

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

October 8, 2023  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. MATT'S

- Prayer – of course!
- Volunteering (see regular column in this week's bulletin)
- Contributions: regular collections, EFTs, PayPal, Donorbox, and bequests.

We rely on a variety of methods for our financial support. For many people, envelopes are the easiest way. Others put cash in the basket. Some supporters use PayPal or Donorbox.

Yet others choose Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs), which allow the direct transfer of funds from their bank to our account at BankCherokee. EFTs have a couple of advantages; one is that the fees are a bit less than PayPal and Donorbox. The other is that you can designate the transfers to go to our general parish operational account; and/or to support Community of Saints Regional Catholic School; and/or to our Capital Needs Fund.

If interested in setting up an EFT, let me know. I can take your information over the phone and tailor the amount, timing, and account to your preferences. I can adjust your preferences at any time, though the bank may take a couple of weeks for the change to go into effect.

Regardless of how you support St. Matt's, thank you!

*Phil Grant*



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Rey Del Angel, Elaine Goldberg, Dean Hinzman, The Karas Family, Judy O'Brien, Pam Perkovich, Marie Scanlan, Mary Lou Shields, Jim Stanger Sr., Mary Lynn Vasquez, and Patricia Weisman.**

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

## ROSARY SOCIETY

All adult women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting on **Tuesday, October 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM** in the lower level of the Parish Center. You can park in and enter the lower level from the parking lot.

We will be continuing our discussion about the focus of the Rosary Society, including discussing the Fall meeting programs and upcoming Fall activities.

You do not need to be a member to attend meetings. Come, enjoy refreshments, socializing with one another and finding out what the Rosary Society is all about.

## MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club meeting is **Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. All men of the parish are invited to the meeting and check out what the group is all about!

The St. Matthew Men's Club is active in hosting, organizing and volunteering at various events throughout the year for the parish. The group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

## ST. MATTHEW CENSUS

Help us update our database with your most current information. Stop by the table at the back of church after Masses **this weekend, October 7 - 8**, to be a part of our census gathering.

Volunteers will check to ensure that your information is correct and make any changes as needed. We are especially looking to collect as many emails as we can to facilitate faster communication.

Not a member? Registration forms are also available at the table for you to complete.



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph Stevens, one of our parishioners, received an award of Star Assembly for the 4th The Fourth Degree Father Tim Vakoc Assembly. This award was the only Star Assembly award given to a fourth degree Knights of Columbus Assembly in the State of Minnesota for fiscal year 2022. Joseph is the Faithful Navigator of the Father Tim Vakoc Assembly.

The award is given for patriotic activities for the 4th degree Knights of Columbus. Some of the patriotic activities include honoring the grave of Father Tim Vakoc with a ceremony at Fort Snelling once a year. The assembly also does a memorial service once a year at the Soldiers and Sailors monument across from the Cathedral. The assembly also help to bury any military veterans who were Knights of Columbus veterans who are member of the 4th degree Assembly. The Knights of Columbus 4th degree meet at the Parish Center once a month at St. Matthew.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

As we return to pre pandemic normalcy, we will again offer blood pressure checks after Masses on the third weekend of the month. The next blood pressure check will take place the weekend of **October 14** and **15**.



## POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

OCTOBER 2023

For the Vatican Synod

*We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*

## NEW COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Parish Council is forming a Communication Committee to review and update St. Matthew's website and develop materials such as a Welcome Packet for new members.

If you are interested and have skills to contribute, we'd love to hear from you. For more information email [parishcouncil@st-matts.org](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org) or call the parish office at **651-224-9793**.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

We recently mailed out our annual Financial Report. It summarizes our parish finances for the fiscal year 2023, which ended June 30. If you do not receive this mailing by the end of this week, please notify the office. Thank you!

## BOY SCOUT WREATH AND POPCORN SALE

Boy Scout Troop 288, chartered by Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, will be taking orders for their annual Wreath and Popcorn Sale from **now through Sunday, October 22, 2023**.

Your order will be distributed before and after the Masses the weekend of November 18 and 19. Payments will be collected at distribution.

You can find the order forms at the back of the church. Please see flyers in the church for pictures of the wreaths.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, contact Joan Smith: **651-271-3236** or [2023BoyScoutWreaths288@gmail.com](mailto:2023BoyScoutWreaths288@gmail.com).

