THE NEW HYMNALS ARE HERE!

We will begin using the new Gather 4 hymnals for our liturgical celebrations the weekend of January 14-15. The new hymnals include the ritual order and prayers spoken by the whole assembly as we have been saying them since 2010. You may recall that in 2010, the Roman Missal, Third Edition was adopted by Diocese of the United States. The Roman Missal, Third Edition changed the language of many of the prayers we had been saying since 1975. The change made many of the Mass responses found in our maroon hymnals obsolete. Since 2010 our parish has continued using the maroon hymnal for sung prayer but learned and used the new language for our spoken prayer via hymnal inserts and new Mass settings.

Our new Gather 4 hymnals will be up to date! Your participation through prayer response is easier than ever; assembly prayers are included on the inside front cover. No more searching for the hymnal inserts! Having up-to-date prayers easily accessible in the hymnal is a great gesture of hospitality as we welcome all to the celebrate as one -- the Body of Christ.

A closing thought- - - Vatican II's 1963 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tell us: “Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy.”

Looking forward to hearing your voices lifted in song and prayer.

Jill Kilzer
Director of Music and Liturgy

Thank You!

Thank you to the members of the St. Matthew's community who have been praying for me during these months when I've been undergoing treatment for multiple myeloma, which is a cancer of the blood found in the bone marrow. I am now in remission, and though this cancer is incurable, many people can live a relatively normal life for many years with watchful care and treatment. Your prayers have lifted me, and I have made a remarkable recovery. I am extremely grateful.

Chris Stevens

NATIONAL AND DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS FOR 2023

All parishes in our Archdiocese are asked to support the collections listed below. They're all worthy. Do not worry about supporting every single one. Rather, I recommend you choose a few favorites—say, three or four. Trust that other people will choose others.

We're publishing this list now, to help those who like to plan their giving for the year. Note that this does not include the Catholic Services Appeal, which is a foundation separate from the Archdiocese.

Lent CRS Rice Bowl
March Global Solidarity Sunday
April Holy Land Collection
April Catholic Home Mission
Summer Missionary guest speaker
July Peter's Pence (for the Holy Father)
October World Mission Sunday
November Catholic Campaign for Human Development
December Retirement Fund for Religious

For more information about any of these collections, please call or email me.

Thanks,
Phil Grant