

## Church of Saint Matthew – November 22, 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](mailto: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.

### COMING YOUR WAY

All Saint Matthew's registered householdS will soon be receiving a special mailing from the parish office, please watch for it.

### 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](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection). Thank you to all we participate.

### FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

**Faith Formation students in grades 1-10 do NOT have class on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.** December 2 is an at-home family learning evening for all students. In-person class resumes on December 9, and we will celebrate an Advent Mass on December 16. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the Advent Mass with their students.

### ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS - ENDS THIS WEEK

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 24<sup>th</sup>.** 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 This Weekend

**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 Jan Steinbrenner.**

**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](https://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 to 55321 or signing up at [eva.us/archspm-healthcare](https://eva.us/archspm-healthcare). You will receive a weekly message with a link to names of health care workers to keep in your prayers.

### **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](https://eva.us/archspm-fall2020). More information at [archspm.org/synod](https://archspm.org/synod). If you participated in the Praying with Scripture Series, you will automatically receive these materials.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING AGAINST THE SIN OF RACISM**

### **Wednesday, December 2**

Individual parishes, schools, and institutions are encouraged to observe the day in whatever way they determine fitting. There will be a 7:00 pm. Prayer Service at the Cathedral that evening to which all are invited to participate either live in person, or livestreamed online.

## **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](https://www.stpaulsmonastery.org/christmas).

## **ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

### **December 18 – 20, Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake**

*Have you thought that maybe God is calling you to be a Catholic priest?* This annual weekend retreat is for Catholic men, who are Juniors in High School, up to age 24, who have not completed a college degree. For more information and to register, visit the link below. Please share the