

Church of Saint Matthew – January 24, 2021

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.

PPP LOAN PROCESS COMPLETED

You may recall that in April Saint Matthew's applied for, and was granted, a loan as part of the federal stimulus package. Our loan was for \$30,100; that was determined by a multiple of the amount of salaries averaged over a period of time. The loan had an interest rate of one percent. It would be forgiven if the money was spent in the areas of salaries, etc. We received confirmation from Bankcherokee that the loan has been completely forgiven. This is great news and it has allowed us to keep a bit more money in reserve for the very high utility costs this winter.

If you have questions, please contact me. John Riehle

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation January Classes: As we have been doing since September, the COVID-19 precautions apply: Anyone coming inside the church or parish center buildings needs to wear a mask, students' temperatures will be taken at the door, and classroom spaces are set for physical distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible. Families who have been exposed to someone with a positive coronavirus test should not come to in-person classes until they are out of quarantine. Students who are not feeling well should not come to in-person classes until they have recovered.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Community of Saints is now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year. Our enrollment has grown the past five years because our families know their children receive a high-quality Catholic education. Our small school environment provides our students a sense of belonging. Together with our families, we create a foundation to achieve excellence by developing each student's unique God-given talents.

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about Community of Saints, please contact us at 651-457-2510 or visit our website at www.communityofsaints.org

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, **Joe Savard, Terry Koves, Jan Steinbrenner, 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.

APARTMENT NEEDED

Mom and young child in need of a reasonable priced two bedroom apartment located near St. Matthew's Church. Contact Jim Cahill with details 612.990.9029.

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.

SPIRITUAL 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 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. You will receive a weekly message with a link to names of health care workers to keep in your prayers.

FAITH AND CULTURE SERIES

Four sessions, January 28 – February 9 7:00 – 8:30 pm Virtual Event – Registration Required to Participate Live at archspm.org/registration-for-the-archdiocesan-synod-faith-and-culture-series/

Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church.

Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. **Registration is required to participate live.** Dates and topics are listed below; all events begin at 7:00 p.m.

- **Thursday, January 28:** The Church's teaching on sexual morality and the family
- **Thursday, February 4:** The Church's understanding on the dignity of women
- **Tuesday, February 9:** The priesthood (both baptized and ordained)

Register online to participate and submit your questions! Zoom links will be sent to registrants prior to each event

TOTUS TUUS TEAM MEMBERS – IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Bring the good news to the next generation; share the faith, build friendship, answer the call and become a 2021 TOTUS TUUS Summer Missionary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis!

The Archdiocese is in need of men and women ages 18-26 committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it in local parishes with youth (grades 1-12). This is a 2-month commitment: May 29 – July 28 (which includes one week of training and a one-week break for the 4th of July holiday). Missionaries will receive \$2,520 for their service.

To apply visit www.archspm.org/totustuus or contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or schulten@archspm.org for additional information. Apply by February 1, 2021.

NEWLY MARRIED RETREAT

Saturday, February 6, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Online (Link sent to registrants)

All newly married couples (0-7 years) are invited to attend the 2021 Newly Married Retreat. Led by Brad & Libby Dupont from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, this year's topic is Communication— talking with purpose. Cost is \$25 per couple. Registration opening soon at archspm.org/nmr. Questions? Contact Katie Walker at walkerk@archspm.org or 651-291-4488.

LIVING GOD'S LOVE MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Weekends beginning February 19 (Online through April)

This weekend program is offered monthly (except for October and December) 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Friday evening and 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday. The online retreat will be hosted live via Zoom. In person retreats are scheduled to resume in May. Find more information and register below. Questions? Call 651-291-4488.

WRITING CONTEST

Submissions accepted through February 17

The annual Writing Contest has begun! This contest encourages students in schools and parishes to dive further into their Catholicism by answering a specific question. During this unusual year, students are considering how they are sharing God's love during the pandemic. Students are judged for creativity and communications effectiveness compared to their peers in one of four grade levels. So, have students begin now! Flyer is attached. If you have questions, contact Janine Ricker at rickerj@archspm.org or 651.291.4504.