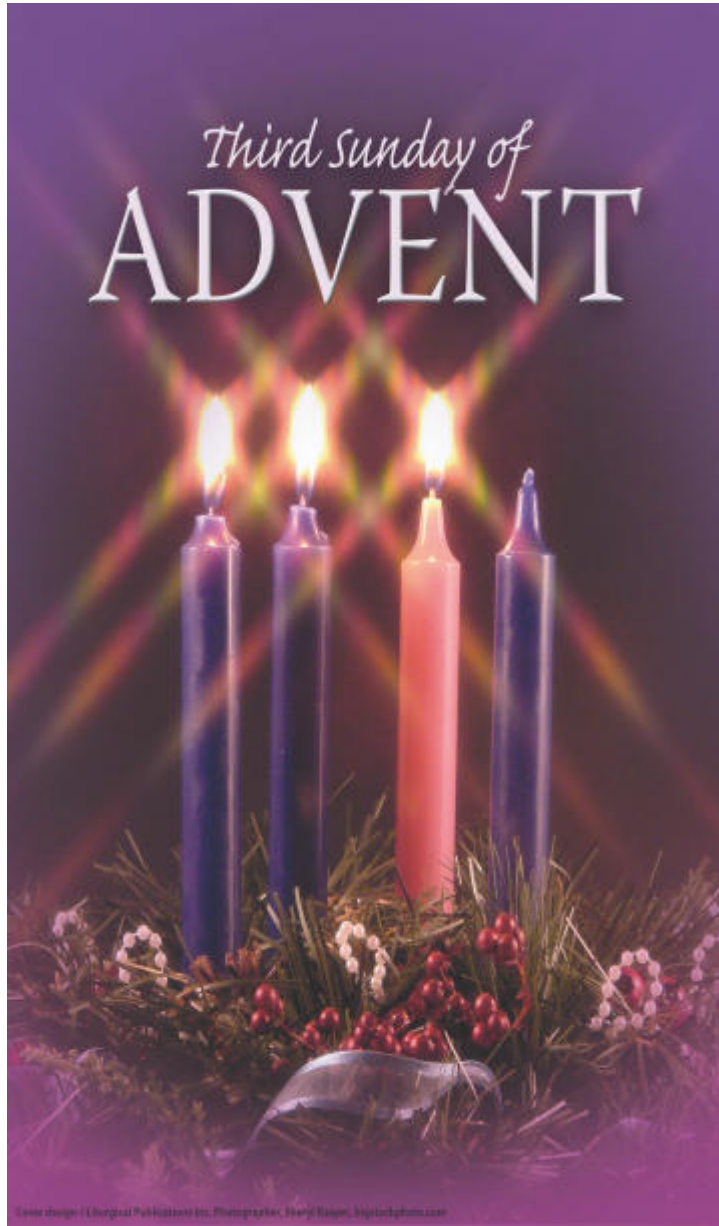


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Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt
1:18-25

Wednesday: gs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-
17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and
10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-
21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf.
1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

Hope 651.457.0228



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS



TO BURY THE DEAD. All of us, as we grew in our faith, learned the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy. The last of the 7 is To Bury The Dead. Fulfilling that work of mercy can take many different forms. To attend the visitation. To attend the funeral service and/or the burial. Sometimes just to sit with the grieving family and offer sympathy and support. Another opportunity to fulfill this Corporal Work of Mercy takes place in our social hall after most funerals. The funeral luncheon! No less than 37 of our parishioners have volunteered to be on call to serve the luncheon. 11 or 12 volunteers serve at each luncheon.

When a funeral is scheduled, and the luncheon is to be held in the Social Hall, either Corinne Brengman or Eileen Norton will begin calling the volunteers. They call until they have enough volunteers, depending on how many guests the family think will attend the luncheon. There are enough volunteers so that a person doesn't have to serve at every funeral. Perhaps just every 3rd or 4th funeral. At each funeral luncheon the volunteers, put tablecloths on the tables that will be used, A serving table will also be set up and decorated. Prepare a table for the desserts. When the catering company arrives the volunteers will put the food on platters and in serving bowls. Plates, utensils and napkins are set out. Also a table for coffee, lemonade and water. After the luncheon the volunteers will take and put everything away. Extra food will be boxed for the family to take home.

