

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

GIVING THANKS IN NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER WINNERS

- November 11 - Donis Giefer (\$50)
- November 12 - Dave Faust (\$50)
- November 13 - Lisa Nowak (\$50)
- November 14 - Susan Sperl (\$75)
- November 15 - JoAnne Leibl (\$75)
- November 16 - Marcie Kegler (\$75)
- November 17 - Steph Poppler (\$75)

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!

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION



This 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 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:

Socks, Hats, Gloves, Boots, Scarves

Coats, Jackets, Sweaters, Hand warmers

Toothpastes, Toothbrushes, Deodorants, Soaps

Combs, Disposable razors, Travel size tissues

Diapers, Small toys for babies and children

Fruit snacks, Granola bars, Bottled 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



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated **this weekend** during Mass. 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.

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.

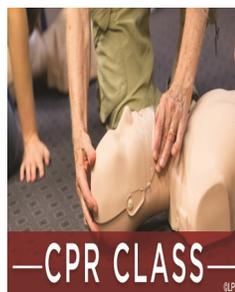
Please spread the word and invite others who would enjoy this opportunity!

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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.



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.

