

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

September 3, 2023
22nd 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.



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**.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S



The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on September 8, 2023 in honor of **Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on September 9, 2023 in honor of **Corinne Brengman's Birthday**.

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.

COS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Community of Saints Regional Catholic School (COS) is still accepting registration for kindergarten students for Fall of 2023. This award winning school offers generous financial assistance thanks to the strong support of St. Matthew's parish and alums. No family is turned away because of tuition. Additionally, Kindergarten students are considered "New" students and receive a \$1,000 tuition credit. For more information, families can schedule a tour by calling **651-457-2510**, or email Principal Bridget Kramer at bkramer@communityofsaints.org.

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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.



COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday will return on **October 8, 2023**. It will be held after the 10:15 AM Mass on the second Sunday of each month through May 2024. 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.

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.



Funeral Mass for **Barbara A. Thompson** was held at St. Matthew on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Please remember Barbara and her family in your prayers.

VOLUNTEERING WITH LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve free, healthy meals to Minnesotans where the need is greatest. We are guided by our vision that all people - regardless of socioeconomic, cultural, religious, or ethnic background - deserve to meet their basic needs for food, dignity, and respect. Our volunteers work with our Site Coordinator to chop fruits/veggies, complete salads, and finish entrees during the Preparation/Package shift. Throughout the Service Shift volunteers pass out meals and greet guests in drive-up or walk-up service. They also assist with keeping service materials organized and light cleanup.

We provide gloves, hairnets and aprons. Ponytail & baseball cap are also acceptable. We also ask that you wear close-toed shoes and clean clothes with sleeves that cover the shoulder. Masks are not required at this time but are encouraged.

To volunteer with Loaves and Fishes at St. Matthew, go to **<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a5ab2fa1fa7-stmatthews#/>** to sign up.

For youth participation guidelines, contact Loaves and Fishes Director of Volunteer & Outreach at **volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org**.

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, 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.