The generosity and compassion of these volunteers makes a very difficult time just a bit easier for the grieving family. There is always a need for more volunteers in this ministry. If you feel you would like to be of service contact Mary Leibl @mleibl@st-matts.org. Today we spotlight the following Funeral Luncheon volunteers: Mary Bejblik, Bill & Corinne Brengman, Suzanne Clark, Cecelia & Jim Glenn, Doris Giefer, Marilyn Gonsowski, Irene Goodstein, Anita Hottinger, Joan Johnson, Ione Kalas, Millie Kamp, Pat & Ken Kasheimer Marcie & Leo Kegler, Bernie Klein, Barb & Rick Kraft, Jan Lackner, Diane & Greg Lothenbach, Kathy Meyers, Becky Montgomery, Ann Myran, Denise & Dan Quinlan, Hope Savard, Eileen Norton, Kathy Schowalter, Shirley & Larry Smith, Joanne Smith, Florida Stevens, Kathleen Thompson, and Chris Wilfahrt. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 4 continuing opportunities.

MUSICIANS

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:00 am Mass and practices on alternate weeks September-May. Choir practice is 9:00 am. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for any of the weekend Masses.



SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have five 4-hour shifts and four 3-hours shifts. Hours are: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Need teachers and teen helpers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word. This liturgy is offered during the school year at the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

Looking for **Hospitality Coordinators:** Will plan & organize food, drinks, service, set-up, and clean-up at 2 events in early March. Planning would begin in January. Recruit helpers & contributors. Need to enjoy being around kids. Best if 2 people who work well together share the coordinating job.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU!

News and Events

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW WINTER WEATHER POLICY

During the winter months, the Church of St. Matthew Parish Center is closed whenever the St. Paul Public Schools are closed. Cancellation of Parish Center events and activities will appear on WCCO (Channel 4). Independent organizations using the Church of St. Matthew buildings should be contacted directly for their open or closed status



DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

As we enter the busiest time of the year, reserve some time to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. **Decorating will take place on December 23rd**, immediately after the 10:00 am Mass. If you go to the Saturday Mass, consider returning on Sunday to help prepare the church for the Christmas celebration. This will also be a good opportunity for Faith Formation students to earn Service Hours. **Many volunteers will make for less work!!**



COMMUNITY OF SAINT NEWS

Community of Saints would like to officially invite members of the sponsoring parishes to join them for their annual school Christmas concert! The concert is Thursday, December 20th, at 7:00 pm in the Church of the school. They hope you will join them as they show some holiday spirit and preparation for the birth of Jesus through joyful music performed by their lovely students!

The Community of Saints is sponsoring Los Posadas at Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 17th at 6:00 pm. They hope to see you there! They are also hosting their own Las Posadas for their K-8 students during the school day on Friday, December 21st.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS December 9, 2018

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer	18	School	\$ 150
Hours in service	35		

Parish		Total	\$ 150
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,918	Thank You	

Electronic Giving	\$ 1,219
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Vigil Lights	\$ 26
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Fuel	\$
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Rent	\$ 4,400
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Holy Day	\$ 45
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Memorials	\$
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Rosary/CCW Pymt	\$ 67
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Flowers	\$ 495
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Religious Retire.	\$ 552
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Coffee Sunday	\$ 0
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Total	\$ 4,219
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THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on December 21st to celebrate Sandra Saucedo's birthday. On December 23rd the bells will ring in memory of Mae Gonsowski.

Remember a loved one, celebrate an anniversary or birthday, announce an engagement. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule a date.

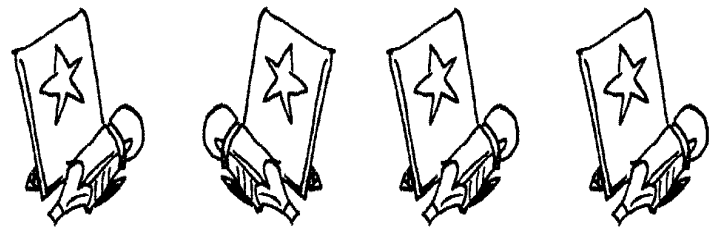
THE POWER OF PRAYER



You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.



