

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Rosary

Monday, November 27 - 1:00 pm

Preparing for Heaven Seminar

Thursday, November 30 - 9:00 am

Last Day to Participate in Isaac's Blessing Bags

Friday, December 1

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert

Sunday, December 3 – 3:00 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil, Thursday, December 7 – 6:00 pm

Christmas Bake & Craft Sale and Boutique

Saturday, December 9 – 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 10 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 10 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Men's Club Auction

Wednesday, December 13 – 7:00 pm

Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 17 – 2:00 pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 – 4:15 pm

Sunday, December 24 – 10:15 am

Christmas Eve

Vigil, Sunday, December 24 – 4:15 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 – 10:15 am

The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 – 4:15 pm

Sunday, December 31 – 10:15 am

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024 – 10:15 am

ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS

Greetings,

Fall is finally here! I hope everyone gets a chance to walk outside and enjoy the colorful leaves. My family and I are already getting ready to accept donations. Last Holiday season was a record breaker for Isaac's Blessing Bags. We hand delivered over 250 bags!

I couldn't have done it without the heartfelt donations that were donated by St. Matthew's Parishioners and families. I delivered all over the Twin Cities. It was important to me that people had warm clothing and warm food. So my mom and I made Wild Rice Soup for so many people downtown Saint Paul and Minneapolis. They were extremely grateful! I share all of this with you in hopes we can recreate this compassion and giving again this year!

*We plan to accept donations until **December 1st**. I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support!*

*Many blessings,
Isaac Garcia & IBB Team*

List of needs 2023

Gently used clothing
Warm Socks (highly needed)
Warm Coats (all sizes)
Hats
Warm Gloves
Hand Sanitizer
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Body Wash
Shampoo & Conditioner

Place your donations in large bins by the main entrance. Thank you!

 **DONATIONS**

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GIVING THANKS IN NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER WINNERS

November 17 - Chris Rolowicz (\$150)

November 18 - Paul O'Neill (\$100)

November 19 - Laura Volness (\$100)

November 20 - Paul and Rita Eckert (\$50)

November 21 - Dennis and Rose King (\$75)

November 22 - Eileen Norton (\$100)

November 23 - Nicole Schrom (\$25)

Congratulations to all the winners! Watch the bulletin for next set of winners.

Thanks to all who participated in our fourth annual Giving Thanks in November Fundraiser!

PREPARING FOR HEAVEN NOV. 30 SEMINAR DETAILS

This Thursday, St. Matt's is cohosting a free seminar with the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) of Minnesota.

Topics include:

- The Gift of Pre-Planning: Funeral Liturgy, Cemetery and Burial
- Creating a Catholic Estate Plan
- Creating a Legacy Through Charitable Giving
- Purpose and Impact of the St. Matthew's Educational Endowment Fund and Other Legacy Giving Opportunities at St. Matthew
- Life Eternal with the Sacraments

If you've already registered, thank you. If you overlooked registering by last Wednesday's deadline—and would still like to come—please call or email Angela in the parish office (651-224-9793 or arakow@st-matts.org) by **noon Monday, November 27**.

The seminar begins with breakfast in the Social Hall at 9:00 a.m. The program starts at 9:30 a.m. and concludes with Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Phil Grant

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION - Nov. 28

All are welcome to join in our next West Side Community Conversation this **Tuesday evening, November 28**. This will be our fourth such meeting. Once again, we'll gather as members of the West Side community to listen to other members. As Fr. Steve has reminded us more than once, it is important to listen!

As I've listened to the stories of others in our community, I've learned much about local history and possible futures. It's also good just to connect with neighbors, for mutual support and friendship.

Tuesday's session is at Humboldt High School, located at 30 Baker Street East. Livingston is the cross street on the east side of the building, where the parking lot is. Use Door #1 to enter. Student helpers will guide you to the cafeteria.

Supper is at 5:30 p.m., the meeting at 6:30 p.m., and we adjourn by 8:00 p.m.

Phil Grant

CERENITY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For many years, volunteers from St. Matthew have taken the Eucharist to residents at Cerenity. This ministry ceased during to the pandemic.

Laurie Rockswold, the Chaplain at Cerenity, contacted our parish to inquire if we had any volunteers that would resume this ministry.

Six volunteers stepped forward. **Maggie Lee** and **Joe Stevens** volunteered to be directors of the ministry. Along with **Ellen Schneider**, **Josie Mike**, **Kathleen Thompson** and **Mary Leibl**, they will bring the Eucharist to the residents at Cerenity.

The chaplain and staff at Cerenity are delighted that their residents will once again have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. **Thank you** to our volunteers as we continue to live out our motto: **"The Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi!"**



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Funeral Mass for **Cecilia Roloff** was held at St. Matthew on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

Funeral Mass for **Michael Perron** was held at St. Matthew on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Please remember Cecilia, Michael and their families in your prayers.

GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is having their next meeting on **November 26, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Church of St. Matthew Social Hall. This month's theme is Thanksgiving Pie Contest.

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.

PARISH MAILING

We recently sent out our Advent mailing. If you have not received it, please notify Angela in the parish office (651-224-9793 or arakow@st-matts.org). We want to make sure everyone's address is up to date.



FREE BUS RIDES

Metro Transit bus #62, which runs on the north side of the St. Matthew campus, is a free bus from now until December 2024.

From the bus stop at the northwest corner of the Humboldt Avenue and Winifred Street intersection, the #62 bus goes west on Winifred Street south along Smith Avenue, and ends at Signal Hills shopping center.

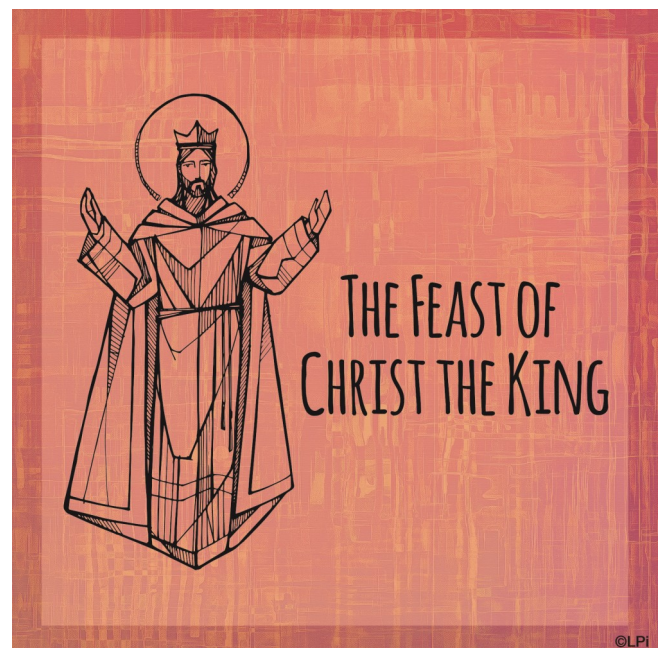
From the stop directly in front of St. Matthew School on Winifred Street, the bus goes north into downtown and then runs along Rice Street and ends in Little Canada.

The #62 bus runs once an hour by St. Matthew on Saturdays and Sundays and runs more frequently on weekdays. For the bus schedule and a complete route map, see <https://www.metrotransit.org/route/62>



COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SCHOOL COLLECTION

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



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