

Church of Saint Matthew – November 15, 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.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 21 & 22

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. For those of you who watch Mass from home, please support this collection by sending in a donation to the parish office; be sure to indicate your contribution is for this special collection. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Thank you to all we participate.

UPDATED FAITH FORMATION NEWS

On November 18, **Confirmation candidates only have class in person** from 6:50 to 7:50 in the church; Faith Formation students in grades 8-10 should attend that evening as should Community of Saints 8th graders who have registered for this sacrament at St. Matthew. Students in grades 1-7 have at-home family learning on November 18. There are no classes on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving. December 2 is at-home family learning for all students, grades 1 to 10.

ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS

Please help make this another successful year for Isaac Garcia's "Blessing Bag's". For several years he has been providing essentials and a little something extra to those in need at Christmas time. Listed below are some of those items. You can bring your contributions to Mass on Saturday or to the parish office during business hours. **The collections ends on November 24th**. Please bring a little joy to those in need.

Donation Suggestions for Men, Women & Children

Hand warmers	Socks	Hats	Mittens	Jackets	Boots	Scarves	
Sweaters	Bottled Water	Soap		Fruit Snacks	Granola Bars	Toothbrushes	Deodorant
Combs	Hair brushes	Disposable Razors		Diapers		Small Toys for Babies & Children	

OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

In the coming weeks our parish will have second collections for our regular monthly collections as well as special collections various diocese needs. Please be as generous as you are able. As always we thank you for your kindness to others.

November 21/22, 2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

December 5/6, 2020 Community Regional Catholic School

December 12/13, 2020 Religious Retired Community

December 19/20, 2020 Neighborhood House Food Shelf

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, **Dorinda Martineau, Carol Wood, Jose Reyes Renteria-Alverado, Fedencia Torres Ramirez and Lou Finnegan.**

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.

START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING NOW AND EARN 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

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR THOSE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

As of August 29, the Minnesota Department of Health is now allowing health care facilities that have not had an active case of COVID-19 in the past 28 days to transition to "Phase II," allowing even non-essential personnel to visit. **Some facilities are now permitting Holy Communion and pastoral care on a more regular basis.**

As Catholics, we know that these soul-enriching efforts are important for our well-being. If you have a loved one in a health care facility, you may wish to call the facility to ask if they have entered Phase II and, if so, what steps you might be able to take so your loved one can receive the sacraments and other pastoral care. Please always observe each facility's own particular hygienic requirements.

Please pray for all of our Catholic brothers and sisters who have been isolated or away from the sacraments. May we all, though Christ, be instrumental in our collective physical and spiritual healing.

HEALING AND HOPE SERIES – AN OFFERING OF THE SYNOD PROCESS

This five-part virtual retreat grounds each person in his or her fundamental identity as a beloved child of God. Yet each person has experienced wounds that bind. This retreat explores how to unbind these knots through the intercession of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, and open these wounds to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Encountering Jesus' love and mercy brings healing and hope. This series began October 18, and will be permanently housed on the Archdiocesan website.

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. If you participated in the Praying with Scripture Series, you will automatically receive these materials.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MONASTERY

December 7-13, Virtual Events hosted by the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery

Celebrate Christmas virtually with the Sisters of St. Benedict in three virtual ways! Online materials included. Attend live or watch recorded sessions:

- **Online Christmas Marketplace** – December 7-13: Complete your Christmas shopping list while raising essential funds for the Community and their Ministries!
- **Online Silent Auction** – December 12, 2-4:30 p.m.: Among our many other exceptional offerings, this year's silent auction will include a three-course dinner for eight with Archbishop Bernard Hebda, hosted and catered by St. Paul's Monastery!
- **Virtual Social Hour with the Sisters** – December 12, 3-4 p.m.: You are cordially invited to attend this special social hour with the Sisters! Registration is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information or to register for events, go to www.stpaulsmonastery.org/christmas.