, January 1

10:00 am Our Parish  
Wallace Borgan, Sr. †

## Calendar Of Events

### Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00am Mass

### Monday Dec. 26—Fri. Dec. 30

5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

### Monday, December 26

No Clinic

Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27

### Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am – 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

No Faith Formation Classes

### Thursday December 29

9:30 am Mass at St. Michael

### Friday, December 30

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve

4:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day

10:00am Mass

### Monday, January 2

Parish Office Closed



## Word Search Children's Corner

Circle these words from today's Gospel in the puzzle:

MARY	SHEPHERDS	LISTENED
JOSEPH	JESUS	WONDERFUL
BABY	ANGEL	NAMED

B	N	J	D	N	B	M	A	W	G	C
F	A	N	U	E	O	R	I	O	K	T
S	M	Y	L	I	S	T	E	N	E	D
L	E	H	A	M	H	F	J	D	V	O
P	D	A	N	G	E	L	P	E	S	F
I	L	R	B	V	P	Y	A	R	U	C
J	O	S	E	P	H	A	G	F	N	B
D	H	Y	W	T	E	K	W	U	J	M
W	G	K	O	T	R	C	S	L	H	A
E	I	M	R	C	D	U	P	E	D	R
A	J	E	S	U	S	L	B	A	B	Y

488 Humboldt Ave.  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55107  
**(651) 767-9333**  
Funerals with casket starting at \$3,495  
Cremation with service starting at \$1,795



**Simple Traditions**  
FUNERALS & CREMATIONS  
by BRADSHAW  
Simpletraditions.com



**Ries ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
For All Your Residential & Commercial Wiring Needs  
**651-451-2238**  
777 N. Concord • S. St. Paul, MN 55075  
Celebrating 60 Years

¿Necesita ayuda? ¿Conoce a alguien que la necesita? ¡Estamos cerca de usted!

- Asesoramiento profesional.
- ¡Gratis! No se necesita tarjeta del seguro de salud.
- Puede permanecer en el anonimato.



**Walk-in Counseling Center**  
www.walkin.org  
612-870-0565  
179 Robie Street E  
St. Paul, MN 55107




**Cerenity SENIOR CARE**  
**Humboldt**  
• Assisted Living • Transitional Care  
• Skilled Nursing • Memory Care  
514 Humboldt Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
**651-220-1700**  
www.CerenitySeniorCare.org

**VFW Post 295**  
Support Veterans Awareness  
Steak or Shrimp Dinner  
3rd Friday 5 - 8pm  
April - December  
111 S. Concord Exchange  
**651-455-1505**

**SIMON'S APPLIANCE**  
Maytag • Whirlpool • Amana • KitchenAid  
Sales & Service  
**651-455-0189**  
Peter A. Simon • John E. Simon  
7090 Cahill Ave. E., Inver Grove Hgts

Online Shopping for Catholic Gifts of Faith  
**www.parishstore.com**



**ST. CROIX LUTHERAN**  
GRADES 4-12  
• Academic Excellence  
• A Global Perspective  
• Bible-Based  
• Family Environment  
West St. Paul StCroixLutheran.org



**Allstate**  
You're in good hands.  
Specializing in:  
- Business Insurance  
- Life & Retirement  
- Home & Auto Insurance  
- 20 plus year experience  
**651-538-4665**  
Buscando empleados que hablan Espanol.



**ACADEMIA CESAR CHAVEZ**  
Tuition Free / Gratuita  
Pre-K - 6th Grade  
Enroll Today! / Inscríbete Hoy  
1801 LaCrosse Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55119  
**651-778-2940**  
www.cesarchavezschool.com

**HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY**  
**CALL NOW! 1-888-891-6806**



**ADT AUTHORIZED DEALER**  
**HOME SECURITY TEAM**



**Home Instead SENIOR CARE**  
To us, it's personal.  
Great Caregivers serving Great Clients  
Join Us!  
**651-315-8639**

**Boca Chica RESTAURANTE**  
Sunday Brunch Buffet  
10am-2:00pm  
11 Cesar Chavez St.  
**651-222-8499**

**Wakota Life Care Center**  
Helping Pregnant Women Since 1976  
1140 S. Robert St.  
West St. Paul, MN 55118  
**651-457-1195**  
www.wakotalifecarecenter.org

**Trojack Law Office, P.A.**  
• Wills • Guardianships  
• Trusts • Conservatorships  
• Probate • Powers of Attorney  
• Estate Planning • Health Care Directives  
We offer tailor-made, client-focused, estate planning and related services from a Catholic perspective.  
**Trojack Law Office, P.A.**  
1549 Livingston Ave., Ste. 101  
W. St. Paul, MN 55118  
Call to attend complimentary workshops!  
**651.451.9696 • www.TrojackLaw.com**



**Hilda's ALTERACIONES**  
927 Payne Ave.  
Plaza Latina, Suite 103  
**(651) 431-8050**

**RELIABLE INSURANCE NETWORK**  
Steve Sarantos • (651)451-0101 Hugo Munoz • (651) 353-2627  
Locally owned in West Saint Paul Nuestra Oficina se encuentra aqui en West Saint Paul  
161 Marie Ave. East, West Saint Paul, MN 55118  
f w t e  
**AAA FOREMOST INSURANCE GROUP PROGRESSIVE TRAVELERS**



