

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

October 30, 2022
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS

Isaac Garcia, a junior at Cretin-Derham Hall, will once again be collecting donations for Isaac's Blessing Bags. The donations are accepted through **December 1, 2022**.

Isaac is collecting items such as:

- Warm socks
- Hats
- Gloves
- Hand warmers
- Toothpastes
- Deodorants
- Soaps
- Travel size tissues
- Snacks
- Drinks/Water

You can place your donations in large bins by the main entrance. Below is a letter from Isaac:

Greetings family and friends,

I am currently a junior at Cretin-Derham Hall. Each year I seem to get a little more busy, but I always make time to help people in need. This past summer my family and I created 100 blessing bags and handed them out along Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis, and near the Cathedral in Saint Paul. My brother filled the coolers and passed out cold beverages. It always brings me joy to see so many smiling faces. We have already collecting donations, and will continue through December 1st. As always, I want all the parishioners and friends of St. Matthew's Church to know how grateful I am. Each year I am excited and thankful to receive boxes full of basic necessities, clothing, and snacks. Each of you help to keep my mission going. Thank you for your continued compassion and support. Together we can create a better world through the gift of kindness. Have a beautiful holiday season.

Warmly,

Isaac Garcia



THANKSGIVING DINNER FROM CASPER'S OF EAGAN

The wonderful tradition of free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings will continue this year! All meals will be curbside pick-up only.

Meals will be available for pick up on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th at the Church of Saint Joseph parking lot, 1154 Seminole Avenue, West Saint Paul. There are two time slots for pick up: **10:30 AM -11:00 AM** or **2:00 PM-3:00 PM**.

Meal delivery is available during the morning pick-up time.

Tickets are needed for the meal and they are available at the parish office. You can also call the parish office at (651) 224-9793 to reserve your ticket. Please provide your name, phone number, pick-up time and number of meals you will be picking up.

Call the parish office by **Monday, November 14th** to place your order for tickets.



We will be writing the new ministry schedule in early November. This schedule will begin Thanksgiving Day November 24 and run through February 19, 2023. The schedule will include Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 and Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. Please let us know if there are any weekends that you **will not** be available to minister. You can send requests to mleibl@st-matts.org.

Thank you for your continued service to our parish!

2023 LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The 2023 Lector Workbooks have arrived. If you haven't already received one, copies are available in the Church Sacristy and in the Parish Center. Please – only 1 copy per household. Please check off your name (or write your name) on the sheet next to the books so we know that every lector has received their copy. Thank you for your service to St. Matthew's parish!

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ST. MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!

Also, if you do not receive mailings from our parish, especially during Lenten and Advent seasons, please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the parish office.



TRIENNIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

There will be envelopes in the back of the church next weekend, November 6, to support the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The collection is taken every three years to both increase awareness and support of the mission, "Serving Those Who Serve." The AMS provides ministries to those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans and their families. In addition, the AMS also co-sponsors a seminarian program to serve as military chaplains. Thank you for your generosity in support of the AMS.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS COLLECTION

Next weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Catholic School. Thank you for your continued generous support!



WEST SIDE CONCERTS From The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra

This season, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra will bring to the West Side of St. Paul a new concert series and some family concerts for everyone to enjoy. All these concerts are FREE for all West Side residents, children, students and families of West Side students! Join us in your neighborhood at the newly renovated **Humboldt High School Auditorium**.

At our first concert on **November 3 at 7:00 PM**, there will be a "**Season post-concert reception**," to welcome everyone back!

Visit our website at thespco.org/west-side for more information and to get access to free tickets (enter your zip code in the "Promotional Code" field).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ST. MARY'S HEALTH CLINIC

St. Mary's Health Clinic is seeking a registered nurse to volunteer at St. Matthew on Wednesday morning or afternoon hours. For more information, contact **Chris** at **(651) 651-287-7701** or chanson@stmarysclinics.org.



Elaine Pesek died on October 21, 2022. Her funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Richard Norton died on October 26, 2022. His funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Please remember Elaine, Richard and their families in your prayers.