

# Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

November 5, 2023  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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!



## TURKEY BINGO

Mark your calendar for the Men's Club's annual Turkey Bingo this **Saturday, November 4, 2023** in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 PM, bingo starts at 5:30 PM.

There will be 12 games for turkeys (cash if there are multiple winners in a game), 3 games for cash prizes and a raffle for turkeys. Children, accompanied by an adult, are eligible to play bingo. Food, beer, wine and pop will be available for purchase. Featured meal will be Turkey Wild Rice Hot Dish. Burgers and hotdogs will also be available.



## ST. MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Angela Rakow at [arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org) to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!

If you do not receive mailings from our parish, especially during Lenten and Advent seasons, please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the parish office.



## THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S



The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit November 4 - 10, 2023 for **Patricia Reiland**.

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.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Come make music with us! Fill out your availability online or use a form at the back of church. EVERYONE is welcome, regardless of how far along you are on your musical journey.

Please fill out the form, whether you sing or play an instrument, or if you are interested in joining choir. Schedules for the beginning of next year will be finalized by November 21. Please get your availability to Cristina by November 14. For more information contact [cczaia@st-matts.org](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org).



## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During November, a book will be placed at the front entrance to the church where you may write the names of deceased family and friends. This book will then be moved to the sanctuary at the beginning of each Mass throughout the month of November.

## POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

NOVEMBER 2023

For the Pope

*We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. 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.*

## HYMNALS

From time-to-time people will find hymnals with misprints. If you find a hymnal that is missing pages or has duplicate pages, please inform a greeter or deposit the faulty hymnal in the box labeled "MISPRINTED HYMNALS" near the organ. Cards are available next to the box to indicate which pages are missing and/or duplicated. We hope no one finds themselves halfway through a service without the right hymn. Thank you for your assistance. For more information, contact [cczaia@st-matts.org](mailto:cczaia@st-matts.org).

## WANTED - Crafters, Artists and Sewers

We are looking for crafters, artists and sewers for the Rosary Society Bake Sale, Boutique and, new this year, Craft Sale. The event will be Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 to 5:30 pm, in Saint Matt's Social Hall. For just \$25, you can have a table to sell your goods. There will be some limited tables available for Sunday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, also for \$25, during Breakfast with Santa. For more information, please contact **Becky Montgomery** or the parish office.



Join us on **November 18 and 19** to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul and their caregivers and families are welcome to come forward and take part.

## ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Once again, St. Matthew Parish Center is a polling site on Tuesday, November 7. Please keep this in mind when you are coming to the Parish Center as parking may be limited.

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## BIBLE STUDY AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Fr. Steve Adrian is holding a four-week study of the Gospel of John at the Church of the Assumption. It will be held on four Mondays in November: November 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, in the lower church. No RSVP necessary.

Church of the Assumption  
51 West 7th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102

## TWO DATES TO HOLD

All are welcome to join in our next West Side Community Conversation on **Tuesday evening, November 28**. This will be our fourth such meeting. As with past meetings, we'll gather as members of the West Side community to listen to other members. As both the global synod and our local synod processes have emphasized, it's important to listen, listen, listen.

The session on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be held at Humboldt High School, where I met recently with their parent liaison. I enjoyed my visit there, particularly the chance conversations I had with several different students.

Details to follow.

The second event we're planning is for **Thursday morning, November 30**. Fr. Steve invites you to come to a free seminar, hosted by St. Matthew and the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) of Minnesota.

As Catholics, we have a sacred responsibility to prepare for our journey home. This seminar, called "Preparing for Heaven", is designed to help you and your loved ones plan for the future.

The seminar will begin with breakfast in the Social Hall at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with Mass. Additional details to follow.

## COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SCHOOL COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!



## \$CRIP - GIFT CARDS

Prepaid gift cards will be available for purchase after Mass on Saturdays during the month of November. Gift cards to Cub Foods, Target, Walmart, Speedway, Holiday Gas and more are available. Proceeds from the program benefit the parish. If you need gift cards before the holiday season, please get them early. Contact **Tim Nowak** or the parish office for more information.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

More than a few people have asked if it would be possible to have a grief support group in our parish. The answer is yes! We have engaged a certified facilitator who has experience with "grief support". If you are dealing with grief in your life and are willing to share your experiences in a non-judgmental setting, you are welcome to join us. Our first meeting will be held **Thursday November 16 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center. For more information, call Mary at **651-224-9793** or email [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org).