

Church of Saint Matthew – June 21, 2020

SAINT MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Linda Rivera at lriviera@st-matts.org to register as a member of our parish family, we will be happy to get you signed up or welcome you back.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FOOD SHELF

The third weekend of the month is our usual food collection for Neighborhood House; again this month we ask you make a monetary donation to the food shelf. You may identify yourself as a member of Saint Matthew's if you wish to do so.



House Food Shelf
179 Robie St. E.
St. Paul MN 55107

**Food shelves are continue to be overwhelmed with the need of so many folks laid off, furloughed or sadly no longer employed. Some folks are using food shelves for the first time ever. Also for the first time, there are no summer schools or youth sports programs where children would be given free meals. Thank you for helping to feed friends, neighbors and all in need.

FUTURE DATES...please calendar them now.

The celebration of First Communion will occur at the Parish Masses on August 1 and 2.

The "Mass in the Park" will be ON THE GRASS at Community of Saints Regional School on Saturday, August 15 at 4:30 pm. [That delay of 15 minutes will allow folks who appear at the church building to read the signs and get to COS by the start of Mass.]

The celebration of Confirmation will be at the 10:15 am Mass on Sunday, August 16.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you parishioners and friends of Saint Matthew's for supporting the parish through this Covid-19 pandemic. Although we have not been in the church in the physical sense, we have been in the spirit of Mass, thanks to Father Adrian, our musicians, lectors, sacristans, Alan, and others. Thanks to you the parishioners and friends who have watched Masses each week from home, remembering the lights still need to be kept on, water running, salaries paid, etc. you have made your weekly and monthly contributions, without fail.

Many of you have chosen to use the two electronic options of Paypal or BankCherokee. If either of these is something you are considering, please talk to John Riehle, the process for either is very simple, he will explain it in just a few minutes of your time.

PARISH MINI-CENSUS

We are coming to the end of the Mini-Census, if you received a Survey in the mail and have not returned it to the office, please do so soon. We would like to wrap this Census up soon. Thank you to everyone who took time to speak with our callers or returned a survey they received in the mail. Many folks provided their email addresses and they will now be the first to receive news and information from the parish. Some others needed address changes, thank you for that information, or changes in household numbers, thank you for that as well.

We are looking for new ways to reach and serve our parish and we heard what everyone had to say, thank you!!

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

If you receive quarterly stewardship envelopes, you are encouraged to please use them. By doing so you will be given a tax receipt at the beginning of each new year.

If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please contact Linda Rivera at the lrivera@st-matts.org or leave a message on the parish voicemail 651.224.9793.

Also, if you typically give a cash donation, without an envelope the office has no way of knowing who cash comes from.

****If you regularly attend Mass and have not “officially” register at the parish office we have no way of knowing you consider yourself a member. Please come register or contact Linda.*

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COVID-19 AND HEALTH CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY: CONVERSATION WITH SYDNEY MARCH

Thursday, June 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Livestreamed on Archdiocese's Facebook and YouTube pages

Join us live as we have a discussion with Sydney March, an ER nurse who has been on the front lines during the pandemic. Sydney is an ethics committee member at her hospital, supports local pregnancy centers, both as a nurse and in a leadership capacity, and is an active member of two Catholic medical associations, one of which is also a local apostolate (including being their secretary). Lately, Sydney has served as the lead triage coordinator and program developer for the nursing side of the COVID-19 Anointing Corps, including a part of the medical team training the priests. This timely conversation will address the many effects of the pandemic on our community, from a Catholic health care perspective. Learn more at archspm.org/covid19conversation.