

Church of Saint Matthew – March 8, 2020

IMPORTANT BAPTISM WORKSHOP NOTICE

Please note that the Baptism Workshop on **MARCH 14th will begin at 9:30** am not 10:30 am; this is only for the month of March. Thank you for your understanding.

LENTEN RICE BOWL BOXES

Rice Bowl Boxes are available at the church entrance, please consider using one this Lenten season. We all consider “giving” something up each Lent. Soda, alcohol, candy, dining out less often...take the cost of that savings and put in the Rice Bowl Box. You will hardly miss it and the gift your gift to someone in a developing country is enormous. Boxes are returned to the church on Good Friday...let's get going, take a box today.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY



4-hour course will be offered on **Thursday, April 16; 8:30 - 12:30** at Saint Matthew's. If you attend this course you can be eligible for 10% reduction on your car insurance (per person, per vehicle). Now is the time to do this: the current costs (\$15 - AARP members; \$20 - non-members) will rise by \$5 on July 1. Registration is necessary; please call the parish office.

ANOTHER MUSICAL OFFERING THIS WEEK

SPCO (The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra) concert on **Thursday, March 12. 7:00 pm** in the church. This concert, originally scheduled for Humboldt is being changed because the theater is not available during remodeling.

Tickets are necessary; they are complimentary to anyone who lives in the 55107 zip code (or may want to?) Because of this change of venue the orchestra would like to be posters into public places and businesses on the West Side, and beyond. Would you take one or two to the locations? (sign your name and take a poster.)

LOAVES & FISHES PROGRAM REMINDER

Beginning Friday, February 28 and all the Fridays of Lent the Loaves & Fishes program will **NOT** serve meals on Fridays. If you regularly eat meals at Loaves and Fishes on Fridays or know someone who does, please help us spread this information to those who need to know.

All are invited to come to the Fish Fry Dinner on Fridays, **rather this is a paid, fundraising event, not a free meal.** Thank you for understanding.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Community Brunch and Confirmation Blessing: Join us for Mass on Sunday, March 8, at 10:15 am to see our Confirmation candidates blessed. Then please come to the Social Hall after the service for brunch. Confirmation families will be at Mass and then also come to the brunch and have a meeting during the meal. The meal is free of charge but free-will offerings are accepted. Our 15 Confirmation candidates from the Faith Formation program and Community of Saints Catholic school will be confirmed at a 2:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on March 22. Please pray for these students.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

To receive your 2019 stewardship statement, please call the parish office and leave your name and address. Your 2019 statement will be mailed to you.

The office staff/volunteers will mail statements once a week to those who request a statement.

HAM BINGO



Come with family and friends for a fun evening of “Ham Bingo” at St. Matthew's. **Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:00 – 8:00 pm** in the Social Hall. You will have many opportunities to win cash prizes and hams for your Easter dinner. There will be food, wine, beer and soda on sale for to further your evening's enjoyment.

We welcome everyone to come have a great evening at the Church of Saint Matthew.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SAINT MICHAEL ADORATION CHAPEL EIGHT Open Hours WHERE DOES YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGIN? CONSIDER IN ADORATION WITH JESUS! HE GAVE ALL - WILL YOU GIVE ONE HOUR?

Monday 7:00 a.m. Monday 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Tuesday 10:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 am Friday 11:00 a.m.

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.

COS NEWS



Community of Saints had a blast helping out at the St. Matthew Fish Fry on Friday night. Thank you to the St. Matthew Men's Club for all of your support and allowing COS to be a part of this amazing community event. We think we had over 40 volunteers, including current families, as well as Alum members of Community of Saints! We always look forward to attending and/or serving at our sponsoring parish lenten meals.

Night of Community results have been configured, and the benefit brought in \$12,400! All proceeds will go directly to our Student Experience Fund. A huge thank you to all who helped make this happen. Many people worked with us to keep the costs of our event to a minimum, yet still allow us to throw a great time! Also, a special thank you to St. Matthew Church and St. Matthew Men's Club for allowing us to use your venue, and for donating soda, beer and your hard work at the event! We hope everyone who added had a "roaring" good time (get it, the theme was "Roaring Twenties"?).

LENTEN ENCHILADA DINNER

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - All welcome! Please join us for an authentic Mexican Enchilada Lenten dinner on Friday's, February 28th through April 3rd (not serving Good Friday) from 11:30am – 6:30pm. Enjoy time with family and friends (eat in) or order as "take-out". Large plate \$10.00, small plate \$8.00. Enchiladas also sold "to-go" (by the dozen for \$20.00). Come and taste the "Mexican Experience"! Credit cards now accepted.
OLG Church, 401 Concord Street, St. Paul 55107 651-228-0506

MIRIAM DINNER

March 10, 6-8 p.m., Holy Cross, Minneapolis

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us for a Miriam Dinner. Come for an evening of prayer and dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. It is typical for guests to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth / campus minister. RSVP before March 6 at 10000vocations.org.
Questions? Email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

March 10, 7-9 p.m., Benedictine Center, St. Paul's Monastery, Maplewood

Caregivers will have a chance to share stories, feelings, frustrations and joys in a supportive, non-judgmental setting. Each session will be a form of group spiritual direction with check-ins, introductions and discussions around the disease of dementia. RSVPs to Steve at sarnold@benedictinecenter.org or 651-777-7251.

THE PASSION OF JESUS

In Music, Word & Light. March 19 Spanish – March 20 & 21 English 8:00 p.m., Saint Mark's Church
4th Avenue & Atwood Street, Shakopee Prelude Music begins 7:40 pm Admission is free/ People of all faiths are encourage to attend; www.ShakoppPassionPlay.org

ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights

Embrace the Challenge is the theme for the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference. This is a great opportunity for men of Faith to come together for good fraternity, good food and to grow in faith! This year's keynote speaker is priest, scholar, author and son of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, Fr. Paul Scalia.