Circle the pictures that are **facing** the **same** way. Then color in all the pictures.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will be closed for maintenance on **Friday, December 21st**. We will also be closed on **Monday, December 24th** and **Tuesday, December 25th** in celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

COFFEE SUNDAY

You are invited to the Social Hall most Sundays following 10:00 am Mass for coffee, donuts and other tasty treats. **All are welcome to attend.**



We are looking for families, friends or groups to host a Coffee Sunday, if you are interested contact Becky Montgomery at montgomery_bec@hotmail.com, she will let you know what Sundays are still open and how it all works.

SCRIP NEWS:

Every \$25 purchased from the scrip program provides another \$1.00 to St. Matthew's.



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Are you giving gifts cards to friends, families or employees this Christmas season? Checkout the extensive list of retailers available through the Scrip program. Convenient shopping and St. Matthew's will benefit at no cost to you. **If we don't have it on hand, it can be ordered for you and received in a few days time.**

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Are you new to the neighborhood or new to the parish? Would you like to become a registered member of the Church of Saint Matthew? Perhaps you have never "officially" registered and would like to do so. You will find registration forms on the Care Notes Wall located at the southeast corner of the church, go to the parish website for a form, or call Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary for a form.

Please, come join the Saint Matthew's parish family and community. All are welcome here!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 15

4:00 pm The Karas Family, Rose, Joseph Sr. & Jr. †

Sunday, December 16

10:00 am Our Parish

Bernard Anthony Bukowsky †

Monday, December 17

8:00 am Deacon John Murphy †

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

Friday, December 21

8:00 am Sandra Saucedo, Special Intention

Saturday, December 22

4:00 pm Pam, Robert Sr., & Lucille Stickler †

Sunday, December 23

10:00 am Our Parish

Raymond Galep †

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 15

1:00 - 4:00 pm Rosary Tea, Boutique & Bake Sale

SH

4:00 pm Mass with Food Collection for
Neighborhood House

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Breakfast with Santa

Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale SH

9:00 am Choir Practice CH

10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word
and Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Monday-Friday December 17- 21

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, December 17

8:00 am Mass

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, December 18

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 am Mass

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes CH/PC

7:00 pm Advent Prayer Service CH

Thursday, December 20

9:10 am School Mass COS

Friday, December 21

8:00 am Mass

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 22

4:00 pm Mass **Sunday, December 23**

9:00 am Choir Practice CH

10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am Church Decorating of Christmas

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

4:00 pm Mass

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day


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10:00 am Mass


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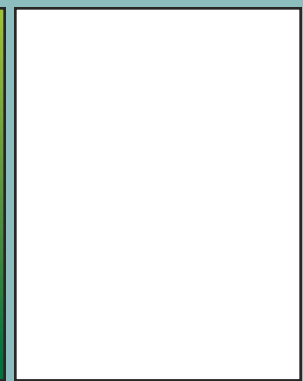
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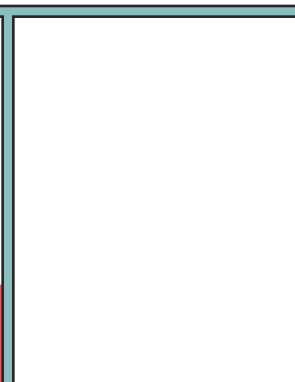
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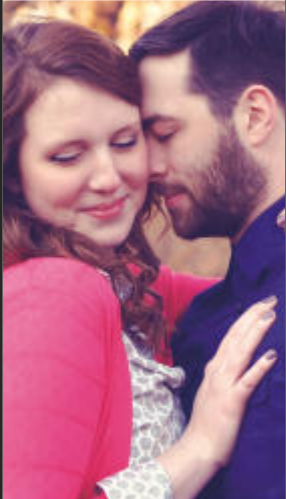
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