

## Church of Saint Matthew – January 13, 2019

### TAX TIME...

Many parishioners will be filing their income taxes shortly, and will be wanting their financial giving statements from the parish. You will need to call the parish office and request a statement. Statements will be PRINTED AND MAILED ONCE PER WEEK. We have a limited staff with limited hours and cannot create statements on demand, so, please, we ask for your patience and work with our new system and we will get everyone their statements in a timely manner. Thank you.

### FOOD FROM THE HEART

On December 15 & 16 the third Sunday of the month 376 pounds of food and non-perishable items were collected for Neighborhood House from St. Matthew's parish. Through your generous donations friends and neighbors of the area are able to access nutritious food for themselves and their families. Your donations make a difference to families who are hungry. *Our next food collection weekend will be January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, please be as generous as you are able to be.*

### RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

On January 26 & 27 there will be a special collection for Religious Retirement. Next weekend there will be special envelopes on the tables at the entries; you can take one with and bring back it on the collection weekend. Do you remember a sister, brother or religious order priest who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to this second collection as you are able. Our own Sr. Anne Becker, at age 85, continue to serve our parish community today!!

### SHOPPING AND MAKING MONEY FOR ST. MATT'S

It's Christmas shopping time so let's also help St. Matt's. From the comfort of your home you can find everything on your gift list on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). No crowds, cold weather or crowded parking lots!

Use the link below to choose St. Matts as your charity and when you complete an order we receive 0.5 percent of purchase.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0707559>

When searching among the many charities registered at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) type "St. Mathew Church St. Paul" and you'll find us. Once selected you can support St. Matt's at no cost to you when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You will see several "St. Matthews" below is our St. Matthew option you are searching for.

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### SAINT MICHAEL ADORATION CHAPEL

### **Will you watch with ME...**

**EIGHT** Open Hours

**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday 2:00 a.m. Tuesday 3:00 a.m. Tuesday 1:00 p.m.**

**Thursday 11:00 a.m. Thursday 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday 9:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m.**

Help is also needed on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am cleaning the Chapel, many hands make light work. Currently there are only a couple ladies cleaning every week, please consider, joining them or alternating with them. Call Shirley for details, please.

The Chapel is located at 337 East Hurley Street, West St. Paul MN 55118. The entrance is on the north end of the building. Please call Shirley for the entrance code 651.457. 6844.

### **COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS**

Our Christmas Concert was on Thursday, December 20th, and was a huge success! A special thank you to our music accompanist, Lori Lenkowski, and our music teacher, Kristina Guiffre, on all of their hard work preparing for the concert.

Our Advent service projects are completed and our students and staff did a great job. Isaac's Blessing Bags had an amazing turnout thanks to the many donations of food, toiletries, gloves and hats. Many people in need were able to receive a bundle of necessities over the holidays. Thank you to all who donated toward this great cause, and thank you to Isaac Garcia and his family for organizing and orchestrating this important service to others.

Also, we had classrooms fill treat bags for the OLG La Posada, color wrapping paper for gifts of appreciation, decorate food bags for recipients of Meals on Wheels, and make cards for residents in Senior Living.

### **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.

### **SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS**

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have four 4-hour shifts and five 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

### **MUSICIANS**

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:15 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.

