

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

November 13, 2022  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## GIVING THANKS IN NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER WINNERS

November 5 - James Scanlan (\$25)  
November 6 - Jerald Dosch (\$25)  
November 7 - Elaine Goldberg (\$25)  
November 8 - Ann Contreras (\$50)  
November 9 - Ed Pendleton (\$50)  
November 10 - Peggy Finnegan (\$50)

Congratulations to all the winners! Watch the bulletin for next set of winners.

Thanks to all who participated in our Third Annual Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser!

## SAINT PAUL CIVIC SYMPHONY CONCERT

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 3:00 PM  
Church of Saint Matthew

Saint Paul Civic Symphony, with Jeffrey Stirling as conductor, presents **"East-West/North-South" - A concert of symphonic music from around the globe!**

"China Dreams" by Bright Sheng (East)  
Symphony No. 8 by Ludwig van Beethoven (West)  
"Reedbird" by Emilie Doolittle (North)  
Bachianas Brasileiras No. 4 by Heitor Villa-Lobos (South)



And as always, our concerts are free of charge!



Ernesto Cordova died on November 4, 2022. His funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Friday, November 11, 2022.

*Please remember Ernesto and his family in your prayers.*

## 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!

If you do not receive mailings from our parish, especially during Lenten and Advent seasons, check to see if you are registered or need to update your contact information.



## THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on November 17, 2022 in memory of **Mary Jane Sperl's Birthday.**

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.

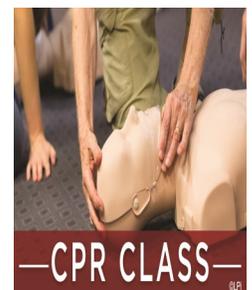


The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass on **November 19 and 20, 2022.** This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul are welcome to come forward and take part.

## AED AND HANDS ONLY CPR TRAINING Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 PM

St. Matthew's Rosary Society and the Mendota Heights Fire Department will host an AED and Hands Only CPR Training event on Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 AM. The training will take place at the **Mendota Heights Fire Station (2121 Dodd Road).** There is no fee but registration is required. Please call the parish office to register.

Registrations will be accepted until Monday, November 28. All are welcome.



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## 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 24 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.

## COFFEE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Coffee Sunday! Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. Coffee Sunday is held on second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!



## NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION



Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. **During the month of October, St. Matthew donated 153 pounds of food.** On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

## ISAAC'S WISH - TO HELP HOMELESS

"My name is Isaac. I want to help the homeless!"

Isaac Garcia is a junior at Cretin Derham Hall. Shortly after his family moved from Inver Grove Heights to near Mounds Park, Isaac noticed many people walking to a church in their neighborhood. This church offers services to those who are homeless. As winter approached, he began asking, "Where are they going to go? What will they do?" As it got colder outside, Isaac thought about the people he saw every day. He thought about what he might be able to do to help them. He wrote down his thoughts and titled it, "**Isaac's Christmas Wish**" ...I'm, going to do my best to work at getting donations and make sure the poor people will at least have one night of warmth and some food this Christmas."

Isaac met with the people at the church near his home to find out what kinds of things would be most helpful for the homeless people who came there. Then he began asking for donations of money and supplies so he could assemble "**Blessing Bags**". Each bag contained a collection of items such as hand warmers, bottled water, fruit snacks and granola bars. Small but useful things. Isaac turned to his school community for help. Donation boxes were put near the school office and the word was spread to school families. They collected boxes full of socks, hats, mittens, jackets, and boots, as well as personal care items like soap and toothbrushes.

His goal date was the week before Christmas. Entire rooms in his home were full of the things he had collected. When he arrived at the church all the donations were laid out on tables. People were invited to take what they needed. The shelter was full on Christmas and over 100 people were there for dinner. Families with children, including babies. One man in a wheelchair came to Isaac to shake his hand and say thanks. Isaac was touched. Isaac plans to do this each Christmas. **This is my Christmas wish this year. – Love Isaac**

For the past two years, we at St. Matthews have helped Isaac fulfill his "Christmas Wish"! Even when there were no Masses due to the pandemic, many boxes were filled with the donations left at the Parish Center! **Isaac's Blessing Bags** has been registered as a non-profit organization. As a parish we want to help Isaac again. This past year has been difficult for many. The need is even greater. We ask that you bring donations for "**Isaac's Blessing Bags**" and leave them in the back of the church. Donations may also be brought to the Parish Center 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday. Donation suggestions for men, women and children:

Coats	Jackets	Handwarmers	Socks	Hats	Mittens	Boots	Soap
Scarves	Sweaters	Bottled Water	Fruit Snacks	Granola Bars	Toothbrushes	Combs	
Deodorant	Hair brushes	Disposable Razors	Diapers	Small toys for babies & children			

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## **Choir at St. Matthews is back!**

I'm Jill Kilzer, director of music and liturgy at St. Matthews. It's been my privilege to make music with you since about 2007. St. Matthew's is a unique place; not only does it identify strongly with Vatican II, it is a parish that values and has good liturgy. I very much appreciate the parish support of liturgy and music and especially enjoy hearing you lift your voices in song at our celebrations. Thank you!

It's time once again to make an opportunity for choir and fellowship at St. Matts! We will embrace the concept of a "Festival choir." "Festival choir" means we rehearse for a limited number of weeks, to prepare for a limited number of services. We will start with Advent/Christmas season and later employ the same concept for the Lent/Easter season. Generally, we will meet on Wednesdays evenings, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the church. (Some adaptations to time and/or place may be necessary to accommodate parish Masses and other programs.) We may also explore the option of hybrid rehearsals where some attend in person and others attend online with rehearsal recordings available. As always, all voices and instrumentalists are welcome! Here's the plan-

"Maranatha Choir" for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

"Maranatha" means; "Come, Lord!" Let's embrace the season together with heart and song.

Our rehearsal time will be focused on fellowship, prayer, and preparing to sing 3-4 songs (anthems) with parts for soprano/alto/tenor/bass per season.

We will gather to rehearse on Wednesdays as noted below:

November 9 @ 7:00 PM, November 16 @ 8:00 PM, (Skip November 23), November 30 @ 7:00 PM.  
December 7 @ 7:45 PM, December 14 @ 7:00 PM, December 21 @ 7:00 PM (Skip December 28 and January 4)

We will sing at select weekend Masses:

Sunday, Dec 11, Gaudete Sunday 10:15 AM Mass (9:30 AM warmup)  
Saturday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve, 4:15 PM Mass (3:15 PM warmup)  
Sunday, January 8, Epiphany, 10:15 AM Mass (9:30 AM warmup)

We will plan on a "Laetare Choir" for the seasons of Lent and Easter with a similar rehearsal and singing at mass schedule. "Laetare" means "Rejoice!" Full details for rehearsal dates and time to come.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can come – as many times as you can come.

Please spread the word and invite others who would enjoy this opportunity!

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