

Church of Saint Matthew – October 18, 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.

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, Dorina Martineau, Andy Koenen and Rita Dubuc.**



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. Their Gourmet Popcorn is sale also available. To place an order pick up an order form at the parish office or call Joan Smith at 651.271.3236 or j.smithWreaths@gmail.com,



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** Thank you for supporting Scouting.

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.

"GIVE THANKS IN NOVEMBER" FUND-RAISER.

Twenty four opportunities have already been spoken for by folks who responded at the weekend Mass. Now is the time to get your oar [or two or three or four or five oars] in the water so your name could be pulled on any day in November.

Please act soon; remember that the deadline is Wednesday, October 28. If you are not in, you cannot win!

COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL LISTEN

At next Saturday's Mass, members of the finance and pastoral council will be present to listen to your questions, concerns and to hear your suggestions. All of these will be brought to the respective meetings on Thursday, October 29.

If you would like to send something by e-mail, please send to administrator@st-matts.org and that issue will be brought to one of the meetings.

PRAY FOR EVERYONE DURING THIS ELECTION

Besides being prepared and casting your informed ballot, remember to pray for everyone involved in the elections, from the top of the ballot all the way down.

Pray that graciousness will prevail among the "winners" and the "losers." Hopefully the American people will be the winners because of an election process that is filled with integrity.

Pray that there might be a few steps--even baby steps--toward some reconciliation and unity so that everyone will feel part of the solution to a better life for each person.

ENGAGE IN THE SYNOD PROCESS THROUGH PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURE SERIES – 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.

WHAT CRISIS TEACHES: A BENEDICTINE PERSPECTIVE

October 22, 2020, 9-11 a.m. on Zoom, hosted by St. Paul's Monastery

Based on the belief that conversation has the power to inspire and transform, participants will explore what they are learning from the COVID-19 pandemic through the prism of St. Benedict's call to attentiveness, listening and conversion of life. They may not find answers but may tap into the power of values that keep them centered. Free event. <http://www.benedictinecenter.org>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

October 30-November 1, in Coon Rapids

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvinyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvinyardmn.org.

THINKING PRIESTHOOD?

Discernment Day with Bishop Andrew Cozzens - Saturday, October 31, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

This retreat is for Catholic men who are discerning priesthood and pursuing or have completed a college degree. More information and to register, visit 10000vocations.org