

## Church of Saint Matthew – December 20, 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.

### 2020 FLOWER FUND ENVELOPES – PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 30TH

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this year's Flower Fund. If you will be sending in cash, **please note there is not a place on this year's envelope for your name. In order for us to credit your donation to you, write your name and address on the envelope.** Names will be published a later bulletin.

### 2021 CALENDARS

Calendars for 2021 will be available to parishioners at 4:15 pm Mass on December 19<sup>th</sup> or you may stop by the parish center to pick one up beginning December 21<sup>st</sup>.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Faith Formation Christmas, New Year Break:** Faith Formation students do NOT have class on December 23 and December 30. January 6 is an at-home family learning evening; families will get the lessons for their children on January 6 and can work on the lesson at home. In-person classes resume in mid-January.

### SISTER ANNE BECKER

Several parishioners have requested Sister Anne's address in Mankato, we are sure she would love to hear from her friend here at St. Matthew's. Her address is, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001.

### OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 19/20,** 2020 Neighborhood House Food Shelf -TODAY, if you cannot make an in person donation, please consider a monetary donation directly to Neighborhood House. 179 East Robie Street, St. Paul MN 55107, indicate it is for the 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, Keith Anderson 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.

### AMAZON SMILE WORKS!!

Thanks to each person who has named St. Matt's and the charity to benefit from their shopping on Amazon. You can do it as well!! St. Matt's receives ½ of one percent for every dollar spent.

We just received a deposit from Amazon Smile for \$15.19...that is the result of \$3038 being spent at Amazon. If you added your total St. Matt's would receive even more. [Do it today!!]

### 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

#### ARCHDIOCESE COVID-19 ANOINTING CORPS

On your few moments throughout the day help the Covid-19 Anointing Corps by praying for the sick, their families and the priest. Please pray two times: one Our Father for the individual suffering; one Hail Mary for the family's comfort; and one Glory Be for the priest and the medical team ministering to them. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Roch, pray for us.

## **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.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW UPON CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL**

**December 17-19, 6-9 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Selby Ave., Saint Paul**

Cathedral Illuminated: The manger is a drive-along event, using the Cathedral of Saint Paul as a canvas on which to tell the story of Christmas. This large-scale light and sound projection marks the U.S. debut by award-winning British company, Luxmuralis.

The show, offered without charge by the Cathedral Heritage Foundation as its gift to the Twin Cities community, runs 12 minutes and will be shown on a continuous loop on the front of the Cathedral. Officers from the Saint Paul Police Department will direct traffic one-way heading north along Summit Ave. and allow vehicles to stop temporarily in front of the Cathedral to watch the show. **Spectators must remain in their vehicles to comply with Minnesota Governor Walz's executive order. The public should not walk to this event or attend outside a motor vehicle.**

Cathedral Illuminated will also be streamed live on the Cathedral Heritage Foundation's Facebook page to allow viewers near, far, and around the globe, to experience the monumental art display shone upon the country's fifth-largest cathedral. [cathedralheritagefoundation.org](https://cathedralheritagefoundation.org).