

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Families with students in grades K-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2023-2024 school year.

The registration form is available at www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/, in the back of church, and at the Parish Center front desk. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in spring 2024. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes.

Mark your calendar for the first evening of class, which is **September 20**. Parents and children should attend that evening. Grades K to 5 begin class at 6:30 PM and Grades 6 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. The parent meeting starts at 6:50.

¿Preguntas? ¿Habla español? Envíe un mensaje de texto a Myrna, 651-285-8112.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In-Person Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) returns **Sunday, September 24 at the 10:15 AM Mass!** During CLW, young children ages 3 - 6 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.



BAPTISM 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.

For baptism, complete 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.

BRADY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 REUNION

Calling all graduates of Brady High School Class of 1973. Our 50th Class Reunion will be held **Saturday, September 23, 2023, 5:30 PM-10:00 PM at Joseph's Grill**, 140 Wabasha St S., St Paul, MN.

Contact Nancy Maher Schwartz at nmschwartz7@hotmail.com to receive your e-vite.

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THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL DIFFERENCE

The Center for Catholic Social Thought at Assumption Church is presenting a four session series titled *Conversations about living the Catholic social teachings*.

The first three sessions have been held. You are invited to attend the last session.

- **Thursday, September 21, 7:00 PM:** *Church and Politics: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* with Msg. Martin Schlag, Professor of Catholic Social Teaching at the University of Saint Thomas.

Visit www.catholicsocialthought.org to register and learn more.

GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is returning to St. Matthew on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The next meeting will be **September 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Church of St. Matthew Social Hall. This month's theme is Bingo Night.

GAB welcomes all young adults to get together to share a time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities.

For more information, contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATION

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection.

During the month of August 2023, St. Matthew donated 110 pounds of food. Thank you for your generosity!



COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday will return on **October 8, 2023 after the 10:15 AM Mass**. Faith Formation will host the first Coffee Sunday of the year.

Volunteers are needed to help organize this event. If interested, please contact the parish office at **651-224-9793** to see how you can help.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S



The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit September 23 - 29, 2023 in honor of **Debra Dee**.

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.

Coffee Sunday is held after the 10:15 AM Mass on the second Sunday of each month through May 2024.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Coffee Sunday celebration of Arthur Minus on Sunday, September 10. We really appreciate everyone's support. All donations will go to the Neighborhood House Food Shelf on behalf of the Church of St. Matthew. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
The Minus Family

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