

FAITH FORMATION

Community Dinner: Join us for Mass on Saturday, March 10, to see our Confirmation candidates blessed. Then please come to the Social Hall after the service for a community dinner. Confirmation families will also come to the dinner and have a brief meeting during the meal. The meal is free of charge but free-will offerings are accepted. If you would like to help with the dinner—either before or after Mass on March 10—please contact Faith Formation coordinator Janelle Rohr, janelle@st-matts.org or 651-457-3522. You are also welcome to bring a dessert to share and drop it off in the Social Hall kitchen before Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Teachers are needed for our 20-minute Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions held during the Sunday 10 AM Mass. You teach a small group of kids ages 3 to 6 and have a student helper with you in the chapel. Curriculum is provided, as are craft supplies. To find out more, including about VIRTUS training, contact Faith Formation coordinator Janelle Rohr, janelle@st-matts.org or 651-457-3522.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Food Drive Results

Community of Saints students held a one-day food drive during Catholic Schools Week-in just one day, we were able to collect 155 lbs. of food! We donated the items to the Neighborhood House food shelf.

Lent

Lenten Season is upon us and Community of Saints students and staff have been busy preparing. We have posted a dark crucifix in our hallway with "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34) above. Over the next few weeks, students will receive a piece of "stained glass" (colored paper) to glue to the cross when a staff member notices them loving others as Jesus has taught us. We look forward to a bright and colorful cross by the time Jesus has risen!

Community of Saints community is also excited to volunteer and attend our sponsoring parish Lenten fish fries and enchilada feeds over the next several weeks!

Walk-In Wednesday, March 21st

We will be hosting another Walk-In Wednesday from 1-6pm on March 21st. PreK-8 prospective families can "walk-in" any time during those hours for a personal tour. Tours in Spanish will also be available. 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.

FALL FESTIVAL 2018

The Silent Auction Committee of the Fall Festival, which will take place on September 22-23, 2018, thinks it is never too soon to start planning for the next silent auction. We are hoping that by starting early it will help ease the last minute crunch. We also want the parish community to know how they can help us now. We would like to have handcrafted items in the auction. So, if you are a quilter, knitter or wood worker, can you make something? Do you have a hobby but don't know how you can do something for the auction? We are happy to talk with you to see what we can work out. The first group of solicitation be sent to corporations. (Theaters, museums and sports teams). Most of these organizations have online forms to be filled out. If you are comfortable using a computer, would you consider helping with these forms? We will supply the information. You will just have to fill it in. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Ann Contreras 651.292.9440.

ENCHILADA DINNER AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Something different for Lent – serving from 11:30 am. To 6:30 p.m. Fridays during Lent through 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have received 26 envelopes in the past two weeks, thank you. We encourage you to support the Catholic Appeal and the many ministries it supports. **Remember that Saint's Matthew's will receive twenty-five percent of the total donations received from Saint Matthew's parishioners.** Please fill out your 2018 pledge form and drop it in the plate or mail it directly to the CSAF processing center using the prepaid envelope you received in the mail from the CSAF.