

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Private Confessions in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 20 - 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Thursday, December 21- 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Friday, December 22 - 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 23 - 5:00 PM (after Mass)
Sunday, December 24 - 11:00 AM (after Mass)

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

Choir

Choir for Christmas Eve service has begun. There are two remaining rehearsals. Wednesday evenings, December 13 and 20 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary. I hope you will come and sing with us.



-CHOIR PRACTICE-

Welcome, Babies!

St. Matt's is *thrilled* to see the increased attendance of babies at Mass. For all the parents of young children, we want to assure you that your baby's presence at Mass is most welcome. When the new church was built it was intentionally designed without a "Crying Room" because this community does not believe that parents and children should be isolated from the community. We want you to be in and amongst us. That being said, if you need to step away for personal reasons or to provide a quiet place with less stimulation for your baby, you are welcome to step back into the Sacristy at the back of church. There is also a bathroom located in the Sacristy with a changing table and wipes for your use. Please let us know if we can assist you and your baby so that you can fully participate in Mass. Thank you for being here.

Cristina Czaia
Director of Music and Liturgy
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Rosary Society December Meeting

All women of our parish community are invited to the **December 12th** Rosary Society meeting. This month we will be meeting from **1:30 to 3:00 pm** in the **Lower Level of the Parish Center**.

We will be joined by Cristina Czaia, our new Director of Music and Liturgy. Come and enjoy holiday treats, socialize and learn about Cristina's work.



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Retirement Fund for Religious

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

To contribute, specially marked envelopes are available in the back of the church. Make checks out to the Church of St. Matthew with “RFR” in the memo line.



Funeral Mass for **Bernice Grossmann** was held at St. Matthew on Monday, December 4, 2023.

Funeral Mass for **James Ian Mulvaney** was held at St. Matthew on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Please remember Bernice, James and their families in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Due to a long list of names on our prayer list, the names are divided into groups and rotated weekly for Prayers of the Faithful. Email Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) or call the parish office (651-224-9793) with changes to keep our list up to date. If they continue to need our prayers, their names will stay in the bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful.

When requesting to add a loved one's name to our bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful, we kindly ask you obtain the individual's permission. Thank you!

Our parish has several ways in which we can pray for others:

1. We include names of those who need our prayers in our bulletin.
2. We include names of those who need our prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.
3. You can include names in the Book of Intentions, found in the back of the church.

