

Church of Saint Matthew – September 13, 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 lrivera@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.

Register for Faith Formation, First Communion, Confirmation Now

Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2020-2021 school year. To register in person, come to St Matthew Church on Wednesday, September 16, anytime between 5 and 6:30 pm. Or contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr for information on COVID-19 precautions and a registration form; email Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in 2021. Classes run from September 23 through May 5.

Faith Formation Classes Starting

Faith Formation classes for public school students in grades 1-10 begin on Wednesday, September 23. Classes will be held in the Parish Center, and start and dismissal times are staggered to reduce congestion around the entryway as part of our coronavirus safety precautions. Grades K-2 have class from 6:30 to 7:30, Grades 3 to 5 have class from 6:45 to 7:45 pm, and Grades 6 to 10 have class from 7 to 8 pm. Register ahead of time by contacting Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr via email Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. Students seeking the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation in 2021 need to attend the Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes.

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.

REGULAR STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS

Please remember the call to be good stewards is just as important now as before COVID-19. [In fact, it may be more important.]

- 1) Am I praying each day for the success of the parish in its mission to be the visible expression of God here on the Westside and beyond?
- 2) Am I offering my talent as needed so that St. Matt's can be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi? If I do not know how to do that, or if I want to offer my talents and time....have I reviewed the ministries that are described in the bulletin? Have I called the parish office?
- 3) Am I continuing to donate for the support of the mission and the ministry? Do I bring my envelope when I come to church? Or am I mailing it in? Or am I using PayPal--either through a regular monthly donation or every week? Or have I made arrangements for an EFT [electronic funds transfer? EFTs give the most bang for the buck...there is no postage to pay and there are no PayPal fees to pay.

Thank you.

John Riehle, Linda Rivera, and Mary Leibl are available to help anyone respond to the call of Stewardship in its many forms.

Also, if you typically give a cash donation without an envelope we appreciate your contribution, but have no way of knowing who cash comes from.

****If you regularly attend Mass and have not "officially" registered at the parish office we have no way of knowing you consider yourself a member. Please contact Linda, she will gladly help you register.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayer our parish family members who are ill. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, Dimario Estrada and Michael Vasquez.

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one.

We are strong as a community praying together.

SHOPPING AND EARNING DOLLARS FOR ST. MATT'S

Do you shop online? Even for groceries? Who has more online than Amazon? The next time you are going to shop at Amazon, please use the address below and support St. Matt's at no extra cost to you. St. Matt's will receive a donation of one-half of one percent [0.05%] of your purchase price.

The address is simple: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0707559>.

That address will open to Amazon. Under the top dialogue box you will see:

"Supporting St. Matthew Church".

Then, order as you would normally.



A LITTLE SPIRITUAL HELP TO GET US THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.

SPRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOODS

FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Pick up FREE fresh fruit, vegetables, and bread for your family by driving up in your car or walking up to our Wellstone Center Food Market, 179 Robie St. E, St. Paul. Pickup Hours: 1 – 2:30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

September 23 and October 14.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Open to St. Paul residents and Neighborhood House participants.
- You can walk up or drive to the distribution.
- We will require everyone to stay at least 6 feet away from other people during the event to ensure safety. Please wear a mask.
- Bring your own carts or bags if you are walking. If you are driving stay in your car – produce/goods will be brought to you.
- You can come to each event. No requirements are necessary to attend.
- **If this isn't a service you need, perhaps you have neighbors, relatives or friends who can benefit from this service; please spread the word.**



For further information visit: www.neighb.org/program/freshproducedistribution or www.facebook.com/neighborhoodhouseMN or call 651.789.3630

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS YOUR HELP

Catholic Charities is in need of homemade masks; are you handy with needle and thread, a wiz on a sewing machine? Put your sewing skills to use and help our friends at Catholic Charities. Masks can be dropped off at 341 Chester St., St. Paul, MN 55107 (parallel to Hwy 52), Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Health care workers: Catholic faithful throughout the archdiocese are dedicated to praying for you! Visit archspm.org/covid19prayers to submit a prayer request. On this page, you may also sign up for a weekly email, watch encouraging videos, and find resources for support.

Want to join in praying for health care workers? Commit to daily prayer for health care workers by texting [archspm-healthcare](https://text.archspm-healthcare.com) to 55321 or signing up at eva.us/archspm-healthcare. You will receive a weekly message with a link to names of health care workers to keep in your prayers.

ENGAGE IN THE SYNOD PROCESS THROUGH PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURE SERIES Beginning September 13

This five-part virtual series on praying with Scripture offers practical tools for growing in holiness, drawing upon the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. **Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens will teach the fundamentals of praying with Scripture** and explain how to use a Prayer Companion resource to enrich your prayer experience. Watch at your convenience with family, friends or on your own.

To participate and receive materials, download “MyParish” from your app store and search “Archdiocesan Synod” OR sign up to receive emails at eva.us/archspm-fall2020. More information at archspm.org/synod.