

BIG GAME PARTY

St. Matthew's Social Hall on Sunday, February 4. Doors open at 4:30 pm. The game starts at 5:30. Hosted by the St. Matthew's Men's Club. Football on the big screen. Chili, hot ham sandwiches, snacks, refreshments & fun. Bring a dish to share. Jigsaw puzzle contest at halftime. Great fun for football fans of all ages. Come and enjoy the Big Game with family and friends. **No admission fee but donations (can goods or cash) will be accepted for the food shelf.**

WOMEN OF SAINT MATT'S

You are invited to attend the February 13th Rosary Society meeting. Katie Ritchie, who created the icon of Saint Matthew which hangs in the back of the church, will be discussing her process for creating icons. The meeting begins at 6:45pm. The program will begin at 7:00pm. Come and learn more about icons and enjoy the good food and company

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) 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.

SEVERAL WAYS TO DONATE TO SAINT MATTHEW'S

1. Regular stewardship envelopes. These are mailed every other month to parishioners.
2. EFT [Electronic Funds Transfer]. This is an electronic transfer between your bank account and that of the Church. Quite easy and no usage fee. Please call John Riehle at the parish center with questions, or to activate this.
3. PayPal. Please see the front page of the parish website.
 - a. You may donate through PayPal. [Which has a usage fee];
 - b. You may donate through that site but use one of the accepted credit cards. [Also has a usage fee.]
4. Donations of Stock. The donation of appreciated securities is a win-win situation. Because you are giving to a 501 (c)(3) there are no capital gains to be paid and you receive credit for the entire charitable donation. Please call John Riehle at the parish center

ENCHILADA DINNER AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Enchilada Dinners are coming!

They will be serving from 11:30 AM – 6:30 PM Fridays during Lent, February 16th – March 30th.

Available for eat-in or take-out, small dinners are just \$6.00 and the large dinners are \$10.00. One dozen enchiladas are \$20.00 and are available for take-out only. Accepting cash, checks and credit cards.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Update: 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 Mass.**

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.