

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

August 27, 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GIFTED AND BELONGING IN THE SUMMER

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic fellowship of young adults with and without disabilities, will be hosting GAB in the Park on **August 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at **Thompson Park** in West Saint Paul. All are welcome!

We will gather with prayer and thanksgiving at 6:00 PM, and then enjoy the (hopefully) beautiful summer weather. Thompson Park has walking paths, biking paths, fishing dock and beautiful areas to enjoy one another's company. Please bring outdoor games if you have them and snacks or beverages if you would like.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades 1 to 10 will resume **September 20**, and we have openings for teachers for the 2023-24 school year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM between September and early May.

Volunteers should enjoy helping children learn more about their Catholic faith and do not need to be experienced teachers. Training and support are provided, in addition to supplies and curriculum that includes a lesson plan for each week. If a weekly commitment is too much, please consider being a substitute or helping with specific events such as parent meetings or sacrament meetings.

To find out more, call or text Janelle Rohr, **651-242-6004** or send an email to janelle@st-matts.org.



READING AND MATH TUTORS AT LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

We are looking for tutors to help in our local Catholic Schools. **Dick McGuire**, the president of **Catholic Tutor Corps**, has contacted our parish asking for volunteers who would be willing to help bring students up to grade level proficiency in reading and/or math. A couple of tutors are needed at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School (COS) for reading and also for upper-level math. There is also a need at Holy Trinity Catholic School in South St. Paul for tutors in all grade levels. Simple lesson plans are provided.

Our parishioners have a history of reaching out to students who need one on one tutoring. In the early 2000's, Sr. Audrey Lindenfelser, SSND, a teacher at St. Matthew School, began a tutoring program for students enrolled in our parish school. Many of our "senior citizens", as well as other parishioners who were free during the day, volunteered to come in one day a week and work one-on-one with a student needing help with reading. This program continued successfully, with a large number of volunteers, until St. Matthew School moved to the COS campus.

If you enjoy working with students and would like to help them achieve success in their school work, please contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org, or you may also call the parish office at **651-224-9793**.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S



If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 PM, Monday – Thursday.

YOUTH MINISTER

We're looking for a Youth Minister. This paid position will be shared with St. Stan's. For more information, please email Phil Grant at pgrant@st-matts.org or call our parish office at **651-224-9793**.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In-Person Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) returns this Fall! During CLW, young children ages 3-8 leave the sanctuary at the start of the Liturgy of the Word to hear the scripture readings proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. Father calls the children to the altar and says a short blessing over them as they are dismissed. The children return to the Mass at the time of offertory.



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.*

SAVE THE DATE REVEL FOR A CAUSE

Join Neighborhood House on **Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at the Wellstone Center** for their biggest fundraising event of the year.

The event will feature online auctions and stories from Neighborhood House participants.

For more information and to purchase your ticket, visit **neighborhoodhousemn.org**.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

HOW TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED AT ST. MATTHEW

The Church of St. Matthew welcomes a child and his or her parents for the Sacrament of Baptism. We invite you to be a living part of our faith community.

If you have a child you would like baptized, please complete the baptism registration form and submit it to the parish office.

You can find the baptism registration form and additional information online at <https://st-matts.org/baptism/> or by calling the parish office at (651) 224-9793.

If you have children making First Communion in the next year or two who have not been baptized, it is important to begin taking steps now for their baptism.

