

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

CONTRIBUTION METHODS

• Envelopes or cash in the collections at Mass. Because of the importance of maintaining our buildings, we've added a Capital Needs envelope to the bimonthly packet. There are also Capital Needs envelopes at the back of the church.

• Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) from your bank to ours. This system simplifies giving for many people, as it enables monthly contributions without needing to write a check. You can also direct contributions to our Capital Needs fund and/or Community of Saints School, in addition to regular operational support. *Approximately 20% of our regular contributors already use EFTs. Might you be next? Call or email me for more information.*

• PayPal. We use this platform mostly for Men's Club activities, though it is possible to donate directly to the parish.

• DonorBox is our newest method, which we're trying out during Lent. It offers the ease of a QR code, which takes you directly to our DonorBox site. Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment. The DonorBox fundraiser ends on Easter Sunday.



• All donations to the Church of St. Matthew are tax deductible.

E-BOX VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE!

"E-Box" is our shorthand way of referring to the overdue replacement of our main electric panel. It's the most important capital project planned for 2023.

Because of its importance, we're focusing Lenten fundraising efforts on the E-Box. Several talented volunteers created the promotional video now available on our website. It's good. Check it out!

Phil Grant
Pastoral Administrator

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION OF APRIL 2023: FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

*We Pray for the spread of peace and nonviolence,
by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.*

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

PARISH COUNCIL FAQ

This is the fourth of a five-week series from the St. Matthew Parish Council.

How many people are on the Parish Council? Up to nine Council members plus the Trustee and Parish Administrator. We currently have eight Council members.

How long is a Parish Council term? It is a three-year commitment that begins in June.

How often does the Parish Council meet? The whole Council meets once per month, but only 11 times per year because we combine the meetings for November and December.

When does the Parish Council meet? Each Council has the discretion to change meeting times and dates. Currently, the Council meets from 7:00 - 8:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Where does the council meet? In-person meetings are held at St. Matthew's Parish Center. The Council has the discretion to meet virtually to minimize travel during winter or for other reasons.

What does the St Matthew Parish Council do? As a lay-led community, the Parish Council at St. Matthew plays an active role along with the Trustees, the Finance Committee, and the Parish Administrator in leading the Parish. Topics at meetings can range from discussing youth ministries to campus security.

How can I learn more? All Council meetings are open to the public, so a good way to learn more is to attend an upcoming meeting. Our next in-person meeting is on April 27. Another option is to talk to one of our current Council members, who could answer your questions. You could also send an email with questions or to express your interest to the parish council at parishcouncil@st-matts.org.

What should I do if I want to join? People who are considering joining are asked to attend a meeting to learn more about what the Council does and how it operates. After reflection, if they would like to join, they should inform the Council by the meeting on May 25.

How are people chosen? Four seats will become available in June. If four people want to join, they will take the vacant seats and join the Council at the June meeting. If more people are interested than there are Council positions available, names are drawn from a hat on Pentecost. Because St. Matthew's is led by and heavily dependent on lay members, there are many opportunities for people to be active and play an important role in parish life.

St. Matthew Parish Council - Zach Czaia, Jerald Dosch, Kathy Goldenstein, Maggie Lee, Anthony Minus, Janelle Rohr, Ellen Schneider, Linda Sellars

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There will not be Coffee Sunday next weekend due to it being Easter Sunday. Coffee Sunday will return on **May 7** after the 10:15 AM Mass. Please note the date change for May Coffee Sunday.

Many thanks to the those who have participated in Laetare Choir, setting time aside to rehearse the music for Holy Week.


The Choir will sing at Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Masses.



ST. MATT'S 34TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

The last Fish Fry of this Lenten season is **April 7!** Please see the flyer for more information.



 Stations of the Cross will be on **all Mondays during Lent at 7:00 PM**, led by Anthony Minus. You can also view anytime on St. Matthew's **Stations OF THE CROSS** YouTube channel.



Antonio Everett Jr. died on March 14, 2023. His funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Lisa Norton died on March 22, 2023. Her funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Gordon Scaramuzzo died on March 21, 2023. His funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Please remember Antonio, Lisa, Gordon, and their families in your prayers.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Have you moved recently? Changed your phone number? If so, please contact the parish office to update your contact information. If you do not receive mailings from our parish, please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website.



VIDEO PRODUCER SEARCH

We are looking for a video producer to take over from Alan Christensen. At the beginning of the pandemic three years ago, Alan stepped up to put our Masses online. His superb work is the reason we have one of the best online worship experiences of any parish in the Archdiocese—and beyond. We're profoundly grateful to him!

Alan's stepping back from video production soon. Accordingly, we've posted the part-time Video Producer opening on the Archdiocesan Careers page: <https://careers.archspm.org/job/video-producer/>

We're also reaching out to area tech schools. If you know anyone with tech skills, please refer them to me. Alan is willing to help a new Producer take over.

Phil Grant
Pastoral Administrator

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are blessed to be a part of a parish where we care and pray for one another. Our parish has four ways in which we can pray for others:

1. We include names of those who need our prayers in our bulletin. A name can be in the bulletin indefinitely.
2. We include names of those who need our prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Due to a long list of names, the names are divided into groups and rotated weekly.
3. You can include names in the Book of Intentions, found in the back of the church.
4. You can call the parish prayer line (**651-424-6677**) and leave your information anonymously. A team of volunteers will pray for the intentions requested.

We kindly ask that you call the parish office to let us know how your loved one is doing. If they continue to need our prayers, their names will stay on the bulletin and the Prayers of the Faithful. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

