

## **WE THANK YOU!!**

Thanks to those who participated in our November 18th Church Cleaning. A small but hard working crew came for the community effort. Our wonderful helpers were Charles Anderson, Kathy Schowalter and her sister Liz, Jan Lackner, Joanne Smith, Marian Wolters, Steve Grunde, Becky Montgomery, Father Bob and Jill Kilzer.

Thanks to those who helped with environment set up for Christ the King.

Help needed to prepare the environment for Advent following the November 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Mass. O Come, all ye faithful!

## **COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS**

Our Give to the Max Day, and School Marathon was a HUGE success! Together we raised over \$23,000! All of this will go toward our Student Experience Fund, and specifically, Health and Wellness. Our new drinking fountains have arrived and we CANNOT WAIT for them to be installed! We also look forward to purchasing additional playground equipment and supporting a school garden this spring.

**Save the Date!** Our school benefit will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, in St. Matthew's Social Hall. Super Bowl theme and fun! More details soon to come.

## **SCRIP SHOPPING**

Make your Christmas shopping less hectic by shopping at St. Matthew's SCRIP Program. There are dozens of the best stores, restaurants and services to choose from. If Tim doesn't have it in stock he can order it and it will arrive in a very short time. Please support the Scrip Program, which supports St. Matthew's Church.

## **FOOD FROM THE HEART**

On November 18 and 19, the third Sunday of the month, 498 pounds of food and non-perishable items were collected for Neighborhood House from St. Matthew's parish. Through your generous donations friends and neighbors of the area are able to access nutritious food for themselves and their families. Your donations make a difference to families who are hungry. *Our next food collection weekend will be December 16 and 17.*

## **MASS OF SOLIDARITY – SHARE THE JOURNEY**

Saturday, December 9, 5 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis  
Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens invite all Catholics to join our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters from around the world. This Mass is part of the 2-year "Share the Journey" campaign, launched by Pope Francis on September 27, 2017, to support those who have left, or have been displaced from, their home countries. This Archdiocese is home to more than 800,000 Catholics celebrating Mass regularly in 11 different languages.

## **PROJECT RACHEL: MORNING OF REFLECTION**

Saturday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. – Noon  
Center for Catholic Studies, University of St. Thomas (2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul)  
The format of the day provides time to quietly reflect on the mercy and love God has for you. This gathering is especially helpful for women and men who have already begun a healing process through a retreat, confession or some other program. For more information, contact Sonya Flomo at [651.291.4515](tel:651.291.4515) or [flomos@archspm.org](mailto:flomos@archspm.org).