

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

March 26, 2023  
Fifth 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



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 YouTube channel.

## COMMUNITY OF SAINTS COLLECTION

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

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW?

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

The Parish Council represents the voice of the Parish community. The Council is responsible for understanding the needs, ideas, hopes, life, and activity of the Parish community so it can effectively carry out the mission of the Parish. 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.

Over the next year, one of the Parish Council's top priorities will be to follow up on the three focus areas identified by our community during the Archdiocesan Synod.

- **Collaboration in Parish Ministry:** How can we partner with other parishes with a similar charism to share resources and better serve our members?
- **Adult Outreach and Life-long Formation:** What formation experiences would our members value most and what does adult outreach look like at the Church of St. Matthew?
- **Youth Outreach and Ministry:** How can we create opportunities to engage youth, strengthen their connection to our parish community, and help them develop and sustain their faith life?

The Parish Council is made up of individuals who combine their diverse gifts, experiences, knowledge, and perspectives to form a team that supports our entire community and advances the mission of St. Matthew's.

**We encourage members of our Parish community** to ask themselves if they might like to serve on the Parish Council when four seats become available in June. If you have questions, please reach out to a Council member ([parishcouncil@st-matts.org](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)).

Another good way to learn about the Council is by attending Council meetings, which are open to the public. Upcoming Parish Council meetings:

- **March 30 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**
- **April 27 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center**
- **May 25 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center**

Check the agenda for the meeting by seeing the insert in the Sunday bulletin the weekend before the meeting or by checking online at <https://st-matts.org/parish-pastoral-council/>.

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

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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 NEEDED

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.

## ST. MATT'S 34TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

Two Fish Fry dates remain: **March 31 and April 7!** Please see the flyer for more information.

To make this year's Fish Fry a success, we need your help! Contact **Tim Nowak** to find out how you can help ([timothy.nowak@usfamily.net](mailto:timothy.nowak@usfamily.net)). Thank you for your support!



## 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



## COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sunday, March 26, 2023  
at 2:00 PM

## 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)