

COFFEE SUNDAY HOSTS NEEDED

Hospitality and community are two characteristics of our Saint Matt's community, and Coffee Sunday is one way we demonstrate both. However, in order for us to provide this hospitality and community building activity, we need people to step forward and help host Coffee Sunday. Hosting consists of preparing and setting out the coffee, providing refreshments and cleaning up afterwards, which is minimal. The coffee and paper supplies are provided, and you will be taught how to make coffee in the coffee machine. Free will donations are encouraged and those donations can be used to reimburse the hosts for the costs of refreshments. Simple refreshments such as homemade coffee breads, muffins, scones, etc. are fine. The focus of Coffee Sunday is our time with one another, not the food.

If you are interested in or willing to host a Coffee Sunday, please either call the Parish Center ([651-224-9793](tel:651-224-9793)) or e-mail Becky Montgomery at: montgomery_bec@hotmail.com. Please indicate if you are willing to host alone, will be hosting with others, or need someone to co-host with you. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Update: We do NOT have Faith Formation class on Wednesday, January 31. Regular weekly classes resume February 7 at 6:30 PM with drop-off in church and pick-up from the Parish Center at 7:45. **Also, please mark your calendars for February 14, our Ash Wednesday service.** Parents/guardians and parishioners are welcome and invited to join our Faith Formation students for the service which begins at 7 PM. On February 14, students should arrive at 6:30 PM and report to their classrooms in the Parish Center.

Sacrament Requirements: For parents/guardians of children in grades 2 and up who have registered for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, and for students in grades 8 and up who have registered for Confirmation, please be sure to get your child's certificate of baptism and turn it in to Faith Formation coordinator Janelle Rohr. If your child was baptized at St. Matthew, contact parish secretary Linda Rivera, lrivera@st-matts.org or 651-224-9793 Monday-Friday between 9 and 1. **If your child was baptized at another church, call that church office and request proof of baptism.** Please submit baptism certificates to Janelle **no later than February 14, Ash Wednesday.** Questions? Janelle@st-matts.org or see her on Wednesday evenings at St. Matthew between 6:45 and 7:30. This requirement applies to both our Faith Formation families and to Community of Saints families with children seeking the sacraments this spring.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Catholic Schools Week

We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week, January 28th-February 3rd! We will kick off the week visiting our sponsoring parishes. Our service projects this year include a one day food drive, and making Valentine's Day cards for residents at Cerenity Senior Care. **We will also be hosting a Walk-In Wednesday from 1-6pm on January 31st. PreK-8 prospective families can "walk-in" any time during those hours for a personal tour. If you know anyone looking for a high-quality, Catholic education that is affordable, please send them our way!** All families will leave with a gift bag.

"Souper" Bowl Benefit Tickets for Sale!

Tickets are now available for our fourth annual benefit, which will take place on Saturday, February 3rd, from 6-9pm, in St. Matthew's Social Hall. Tickets are \$40 and include a food drive, local food tastings from vendors including Cora's Wings, Boca Chica, Cossetta's, and Joseph's, appetizers, Mystery Bags, silent auction, games, and a WHOLE lot of fun! All proceeds go directly to the Student Experience Fund at COS.

How to Purchase: Call, email or stop by the school: [651-457-2510](tel:651-457-2510); alopez@communityofsaints.org; OR go online: www.eventbrite.com; search COS 2018 Tailgating Extravaganza on Saturday, February 3rd. Purchase a table for 8 guests, and receive a \$20 discount! Thank you for supporting our school!

BLEST ART

Next weekend February 3rd & 4th representatives from Blest Art will be here with various items handcrafted by Catholics living in the Holy Land. They have beautiful handmade wooden crucifixes, rosaries and many other items. Proceeds from the sale of these items helps to support the Catholic families who are living in the Holy Land under difficult conditions. These lovely items make wonderful gifts or additions to you home.