

Church of Saint Matthew – July 11, 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.

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, **Michael Wood, 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.

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT AND BENEDICTINE FESTIVAL

July 10-11 at St. Paul's Monastery in St. Paul and via livestream

Join us for a Benedictine Festival at St. Paul's Monastery on July 10! This outdoor community event will have food and fun, socially-distanced activities on the Monastery grounds. Bring the whole family! Admission is free; individual pricing for food, games, raffle, etc.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict the following day with the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery and Archbishop Bernard Hebda via a livestream Mass at [facebook.com/StPaulsMonastery](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsMonastery).

Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery
2675 Benet Road, Saint Paul MN 55109

Loaves & Fishes Double Your Donation: Loaves & Fishes prepares and serves free, healthy meals at various metro locations, including at St Matthew, Monday-Friday, from 5 to 6 PM, just outside the Social Hall. With the pandemic and job losses, more people are visiting the St Matthew site than before, and every summer Loaves & Fishes has many families with children visiting for meals. Loaves & Fishes has accepted a challenge from the Otto Bremer Trust to raise \$20,000 by July 31. Once they reach this goal, the Trust will give Loaves & Fishes another \$20,000. To donate, mail a check to Loaves & Fishes, 721 Kasota Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or visit this web page: <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/make-twice-the-impact-this-summer/>. To donate your time and help with meal preparation or meal service, go to <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/volunteer/>, choose St Matthew's as the site, and then click the Volunteer Sign-up button to see what shifts are available.

SACRAMENTS FOR SENIORS – FOUR CRITICAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

Some of our brothers and sisters who are living in care facilities do not have access to the sacraments due to COVID-19 restrictions. This is possible to do safely.

How can you make a difference? There are four concrete actions you can take.

1. Request clergy offer in-house Masses or religious services at a care facility near you;
2. Ask facilities to allow open door policies for clergy and pastoral care providers;
3. If you, or someone you know, is a Eucharistic Minister, distribute communion to Catholic care facility residents as frequently as possible; and finally
4. Invite church members to visit and pray with residents.

Our challenge: Reach out to one care facility in the Twin Cities to encourage them to open their doors to the clergy. Imagine the impact if each of you took up this challenge. You could be saving someone's life and, most importantly, someone's eternal soul. For more information, send an email to sacramentsforseniors@protonmail.com.

THE ROARING TWENTIES: LESSONS IN LOVE FROM LEADING LADIES

Thursday, July 15, 7:00-9:00 pm at All Saints Church, Lakeville

The 1920s ushered in drastic social, cultural, and artistic changes. Though one hundred years have passed, the action of a leading lady of that era echoes a powerful message for women of the 2020s. This lesson will send women leaping headlong into heroism at a time when the world needs courageous, virtuous women more than ever! Join the women of WINE for a fabulous talk by award-winning author and Jazz singer Liz Kelly, as she brings us back in time for a deeper look at Love. Light apps too! Cost \$30. Register at catholicvineyard.com.

BETHANY HOUSE FOR WOMEN DISCERNING CONSECRATE LIFE

Bethany House Discernment Program: August 29, 2021 – May 28, 2022 – accepting applications!

Bethany House is a place, set apart, with an environment of support and encouragement for Catholic women as they intentionally discern consecrated life. The women live in community, pray together, have meals together, host Religious Sisters and participate in a discernment book study during the program. For more information and to request an application, see 10000vocations.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SAVE THE DATE

August 15, 2021 - Mass 10:15 am - Lunch & fun to follow

ANOTHER CALENDAR EVENT TO WATCH FOR:

10:15 am Mass returning after Labor Day!

AND NOT TO BE MISSED

Choir will return to 10:15 am Mass. Come join the Choir. See the bulletin for practice times. All ages invited to join.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, AGES 16 & OLDER

Saturday, August 7 and Saturday, August 21, 9:30-11:30 am, Church of Richard, Richfield

Confirmation classes for those with disabilities will be held August 7 and August 21. Registration forms will be available at 8:30 am prior to the first day of classes. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. For those who complete the classes, the sacrament of confirmation will be available at the Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, September 19, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Chapel, Saint Paul Seminary. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will officiate. To register contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at the 651.291.4488 or flomos@archspm.org.

LOOKING FOR IMMEDIATE PLACEMENT?

Easy referral. No need to call and wait for a return call.

Use our convenient, secure dedicated email for all your inquiries.

Email your request along with medical records and nursing notes to cerenityhumboldt@benedictineliving.org or fax to 651-220-1724

Please include your contact information and we'll respond during the same business day.

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(651) 280-9649

Today's readings remind us of how our God is compassionate and passionately loves us.

"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord." Our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah addresses false prophets who had misled God's people away from the Lord. The Lord declares that He will restore His people by bringing back those who have gone astray and providing for them new shepherds so that they will "no longer fear and tremble."

This reading portrays God's infinite care and concern for our lives. We can see that God is the one who loved us first. Oftentimes, we are like the people who are blind to His goodness and enticed by sin — something we think will make us happy but does not. God is the one who constantly pursues us and gives us opportunities to say "yes" to Him. He wants to win us back, and ultimately, He will make us happy.

So, we must ask ourselves, who or what is blinding us or leading us away from our ultimate happiness? Stop for a moment and name that thing — money, status, a person, career, laziness, addiction, self-image, health, etc. — that could be leading you away from a full and happy relationship with God.

As Christian disciples, deep down we really know that our true happiness is God. So, what are we waiting for? Take the leap of faith and allow yourself to radically love God in return.

As we begin this new week, let us name the things in our lives that are robbing us of our ultimate happiness, work to let go of them and let us strive to make Jesus our true shepherd by seeking Him in our daily lives.

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF BASEBALL



Miesville Mudhens – St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting a bus trip to Miesville for Mudhens baseball game on Wednesday, July 14. We invite anyone (men, women, and accompanied children) to hop on the bus with us. Maximum bus capacity 45. Refreshments will be available on the bus. Ballpark admission is \$3 for adults and free for kids under 18. We leave St. Matthew's at 6:00 pm, arrive about 7:00 pm. Ballpark concessions will be open and there are 2 restaurants close to the ballpark (King's Bar & Grill or Wiederholt's Supper Club). Game time is 8:00 pm. Questions or to reserve a spot on the bus, contact Tim Nowak at @ 612-269-9471, email timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.