

## **BLEST ART**

On February 10 & 11 representatives of Blest Art were here at St. Matthew's as well as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Many of you bought their beautiful items, proceeds from which help to support Christians living in the Holy Land. The combined sales from the two parishes was \$7,030.86.

## **BLAZING FORWARD**

Where were you in 1968? Did you see the church burn or take pictures of it after the fire? We'd like to share the stories of that day at our 50th anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. As reported at the Fire Hall Museum, it was the fourth largest fire in St. Paul that year at \$231,000. Do you have a souvenir from the fire that you would like to have us display? All items would be returned to you. Come see a piece of our history from April 15, 1968. In addition to the event, Father Steve Adrian will be the celebrant for the Mass that day – and there will be birthday cake for his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If you have items you are willing to share, please connect with Linda Rivera at the Parish Center [651-224-9793](tel:651-224-9793) or Karen Thompson at [651-245-0535](tel:651-245-0535). **We haven't heard from many folks yet, does anyone have anything to share?? Your items will be clearly marked, and returned to you and you can take them with you after the celebration.**

## **COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS**

### **Announcing Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL) at Community of Saints!**

Do you want to connect with like-minded parents in a welcoming and supportive environment? Do you want to learn the best in child development and how to teach the Faith? Do you want to deepen your relationship with your child? Then join us for Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)!

At ECFL, we believe that a child's first and most important teachers are his or her parents. Our mission is simple—connect parents with their peers and empower them to raise their children optimally in the Faith.

ECFL welcomes families with children 0-5 years old. Its 8 sessions facilitate parent-child interaction, parent discussion time, and children's learning time.

**We are excited to bring this opportunity to our school and sponsoring parishes' communities. We will be offering the program at Community of Saints on Saturdays from 9am-11am, beginning April 7th and ending May 26<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a cost of \$5 per session. Please contact the school office to learn more, ask questions and sign up! Angie Lopez: [651-457-2510](tel:651-457-2510) or [alopez@communityofsaints.org](mailto:alopez@communityofsaints.org).

### **Walk-In Wednesday, March 21st**

We will be hosting another Walk-In Wednesday from 1-6pm on March 21st. PreK-8 prospective families can "walk-in" any time during those hours for a personal tour. Tours in Spanish will also be available. If you know anyone looking for a high-quality, Catholic education that is affordable, please send them our way! All families will leave with a gift bag.

## **ENCHILADA DINNER AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Something different for Lent – serving from 11:30 am. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays during Lent through March 30<sup>th</sup>. Available for eat-in or take-out, small dinners are just \$6.00 and the large dinners are \$10.00. One dozen enchiladas are \$20.00 and are available for take-out only. Accepting cash, checks and credit cards.

## **REUNION SUNDAY**

All graduates of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School –and its antecedent schools – St. Matt's, St. Michael's, St. John Vianney and Our Lady of Guadalupe, are invited to celebrate Reunion Sunday on May 20, 2018, Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am at Community of Saints (former St. Michael's Church), and there will be some sharing of food and tours of the school building. Please RSVP to the COS office [651.457.2510](tel:651.457.2510) so we have enough food. Special invitation to the members of classes celebrating 25 (1993), 50 (1968), 60 (1958), 70 (1948) & 75 (1943). If you know former classmates who are no longer in touch with St. Matthew's please let them know about this event.