

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

FUNERAL MINISTRY: The church of St. Matthew invites you to be a part of a compassionate ministry providing hospitality to grieving families. You are needed to help set up and serve post-funeral luncheons to families and their guests. If you can help, please call either **Becky Montgomery 651-292-0521** or **Suzanne Clark 612-819-3752**.

GREETERS: Now that we have two masses each weekend, St. Matthews seeks additional "Greeters" to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew parish are all that is needed. To help, contact: Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org , mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

THANK YOU: To the 81 worshippers who attended the 4:15 mass last Sat and the 86 who attended the Sun. 10:15 mass. Thank **You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, emphasized the Joy of the Christmas Season! To **Kathy** who on Sat. handled the opening announcements & served as Lector. To our Pianist **Jill & Cantor Christina**. Eucharistic Ministers **Jeanne, Suzanne & Ann**. Ushers **Tim & Kevin**, and Sacristan **Mary**. We thank those who ministered on Sunday. Pianist **Jill & Phil**, Cantor **Linda**. Lector **Anthony**, Eucharistic Ministers **Joe, Josie & Jerald**, Ushers **Ginny & Steve**, and Sacristans **Joanne & Ginny**. Thank You to **Tim, Dave, John, Debbie & Ginny** who took the Eucharist to family and friends who are unable to attend in person.

THANK YOU: To the Confirmation Candidates and their families who lit and placed the candles around the Perimeter of the church! Confirmation Candidate **Arturo Abarca** and his mom **Maribel Tapia**, Confirmation Candidate **Nicholas Cortez-Orme** and dad **Heriberto Cortez Ramirez** and mom **Jessica Orme**. Confirmation Candidate **Lorenzo Ramos** and mom & dad **Paul & Teresa Ramos**. Thank You to **Bob & Mary Bejblik** who extinguished the candles on Dec. 26th.

THANK YOU: To all who stayed after the 10:15 mass last Sunday to take down & put away the Christmas decorations. **Jayla, Braiden, Chase, Sam, Chauvez, Jasmine, Ricardo, Nico, Katie, Mackenzie, Mikayla, Christopher, Lorenzo, Maurice, Sophie, Pedro, Mary, Bob, Dave, Linda, Maureen, Ginny & Steve**. A special thanks to all the Faith Formation students & COS students who helped us take down and put away all the Christmas decorations in about 45 min.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Veronica**. She was in the back of the church, with a broom twice her size. She was sweeping up all the needles that had come off the wreaths that were taken down from the church walls. She was sweeping on the stone walkway in the back of the church and meticulously putting the needles into small piles to be swept into a dustpan. She was so absorbed in her project that she barely noticed the people rushing back and forth on either side. She looked up and asked, "How does this look?" "Perfect!" I said. "Next week have someone read the bulletin to you! Your name is going to be in there."

It is people like Veronica, and all the other volunteers who step forward continuously, who make it possible for our parish to continue! **WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!!**