

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

March 19, 2023  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

## 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.



• 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

## HAM BINGO

St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting its annual Ham Bingo featuring twelve games for hams and three games for cash **this Saturday, March 18**. Doors open at **5:00 PM** and games start at **5:30 PM**. Food, beer, wine and pop available for purchase. Expected completion time is between 8:30 to 9:00 PM.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE SYNOD?

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

St. Matthew's has been participating in the Archdiocesan Synod process initiated by Archbishop Hebda since 2019. The word "synod" is Greek for "assembly" and is an ancient expression used by the Church. A related term is "synodality," which means "journeying together as the People of God" – a nice image! Synodality is a way of listening to each individual member of the Church to understand how God might be speaking to all of us. That's important.

The purpose of the Archdiocesan Synod has been to discern and establish clear pastoral priorities. At St. Matthew's, after three years of prayer and listening to our members, we have identified the following focus areas for our parish community:

- Collaboration in parish ministry
- Adult outreach and life-long formation
- Youth outreach and ministry

Each of these is a big topic with lots of strands and many ways to follow them. As the Parish Council moves forward, we will be seeking your input and guidance. Everyone's ideas are welcome as we walk this path together.

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

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. MATTHEW

Families with children are invited to St. Matthew's Social Hall for Movie Night. This is a free event. Kids can bring pillows and blankets – we'll make the popcorn! Chaperones will be present. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Saturday, March 25

Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM.  
Movie starts at 7:00 PM.  
**Pick up by 9pm.**



For more information, contact  
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## INTERFAITH ACTION OF GREATER SAINT PAUL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Interfaith Action's Opportunity St. Paul program, which matches volunteers from houses of worship to high-impact volunteer opportunities in and around St. Paul, is seeking volunteers for two of their community partners' sites that are close to St. Matthew:

**Reading Partners** offers tutoring opportunities at multiple area elementary schools. This year, they began a partnership with Cherokee Heights Elementary (694 S Charlton St, St. Paul 55107), and are still in need of several tutors to meet demand.

**CommonBond Communities** offers afterschool tutoring assistance for children and teens living in their affordable housing units, and they are currently seeking tutors for a few teens at their Torre de San Miguel location (58 E Wood St., St. Paul 55107).

If you are interested in these volunteer opportunities:

1. Fill out Interfaith's volunteer form online at <https://interfaithaction.org/volunteer/osp-volunteer-application/>
2. Email Caitlin Ignasiak of Reading Partners ([caitlin.ignasiak@readingpartners.org](mailto:caitlin.ignasiak@readingpartners.org)) or Rachel Kennedy of CommonBond ([Rachel.Kennedy@commonbond.org](mailto:Rachel.Kennedy@commonbond.org)) to get connected with their program.

## MONEY COUNTER

Do you like working with numbers? We are looking for someone to join the Sunday morning money counting team. Counting takes place the last two Sundays of the month, immediately after the 10:15 AM Mass. It takes approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. If you are high school age or older and would like to help the last two weeks of each month, contact **Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)** or call the parish office at (651) 224-9793.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## AED UPDATE

This just in: we've placed an order for a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator). It should be here in a week or so!

I'm very grateful to Tom Kegler, who researched replacements after we learned that one of our two units had expired. We learned that a typical AED has an eight-year life span. Pads and batteries need replacement every four years.

Thanks to Tom, we found a vendor with decent pricing and swift service. Apparently, some companies have been slowed down by supply chain issues.

We started down this path of awareness and replacement in December, when several volunteers attended an AED/CPR training session at the Mendota Fire Department. (Thank you, Scott and Kathy Goldenstein, for organizing that session!)

If interested in our next AED training session, please let Angela know.

*Phil Grant*

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CELEBRATES GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC COMPETITION

Catholic composers, poets, and songwriters are invited to join the effort to renew our zeal for the Eucharist in ways that words cannot express, through the Eucharistic Revival Music Competition.

Sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, Catholic artist may submit creative entries spanning a hymn-writing category and a theme song category, to give a fresh voice to the truths of our faith.

Award-winning submissions will be featured at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, used in liturgies and events marking the Eucharistic Revival in dioceses across the country. They will also receive a \$2,500 cash prize.

For more information and a complete press kit, visit [www.eucharisticcongress.org/musicalcompetition](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org/musicalcompetition)