

Church of Saint Matthew – March 15, 2020

BECAUSE OF CoVid 19

As announced last weekend, we will do a few things differently during the celebration of Mass.


1. We encourage no holding hands during the praying of the Lord's Prayer. [Many people are using the "orans" position...holding hands out similar to the celebrant.]
2. We encourage no exchange of the Sign of Peace using hands. [Simply bowing and acknowledging one another will be good.]
3. Communion ministers will not give anyone communion on the tongue. [Please take the host in your hand and communicate yourself.]
4. We will not offer communion from the cup. [

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We want everyone in our community to be as safe as possible. Obviously, if you are sick, please stay home; please cover your coughs; please wash your hands very frequently.

LENTEN RICE BOWL BOXES

Rice Bowl Boxes are available at the church entrance, please consider using one this Lenten season. We all consider "giving" something up each Lent. Soda, alcohol, candy, dining out less often...take the cost of that savings and put in the Rice Bowl Box. You will hardly miss it and the gift your gift to someone in a developing country is enormous. Boxes are returned to the church on Good Friday...let's get going, take a box today.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY

 4-hour course will be offered on **Thursday, April 16; 8:30 - 12:30** at Saint Matthew's. If you attend this course you can be eligible for 10% reduction on your car insurance (per person, per vehicle). Now is the time to do this: the current costs (\$15 - AARP members; \$20 - non-members) will rise by \$5 on July 1. Registration is necessary; please call the parish office.

ANOTHER MUSICAL OFFERING THIS WEEK

SPCO (The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra) concert on **Thursday, March 12. 7:00 pm** in the church. This concert, originally scheduled for Humboldt is being changed because the theater is not available during remodeling.

Tickets are necessary; they are complimentary to anyone who lives in the 55107 zip code (or may want to?) Because of this change of venue the orchestra would like to be posters into public places and businesses on the West Side, and beyond. Would you take one or two to the locations? (sign your name and take a poster.)

LOAVES & FISHES PROGRAM REMINDER

Beginning Friday, February 28 and all the Fridays of Lent the Loaves & Fishes program will **NOT** serve meals on Fridays. If you regularly eat meals at Loaves and Fishes on Fridays or know someone who does, please help us spread this information to those who need to know.

All are invited to come to the Fish Fry Dinner on Fridays, **rather this is a paid, fundraising event, not a free meal.** Thank you for understanding.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our 15 Confirmation candidates from the Faith Formation program and Community of Saints Catholic school will be confirmed at a 2:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on March 22. Please pray for these students.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

To receive your 2019 stewardship statement, please call the parish office and leave your name and address. Your 2019 statement will be mailed to you.

The office staff/volunteers will mail statements once a week to those who request a statement.

HAM BINGO



Come with family and friends for a fun evening of "Ham Bingo" at St. Matthew's. **Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:00 – 8:00 pm** in the Social Hall. You will have many opportunities to win cash prizes and hams for your Easter dinner. There will be food, wine, beer and soda on sale to further your evening's enjoyment.

We welcome everyone to come have a great evening at the Church of Saint Matthew.
Sponsored by Saint Matthew's Men's Club

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SAINT MICHAEL ADORATION CHAPEL EIGHT Open Hours **WHERE DOES YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGIN? CONSIDER IN ADORATION WITH JESUS!** **HE GAVE ALL - WILL YOU GIVE ONE HOUR?**

Monday 7:00 a.m. Monday 10:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Tuesday 10:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 am Friday 11:00 a.m.

Each Saturday morning at 8:00 am the Chapel is cleaned, can you spare a little time on Saturday to help clean the Chapel? It takes very little time, and the reward is great. Currently there are only a couple ladies cleaning every week, please consider, joining them or alternating with them. Call Shirley for details about the cleaning schedule or see the cleaning schedule in the Chapel vestibule.

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.

COS NEWS



Our school Lent Committee organized some amazing ways to recognize Lent this year. In our main entrance hallway, we have a student created, beautiful prayer chain. This prayer chain includes individual students' prayer intentions during lent. Reconciliation will be available for students in grades 3-8, and we will also have a whole school Stations of the Cross on March 13th and March 20th. Our service project this year will be hosting a food drive for our local community food shelves.

LENTEN ENCHILADA DINNER

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - All welcome! Please join us for an authentic Mexican Enchilada Lenten dinner on Friday's, February 28th through April 3rd (not serving Good Friday) from 11:30am – 6:30pm. Enjoy time with family and friends (eat in) or order as "take-out". Large plate \$10.00, small plate \$8.00. Enchiladas also sold "to-go" (by the dozen for \$20.00). Come and taste the "Mexican Experience"! Credit cards now accepted.
OLG Church, 401 Concord Street, St. Paul 55107 651-228-0506

THE PASSION OF JESUS

In Music, Word & Light. March 19 Spanish – March 20 & 21 English 8:00 p.m., Saint Mark's Church
4th Avenue & Atwood Street, Shakopee Prelude Music begins 7:40 pm Admission is free/ People of all faiths are encourage to attend; www.ShakoppPassionPlay.org

ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights

Embrace the Challenge is the theme for the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference. This is a great opportunity for men of Faith to come together for good fraternity, good food and to grow in faith! This year's keynote speaker is priest, scholar, author and son of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, Fr. Paul Scalia.

A DAY AWAY FOR ARTISTS AND CREATIVES

April 17, at St. Paul's Monastery, 2675 Benet Road, St Paul
Believing the creative process captures a sense of the divine, artists will have an opportunity to enter a creative space of quiet and beauty. This day away includes a brief morning session and time for thinking about and working on their art and ideas. It closes with a time of reflection.

SAVE THE DATE! QUO VADIS YOUTH VOCATION CAMPS

July 19 – 22: Quo Vadis Camp for Young Men at Kiwanis Camp

July 19 – 22: Quo Vadis Camp for Young Women at Dunrovin Retreat Center

Each session begins on Sunday afternoon with Mass and concludes on Wednesday after lunch. The camp includes Mass, prayer, talks, field trips to visit religious communities, confession, rosary along with lots of fun and outdoor recreation, including kayaking, wall climbing, hikes and campfires! Quo Vadis is a camp experience for youth ages 14-17 to learn that nothing is more important than discovering God's will for your life – and living it! Space is limited. For more information and to register, visit 10000vocations.org.