

Church of Saint Matthew - September 8, 2019

VISITING PRIEST – WELCOME FATHER VOLLMER

Fr. Gary Vollmer, a retired priest from the archdiocese of St. Louis, MO, will be visiting MN and will be the presider at the weekday Masses on 9/6, 9/9 and 9/10 as well as the weekend Masses on 9/7 and 9/8. Please welcome him with the usual "St. Matt's hospitality."

STRAWBERRIES; FINAL REPORT

The bulletin had to be sent last week; here is the final report for this year's "State Fair cleaning"... There were 69 different folks who worked on one or more of the days of the cleaning. It was wonderful to see so many people. It was wonderful to see "seniors" who can do this work; it was very wonderful to see some "youth" who came to help on most of the days!

There were 362 "appearances" by those 69 people over the course of 11 days. [On Tuesday, August 27 there was no cleaning because of the amount of rain on Monday. The concessionaire had enough berries for the next day.]

We had an agreement to clean for these fees: \$.50 per pound cleaned; \$30 per day for putting the bins through the dishwasher; \$20 per day for breaking down the cardboard flats [we did that for the last few days of the fair].

The concessionaire paid us in full and more; we received a check for \$4700.

Thanks to the coordinators, Greg and Diane Lothenbach, who were early before sun-up each day; thanks to Bill Brengman and Tim Dalzell who were here each day. Bill washed all the strawberries each and every day; Tim lugged and carted each and every day.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGED

As of Friday, August 2nd the parish office began closing on Fridays. If you wish to conduct business at the parish office, please come between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Messages left on parish voice mail will be listened to on Monday morning. Thank you for your consideration.

The office will be open for the three Fridays prior to the Fall Festival and the Friday following the Fall Festival.

ROSARY/CCW NEWS

Summer is over and a new season begins for the women for Saint Matthew's Rosary/CCW. All women of the parish are invited to our first meeting on September 10th at 6:45 pm in the Social Hall. We are a group of all ages that specializes in hospitality to the parish. We look forward to seeing our current members, but are encouraging new members to come to this meeting. We will be talking about our Fall Festival and our important work at the Festival. This is a great time for new members to join us, come see what we are about and lend new ideas and inspiration to our group. Let's keep our parish growing!!

FALL FESTIVAL HELP AND OTHER NEWS

SIGNUP TO HELP AT THE FESTIVAL

If you have not taken the opportunity to signup previously, please do so today. We need the help of as many parishioners as possible. Signup for one hour or two hours or more if you are able. Signup Sheets are on the Scrip Table. We need help with set-up on Friday evening, working at the various events on Saturday and Sunday and teardown on Sunday afternoon. There is something for everyone to do, of all ages and abilities. Volunteer to help, then stay and have some fun too.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Festival!!

CHICKEN DINNER

Pre-sale tickets for the Fall Festival Chicken Dinner served on Sunday, September 15th are on sale at the Parish Center, Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A limited number of these tickets are available, purchase yours before they are all gone. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like parishioners to know that this year the deadline for picking up any items won in the Silent Auction and not picked up on the day of the Festival will be Tuesday, September 24, by 4:00 PM at the Parish Center. Items not picked by that date will be offered to the next highest bidder.

Also, please remember to check the parish website for more Festival and Silent Auction updated information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Father Adrian will anoint all those who have a need or wish to be anointed during the Masses the weekend of October 12 and 13th.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.



SCHOOL MASSES AT COS

School Masses will resume at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School on Thursday, September 12th at 9:10 am. Parishioners, parents, grandparents, family and friends are all welcome to attend these Masses. Please check the weekly bulletin to see if Father Adrian cancels a Mass during vacation, holidays, etc.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Community of Saints is in search for volunteers! We are specifically looking for help in maintaining our school library. If you have any interest, or know someone who might, please contact the school: alopez@communityofsaints.org or 651-457-2510. Please and thank you!

Community of Saints is looking forward to our best school year yet! All of our amazing staff is returning, and our enrollment will be increasing for the fourth consecutive year. This year we look forward to full implementation of our blended learning program known as Higher Powered Learning through the University of Notre Dame. We also look forward to implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through additional partnerships with Notre Dame.

As part of our Catholic Identity, we will be naming our classrooms after different saints. These saints were intentionally selected by their relevance to our school community, their background, and their lives that led them to their canonization. Students will take time to get to know "their" saint this year with their classroom teacher, and educate others about what they learn!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SAINT MICHAEL ADORATION CHAPEL

COME TO ME... IN PERPTUAL ADORATION

NINE Open Hours WHO WILL WATCH WITH ME?
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sunday 11:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Tuesday 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 am Friday 9:00 am

Each Saturday morning at 8:00 am the Chapel is cleaned, can you spare a little time on Saturday to help clean the Chapel? It takes very little time, and the reward is great. Currently there are only a couple ladies cleaning every week, please consider, joining them or alternating with them. Call Shirley for details about the cleaning schedule or see the cleaning schedule in the Chapel vestibule.

The Chapel is located at 337 East Hurley Street, West St. Paul MN 55118. The entrance is on the north end of the building. Please call Shirley for the entrance code 651.457. 6844.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

Mexican Independence Day and Latin Americans Celebration

Saturday, September 7, 12pm-7pm Live Entertainment, Food, Drinks, Present Our Lady of Guadalupe's 2019 Queen, Senior Court and Princesses, Raffle 1st Prize - \$1000, 2nd Prize -\$500 & 3rd Prize -\$250
401 Concord Street, Saint Paul, MN 55107 651.228.0506

NIGHT OF LIGHT

Help more children attend a Catholic school!

September 27, 2019, at the Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront

Join us, our keynote speaker, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and our distinguished guest, Archbishop Bernard Hebda, for the 7th annual Night of Light. The gala is the 12 county metro area's premier fundraiser directly supporting children in all K-8 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. Proceeds of last year's event helped more than 1,300 children attend a Catholic school in 2018-19. Tables and tickets are still available. To register, visit <https://nightoflight.info> or contact the Aim Higher Foundation at 612-819-671

ANNUAL MASS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Sunday, September 8, 3 p.m. Friday, St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

This special mass, posted by the St. Paul Seminary begins at 2:30 with a sing-along. Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda will celebrate the mass and confer the sacrament of confirmation. All are invited and welcome. Please contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4488 or email flomos@archspm.or for more information.

CELEBRATE LIFE AT THE 7TH ANNUAL HARVEST OF HOPE GALA

Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park

Benefit for Options for Women/Cornerstone, a pro-life pregnancy medical center located in St. Michael. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with social hour, games and silent auction. Dinner, live auction and speaker are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Our keynote speaker this year is Ashley Bratcher, who starred as Abby Johnson in the recent film *Unplanned*, the true story of Johnson's inspiring transformation from Planned Parenthood clinic director to pro-life activist. Our emcee is Matt Birk, former Minnesota Viking and 15-year veteran of the NFL. A very limited number of VIP Meet & Greet tickets are available to meet Ashley and Matt. Make your plans now to enjoy an evening celebrating life and the work of this vital ministry in the greater Wright County community! Visit www.cornerstoneoptions.org or call (612) 584-9449 for tickets and more information. To become a sponsor, call Chad at (612) 250-1544.