

## Church of Saint Matthew – November 29, 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](mailto: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 BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW

A special birthday bells and greetings to Cpl. Jon Millerbernd, USMC, who is serving aboard the USS San Diego. Jon turned 22 on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, his golden birthday. Thank you for your service Jon, God bless you and keep you safe.

### COMING YOUR WAY

All Saint Matthew's registered households should have or will soon receive a special mailing from the parish office, please watch for it.

### FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Faith Formation students in grades 1-10 have at-home family learning on December 2; we do NOT have in-person class that evening. 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.

### 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.

**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, 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 SPRITUAL 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, Un-doer 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.

### LIVING OUR CALL AS SSNDs: RESPONDING TO RACISM

**Tuesday December 1, 7 p.m. online, hosted by SSND North American Vocation Team**

Hear the personal stories of School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) as they explore the topic of racism from the perspective of SSND charism, life and mission. Seeking to witness to unity in our divided world, SSND engage fully in the lifelong process of conversion of heart and return to love. Women ages 18-45 are invited to register by **November 30 at [www.ssnd.org/events](https://www.ssnd.org/events)**.

### 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).

### 2020 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS APPEAL (December 12-13)

Religious order sisters, brothers and priests sacrifice worldly possessions to serve Jesus by serving His people. Now, it's our turn to help them by contributing to the 2020 Retirement Fund for Religious campaign. Please plan to support this important second collection either in person at Mass **on December 12<sup>th</sup>** or by mailing your support to the parish office.

### 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. [10000vocations.org](https://10000vocations.org).