**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 tried 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 focused 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

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**PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Four parish council seats become available in June.** If you would like to learn more about what’s involved in being on the council, please reach out to a member, or email us at parshcouncil@st-matts.org. You are also welcome to attend the next council meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be on St. Matthew’s campus and the exact location will be announced in the bulletin. All council meetings are open to the public.

Here are some of the reasons current council members gave for why they joined.

**Jerald Dosch - Term ends June 2024**
I joined the Parish Council because WE (lay, ordained and religious) are all the Church. St. Matthew’s parish remains a church where lay leadership and voices are heard and matter. My faith is fundamental to my health and well-being, and I know the same is true for so many others and our West Side community. This value makes me care and act. The parish is a visible sign of God’s love and to keep that going we need to act for the common good. This inspires me to serve on the council.

**Kathy Goldenstein – Term ends June 2025**
I joined the Parish Council to work with other parishioners who are inspired by the principles of Vatican II and dedicated to implementing and living out those principles at St. Matthew’s as a visible expression of God’s love.

**Maggie Lee — Term ends June 2025**
I joined the Parish Council because I love the St. Matthew’s community and want to do my part to keep our many ministries going strong. Coming out of COVID, I’d like to see St. Matthew’s be a place where people can find new ways to connect based on shared faith, values and community spirit.

**Ellen Schneider – Term ends June 2025**
I serve to help implement St Matthew’s vision and mission, share my talents and be of service to the church community.

*St. Matthew Parish Council - Zach Czaia, JeraldDosch, Kathy Goldenstein, Maggie Lee, Anthony Minus, Janelle Rohr, Ellen Schneider, Linda Sellars*
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION
Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. During the month of March 2023, St. Matthew donated 87 pounds of food. Thank you for your generosity!

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM
Ramsey County community members are invited to join a free diabetes prevention program in partnership with St. Mary’s Health Clinic, the Ventanilla de Salud of the Consulate of Mexico and Ramsey County. All sessions will be delivered in Spanish.

The first meeting is on Friday, April 16 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Reservations are required by calling Rosalinda at 612-296-4172.

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.

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.

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

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
All women of the parish are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting, which is Tuesday, April 11, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Our program will be led by Mary Bejblik, who will teach us how to make a unique indoor/ outdoor plant. Come and socialize with one another and enjoy refreshments and a great program. You do not need to be a member to attend.
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 or call the parish office at (651) 224-9793.

CLEAN THE CHURCH INSIDE & OUT

Saturday, April 29, 2023
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Cleaning supplies and some equipment will be available. Bring your own favorite cleaning supplies or tools and let's see how much we can accomplish in two hours.

Coffee and donuts will be ready for you!

The St. Matthew parish office will be closed on Monday, April 10, 2023.