

## **Church of Saint Matthew – April 4, 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 [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.

### **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.

### **THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**

**The s** The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Wayne Krizan**, may he rest in God's peace and love.

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

Please remember in your prayer our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of our prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Erin Jack, Jerry Jenniges, 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.

### **SHARING PART OF YOUR STIMULUS CHECK?**

Many of us parishioners have received [or will receive shortly] a stimulus check from the government. As you know, the payments were not targeted to those with more needs than others.

I know there are many parishioners who need that money for bills, for food, for transportation or other necessary expenses.

There are many of us who do not need the stimulus check for needs or necessary expenses. I ask you: Please join me in donating one quarter of the check you receive/d to St. Matthew's. As you know, by donating it to St. Matt's, you will be helping us continue to be the "Good Samaritan" on the banks of the Mississippi. And many of our neighbors in need will benefit from the ministry of the parish.

John Riehle  
Pastoral Administrator

### **COVID PRACTICES in LITURGY**

We, at St. Matthew, are taking a conservative [and safer] approach.

We are discouraging singing by any members of the assembly; the cantor is at least 12 feet from the assembly and at least 6 feet away from the keyboardist.

We continue to discourage socializing before or after Mass. It is wonderful to see each other gathered for worship, but we should not be "close" to each other and talking, even for short while.

We will have as little movement of members of the assembly as possible. The ushers are using the long handled baskets for the collection and everyone is required to wear their mask, and encouraged to keep 6 feet distant, as they come forward for communion.

Remember to keep you left hand as flat as possible to receive the consecrated host from the minister.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping St. Matthew to control the spread of COVID-19 and its variants as much as possible.

### **ADA BATHROOM**

The last few weeks have a bit hard and circuitous. The waste line was not where we originally thought...that involved digging two feet deeper.

But that has been complete; the plumbing inspection is complete; the structural inspection is complete; the sheetrock walls are being installed. There will be insulation used between the studs—to help with sound privacy.

We will use white subway tile on the lower half of the walls where the fixtures are; the rest of the room will be painted in the same color as the new color of the bathrooms across the hall.

This will be a great addition for all those who use the kitchen and the social hall. Thank you to everyone who participated in the calendar raffle last fall. The money raised [about \$16,000] will come close to paying for all the costs for this addition to the building

## **PARISH EDUCATION ENDOWMENT**

Twenty five [+/-] years ago St. Matthew established an endowment for education [for the parish school]. The original funding was through the "Red and White" annual dinners. Part of the earnings are given to the parish annually. Those earnings were used for the parish school. Since the parish school is now a consolidation, those earnings are sent annually to Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. This past week we forwarded the check we received-- \$13,400—to COS.

## **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.

### **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. DON'T MISS OUT**, 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

## **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.

***Catholics at the Capitol 2021 "ON MISSION for LIFE and DIGNITY" April 15, 2021 | 8:00-3:30 p.m.***

***Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.***

There is no time more important than now to speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials; just imagine the impact of every Catholic voice joining together!

**Catholics at the Capitol is designed for YOU!** Whether you are an "old pro" in the political arena, exasperated with divisive politics, or someone who doesn't know where to begin, "CatCap" will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers.

**Now is the time to become a missionary disciple advocating for life and dignity!**

### **Be FORMED in the Faith!**

Begin the day celebrating Mass...with Archbishop Hebda **Be INFORMED on the Issues!**

Hear from Catholics defending Life & Dignity...

- President of the USCCB & Archbishop of Los Angeles, Jose Gomez
- Founder of Culture of Life Africa, Obiannuju Ekeocha

### **Be sent on a Mission!**

Join in a Eucharist Procession...from the Cathedral to the Capital **To TRANSFORM our State!**

Advocate for life & dignity as a missionary disciple

**Get your tickets today - Ticket registration deadline is March 31st!**