

Church of Saint Matthew – June 13, 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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR – AUGUST 15, 2021

Mass and Picnic in the Park will return this year. Mass will begin at 10:30 am on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> in Cherokee Park.

Saint Matthew's Men's Club has again graciously volunteered to provide a variety meats on the grill. Parishioners, you can bring desserts and hot or cold dishes to share. Or if you aren't wanting to get back into sharing just yet, bring along your own family picnic lunch.

Watch the bulletin for more details as we get closer to the date.

### 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, **Nellie Neubauber, Robert Ellis, John and Katie Degelmann, Grant Littler, Cecelia Glenn, 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.

### ROSARY/CCW NEWS

Saint Matthew's Rosary/CCW made a few changes at its Board Meeting earlier this month. **Becky Montgomery** is the new president and **Suzanne Clarke** is the new secretary. Thank you to **Joanne Smith** for her years of service as president.

Funeral Lunches will begin again after Labor Day. The Funeral Ministry is in need of new members to help families during the difficult day of their loved one's funeral.

Helpers are needed to decorate the tables, work in the kitchen to ready catered food for serving, help set out and replenish food, serve punch and coffee and finally, help clean up after the funeral luncheon.

If you would like to help with this very important ministry, Please contact Becky Montgomery at 651-363-5984.

### A LITTLE SPIRITUAL HELP TO HELP ME TODAY 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.

*Sowing Seeds of Change, Building Community*

Dakota County Library is sponsoring Reading for Social Justice, a monthly online event for discussion about books with antiracist themes.

When: every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening

Next Event: June 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

“Engage in meaningful conversations about books with anti-racist themes and build your understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion topics. This month's title is *Caste*. New members are welcome to join the discussion. Registration required. Geared for adults.”

Note: The book *Caste* is by Isabel Wilkerson and was previously reviewed in *Sowing Seeds* in the March 14 bulletin.

Link to register: [dakotacountylibrary.libcal.com/event/7812524](https://dakotacountylibrary.libcal.com/event/7812524)

And here's an interesting story about two Baptist churches in Macon, Georgia, one predominantly white and one predominantly Black. Their pastors began meeting to try to find a way the congregations, which were neighbors for many years, could become friends. They wanted to try to bridge the divide of race. It wasn't a matter of exchanging pulpits; the pastors wanted the members of their congregations to build relationships, too. Even though the Covid-19 pandemic intervened, the churches are still on the path to realizing their vision.

<https://www.deseret.com/indepth/2021/3/15/22323164/two-baptist-churches-black-white-hopeful-about-future-slavery-blm-racial-justice-reconciliation>