**PINEDA Tacos**  
**(651) 455-6833**  
1304 S Robert St. • West St. Paul, MN  
**20% OFF Main Dish (St. Paul, only)**

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**  
**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**  
Contact Ricardo Fonseca to place an ad today!  
rfonseca@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5859



**ALTER LOGISTICS**  
Alter River Terminal - St. Paul  
801 Barge Channel Road  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
**(651) 222-2751**  
www.alterlogistics.com



**ALTER METAL RECYCLING**  
Serving all your metal recycling needs.  
801 Barge Channel Road  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
**651.222.2751**  
www.altermetalrecycling.com



**Bauer Floor Covering Inc.**  
We Specialize In  
Vinyl Flooring • Carpeting • Ceramic Tile  
Hardwood & Laminate Floors  
Granite, Cambria, Silestone & Laminate Countertops, Cabinets  
You Will Pay for the Installation...  
But Our Personalized Service is FREE  
**FREE In-Home Estimates**  
www.bauerfloorcovering.com  
525 Southview Blvd.  
**651-451-6437**  
Call Us Today & Let Us Show You the **Bauer Floor Covering** Difference!!



**PERL ALEXANDRA NELSON**  
VP of Mortgage Lending  
YOUR LENDER FOR LIFE  
651.689.0597 direct  
651.442.6218 cell  
651.472.5820 fax  
anelson@perlmortgage.com  
perlmortgage.com/anelson  
2600 Eagan Woods Dr. | Ste. 470  
Eagan, MN 55121  
NMLS #:340496;MN-MLO-340496



**ITS IVAN HERNANDEZ**  
15 Years of Experience Fully Insured  
Ivan's Tree Service, LLC  
SERVE RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL  
TREE REMOVAL | CLEARING  
THINNING DEAD WOODING  
STUMP REMOVAL | BRUSH REMOVAL  
**651-485-6870**  
FREE ESTIMATES  
ivanstreeservice@yahoo.com  
ivanstreeservice.com

**801 Barge Channel Rd, St Paul, MN**  
**(1/2 mile South of OLG)**



**Camelot Cleaners**  
984 S. Smith Ave.  
W. St. Paul  
Phone **457-2909**

**Theisen Escobar Agency**  
Sirviendo a la Comunidad con Seguros y Servicios Financieros  
Agentes Profesionales Krystell & Benjamin  
992 S Robert St #100  
West Saint Paul, MN 55118  
**651-204-0620**



**El Burrito Mercado**  
FAMILIA SILVA  
elburritomercado.com  
175 Cesar Chavez Street, St. Paul, MN



**TWIN CITY REFUSE**  
318 W. WATER ST.  
St. PAUL, MN  
**227-1549**



**KLECATSKY & SONS**  
Funeral Chapels  
FUNERAL • MEMORIAL • CREMATION  
www.Klecatskys.com  
**651.451.1551**  
Where your funeral is built on faith & personalized with elements that reflect your life.



**CatholicMatch Minnesota**  
CatholicMatch.com/MN

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.  
24 Hour Good Neighbor Service®  
**Steven J. Stremski, Agent**  
1560 Livingston Ave., Suite 101  
West St. Paul  
(651) 457-6348 • (877) 221-0346  
www.stevestremski.com

Family Owned & Operated  
**CHEROKEE CASPERY**  
SHIRAZI ROOM  
OPEN EVERY DAY FOR LUNCH & DINNER  
Eagan • Cedar & Cliff  
**651-454-6744**  
W. St. Paul • Hwy 13 & Smith  
**651-457-2729**

**Rodriguez Auto Services**  
Sergio Rodriguez  
Owner  
**651-227-6298**  
411 Wabasha St. S., St. Paul, MN 55107



**Edina Realty**  
a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate  
**Kevin O'Brien, Realtor**  
c. 651-206-2820  
KevinOBrien@edinarealty.com



**Pace's Sinclair Tire & Service Center**  
We specialize in professional bumper to bumper auto care & repairs on foreign and domestic cars & trucks.  
**Ken Pace - Bob Pace**  
1247 So. Robert Street  
West St. Paul, MN 55118  
651-455-9048 • 651-457-3935  
paces-service-center.com



**West Side Community Health Services**  
• Servicios Médicos y Dentales  
• Persona Profesional Bilingüe  
• Servicios Económicos basados en Ingreso  
Horarios por la tarde y sábados  
Farmacia en la clínica  
Nuestras direcciones son:  
La Clínica  
153 Cesar Chavez St., St. Paul  
East Side Family Clinic  
(servicios médicos y dentales)  
895 E. 7th Street, St. Paul  
McDonough Homes Clinic  
1544 Timberlake Rd., St. Paul  
West Side Dental Clinic  
478 S. Robert St., St. Paul  
¡Haga una cita hoy! Llame al 651-602-7500