

## **Church of Saint Matthew – March 21, 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](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 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.

### **PARISH COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

Everyone is welcome to attend Saint Matthew's Communal Penance Service on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Come join family, friends and neighbors for this annual Lenten Communal Penance Service, open to all. Other individual reconciliation opportunities are listed in the bulletin.

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

All students, grades 1-10, in the Faith Formation program have class in-person on March 24. Then we have a two-week spring break; there is no class on March 31 and no class on April 7. During break, please attend some Holy Week services and an Easter Mass. Confirmation candidates in need of service projects should talk to Mr. Sondag before or after class on March 24.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Please remember in your prayer our parish family and friends who are ill. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Jerry Jenniges, Pat Pendelton, Michael Vasquez, Jim Swaink, Terry Koves, Jan Steinbrenner, 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.

### **CRS RICE BOWL**

Filling a little Rice Bowl Box can be gratifying. Your daily change, pennies, dimes, hopefully a few dollars too, will go a long way to feed a child for many months, a child who otherwise would have little to nothing to eat. Please fill your Rice Bowl Box and return it on Good Friday.

### **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. **MAKE MONEY FOR ST. MATT'S!**

### **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](http://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](http://eva.us/archspm-healthcare). You will receive a weekly message with a link to names of health care workers to keep in your prayers.

## **ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

As part of your Lenten Journey consider praying daily a decade of the Rosary (one **Our Father**, ten **Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be**) each day for justice and peace in our community. You may also wish to pray this **Prayer for an End to the Sin of Racism**.

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity.

Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism.

Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions.

Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Peter Claver, pray for us.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITY**

Mary's Place houses 400+ homeless children. Many of these children are behind at least one grade level, frustrated, and struggling to catch up. We are seeking compassionate volunteers willing to work with these children one-on-one to encourage their education. Mary's Place is located at 401 North 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Minneapolis, it is a part of Sharing & Caring Hands. If interested please call 612.596.3418 or email [kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org](mailto:kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org) Must be at least 16 years of age, no experience required. Training provided.

## **SYNOD AT HOME: TIPS & TOOLS FOR GROWING IN FAITH**

**Learn more about the Archdiocesan Synod** and find past series, including Praying with Scripture, Healing and Hope Retreat, and Faith and Culture, at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

## **CONSTANCE CURRIE SCHOLARSHIP**

Neighborhood House is committed to making it possible for young people and adults connected with the West Side to enroll in post-secondary education.

Candidates:

Intend to graduate high school, have graduated, or have received a GED

Have lived, worked, or volunteered within 55107 at some point in their lives

Have been actively involved with Neighborhood House or the West Side

Be seeking a first-time post-secondary education pursuit.

**Deadline for applications is April 9, 2021.** You can download an application: <http://neighb.org/constance.currie>.

Questions: 651-789-2513 or 651-789-2500 or [tfears@neighb.org](mailto:tfears@neighb.org)

## **COVID-19 VACCINES (This information is from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis)**

If you are concerned about ethical use of the Covid-19 vaccines the USCCB as well as the Vatican have put together several articles on this issue for Catholic. Please read the information first hand for yourself to be better informed.

- The USCCB Responds:
  - **U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life Address the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine**
  - **Answers to Key Ethical Questions about COVID-19 Vaccines**
- The Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith:
  - **Note on the Morality of using some anti-COVID-19 Vaccines**
- The Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life

## **GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY LAND COLLECTION – APRIL 2**

We are “back on track” this year for the Holy Land collection on Good Friday. The wars, unrest and instability continue to be especially hard on Christians. Also, the Holy Land is struggling with the effects of the COVID epidemic. In these times of crisis, Pope Francis is encouraging us all to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps the Franciscan community minister in parishes, sustain Catholic education, maintain Holy Land shrines and provide medical and housing assistance for the poor and elderly. A percentage of the collection will also provide aid to our partner Archdiocese of Damascus, Syria, as they struggle to rebuild from years of conflict. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you are able!

## **CUPPA JOE: 10 TALKS ON THE 10 WONDERS OF SAINT JOSEPH**

**First Tuesday of the month, March – December 2021, 4 p.m.**

Cuppa Joe is a series of 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks will premiere the first Tuesday of the month, March – December, at 4 p.m. – just in time for your afternoon coffee. Talks will be posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram – and at [archspm.org/synod/stjoseph/](http://archspm.org/synod/stjoseph/)

## **FRATELLI TUTTI**

**Three sessions remain: March 23, April 27, and May 25, 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom**

The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series of presentations and discussions to dive into this very important encyclical from Pope Francis. This online series will feature specially selected speakers to lead us to discern how Fratelli Tutti can influence and enrich our lives. This series is open to all. Visit [centerformission.org/whats-new/](http://centerformission.org/whats-new/) to sign up! Contact Adam Fitzpatrick for more information at [Fitzpatricka@archspm.org](mailto:Fitzpatricka@archspm.org), or 651.291.4410.

## **DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY**

**Tuesday, March 30, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary**

A day set apart for men and their wives, if applicable, to learn more about the permanent diaconate vocation in this archdiocese. The day begins with Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer with current candidates in formation followed by four presentations, including lunch, and concludes with a 4 p.m. Vigil Mass with the Saint Paul Seminary Rector, Fr. Joseph Taphorn. Questions? Contact Deacon Bob Bisciglia at [bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu](mailto:bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu) or (651) 962-5782. Registration required (no cost) at [semssp.org/idf](http://semssp.org/idf).

## **SOCIETY OF**

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## **Holy Week Food Giveaway**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding a Holy Week Food Giveaway on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Boxes containing meals for a family of 4, including produce, dairy & meat/fish products, will be distributed via drive-up at 2 locations: In the parking lots at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, 1938 Stanford Ave., and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 840 6th St E, in *St. Paul*.

**Additionally, smaller packages will be delivered to homebound Parishioners and neighbors on March 27. If you, or someone you know would benefit by receiving a Holy Week food package, please contact Linda Rivera at the Parish Office 651.224.9793 Monday – Thursday 9:00 to 1:00 pm with your name, address and telephone number.**