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.

• 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

COMMUNITY MEETING
May 2, 6:30 PM

Fr. Steve, Karen Thompson, John Del Vecchio, Becky Montgomery, Ralph Brown and I have been meeting to plan a West Side Community Collaboration Project meeting for Tuesday, May 2.

The Project’s purpose is to bring together a large group of people and organizations from our West Side community, to discern how St. Matt’s can help the neighborhood. If interested, please talk to one of the people listed above, or let Angela know.

I’ll provide additional details next week.

Phil Grant
Pastoral Administrator

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 at 10:00 AM in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Reservations are required by calling Rosalinda at 612-296-4172.

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 was the reason we had one of the best online worship experiences of any parish in the Archdiocese—and beyond. We’re profoundly grateful to him!

Alan has stepped back from video production. 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

Join us on May 6 and 7 to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass.

This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul and their caregivers and families are welcome to come forward and take part.

Phil Grant
Pastoral Administrator
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!

COFFEE SUNDAY
Sunday, May 7, 2023 after Mass

Our last Coffee Sunday of the year is May 7 after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners.

Coffee Sunday will be on break during the summer months.

Mary Jane Austing died on April 3, 2023. Her funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Please remember Mary Jane and her family in your prayers.

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.