

Church of Saint Matthew – September 27, 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

At the teacher's meeting last week, we decided to reduce the "stagger" time between the start of class for certain grades to 10 minutes instead of 15 minutes. That should make this a little easier for families with kids in multiple grades. I'm mentioning that in case you notice a discrepancy in information from a couple weeks ago vs. the information here.

YOUNG MUSICIANS

St. Matt's is continuing an agreement with Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies [GTCYS]. Their youngest students in the HARMONY program will have lessons and rehearsals in the school building [2nd floor] on Saturday mornings. The first level orchestra [there are about seven levels]—PHILHARMONIA EAST [there is a WEST version, too]—will rehearse in the worship space each Tuesday afternoon and evening. Both of these programs will coincide with the school year. You can find out more information at their website: GTCYS.org

IN SYMPATHY

The Community of Saint Matthew extends our deepest sympathy the family and friends of Saint Matthew School Alumni **Ed Messinger** and **Marlene Blaiser Vogel** who recently died. May they and the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

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, Michael Vasquez and Dorina Martineau.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 288 ANNUAL WREATH SALE



Remember the Boy Scout Troop 288 (sponsored by Community of Saint Regional Catholic School) annual wreath sale is currently underway. You can go to their website to download an order form or to get more information on the sale. There is also information about their Gourmet Popcorn sale. You can pick up an order form at the parish office as well. The sale ends October 25th and items can be picked up after Masses November 21-22.

Because of Covid-19 the scouts are relying on online sales or phone sales. If you have questions please contact Joan Smith at 651.271.3236 or j.smithWreaths@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting Scouting.

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://archspm.org/covid19prayers) 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 – Part FOUR CONTINUES

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.

HEART TO HEART – EXPLORING WOMEN’S VOCATIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP HEBDA

Virtual Event! – Registration required

Tuesday, September 29, 6 p.m.

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life to join “Heart to Heart!” via Zoom. Join us online for an evening of prayer and testimonies with consecrated women sharing their stories. Registration is required before September 27 at 10000vocations.org. Heart to Heart is a virtual event that replaces the previously scheduled Miriam Dinner. Questions? Email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

ATTENTIVE COMPANIONS: SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND JOURNEY: SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND JOURNEY WITH GOD

Tuesday, September 29, 7-9 p.m., online

Register for this informational session about spiritual direction by visiting <http://www.benedictinecenter.org>. Select this event under “Events & Registration.” The role of a spiritual director is to listen to your concerns, share insights and create a place where you feel safe talking about deep spiritual issues. A companion who listens and helps us listen to ourselves can deepen our ability to hear the voice of God. Geared to those new to spiritual direction and those more experienced who’d like to make the most of each session. Free will offering.

OCTOBER ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL



Friday, October 2, 7 p.m., livestreamed from the Cathedral of Saint Paul's Facebook page

While the pandemic prevents us from gathering for the annual October Rosary Procession, it cannot keep us from bringing our prayers to our Blessed Mother. Join Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Andrew Cozzens virtually for Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, and Benediction. Our Lady, Un-doer of Knots, pray for

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