

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent

GIVING THANKS IN NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER WINNERS

November 18 - Ann Contreras (\$75)
November 19 - Marjorie Arnold (\$75)
November 20 - Marjorie Arnold (\$100)
November 21 - Joan Smith (\$100)
November 22 - Tim Dalzell (\$100)
November 23 - Tom Kegler (\$100)
November 24 - Annamarie Moseng (\$100)

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!

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.



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



ST. MATTHEW'S MARANATHA CHOIR

Join us for music and fellowship!

This choir will meet on select Wednesday nights to prepare music for some of the liturgies of the Advent and Christmas season. All voices and instrumentalists are welcome.

Rehearsals

November 30 @ 7:15 PM

December 7 @ 7:45 PM

December 14 @ 7:15 PM

December 21 @ 7:15 PM

Singing at Mass

Gaudete Sunday, December 11

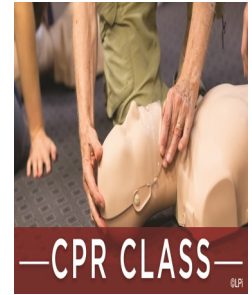
Christmas Eve, December 24

Epiphany Sunday, January 8



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.



CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

From Boy Scouts Troop 95 and 288

From November 25 through December 17, 2022, Boy Scouts Troop 95 and 288 will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at Cub Foods in West St. Paul. 100% of the profits will support the camping adventures of the scouts of Troop 95 and 288 from South St. Paul, West St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights.

Location

Cub Foods in West St. Paul

Times

Weekends, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Weekdays, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM



PARISH MAILING

We recently sent out our Advent mailing. If you have not received it, please notify Angela in the Parish Office. We want to make sure everyone's address is up to date.



Francisco Hernandez died on November 14, 2022. His funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

Please remember Francisco and his family in your prayers.

