

Church of Saint Matthew – July 18, 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST TEACHERS AND HELPER NEEDED

Public school children whose parents want them to make their First Communion in May 2022 will start attending weekly Wednesday evening classes at St Matthew Parish Center in late September. St Matthew will need a volunteer lead First Eucharist teacher for children in grades 2 and 3, as well as a helper. The teachers of grades 2 and 3 will teach from late September into May. We will also likely need a volunteer lead First Eucharist teacher for students in grades 6 to 10, and that time commitment will likely start in November and end by March. If any of these roles are ones you may consider, please contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr for details; email Janelle@st-matts.org or call 651-242-6004. Preparing children to receive Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist is a special role, and the Church of St Matthew asks those who like being around kids and want to share their faith to consider the volunteer position.

SAINT MARY'S CLINICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDS

St. Mary's Health Clinics is a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and provides high-quality, affordable, accessible healthcare to underserved communities. The St. Matthew Parish Center is a St. Mary's Clinic site on Wednesday afternoons. St. Mary's Clinics needs volunteer registered nurses, Spanish-language interpreters, and admitting clerks. For more information (including job descriptions) or to download a volunteer application, see www.stmaryshealthclinics.org/volunteer. Or send an 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The weekend of September 11 – 12, we will again have 2 weekend Masses. Saturday 4:15 pm and Sunday 10:15 am. Ginny Roethler and Mary Leibl will be writing a new schedule for Lectors & Eucharistic ministers in mid-August. We ask all ministers to let us know at which Mass you prefer to minister. If you are available for either, please let us know that too. Please email mleibl@st-matts.org to let us know your preferences for ministry. **Anyone who is not a liturgical minister but would like to take part in that ministry may contact the above email and we will get in touch with you.**

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

EFT or PayPal? When you use EFT verses PayPal 100% of your giving comes to Saint Matthew's. With PayPal you are charged a users fee and Saint Matthew's doesn't receive your total gift. For example with a gift of \$25.00 we receive \$23.89. That may not seem like a large amount, but weekly over 52 weeks it is \$57.72. Take into account many parishioners doing that. Or a larger amount of giving. Something to consider.

You can set up EFT giving on a weekly, biweekly or monthly giving schedule.

Contact Phil Grant, Parish Administrator, and he will help you get started. You can reach him at 651.224.9793 or pgrant@st-matts.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 Sunday 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.

Cerenity Residence on Humboldt offers assisted living and memory care services to seniors with low or no income. Let us help you find the services you need to live independently and enjoy life. Everyone deserves a retirement they can be proud of.

Assisted Living: Enjoy beautiful spacious grounds, comfortable private apartments, engaging activities and person-centered care. Our experienced team can assist with many activities of daily living while providing the highest level of independence.

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Cerenity Residence on Humboldt feels like a family home with added comforts and security.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

Classes teach couples the Church-approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit archspm.org/family or call 651.291.4489

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"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.

CCRO SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

July 26-27, 7-9 pm, virtual event

Join us for two nights of speakers. Our theme is Surrendering to our Lord Jesus Christ. July 26, Bishop Peter Smith is back from our Winter Conference Day last March by popular demand. July 27, Jim Murphy will speak. Once the president of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, he is now known as Charis. He is a well-known and popular speaker for the Renewal. He brings the Holy Spirit alive in our lives. Visit ccro-msp.org for more information and to register. Cost \$20.

"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME" THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

July 26-27, 6:45-8 pm at Church of the Risen Savior, Burnsville

Staff members from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity will share experiences working for affordable housing in the Twin Cities Metro and invite us to reflect on this social issue in light of our faith. ALL are welcome to attend, regardless of whether you will volunteer at the Faith Build with Risen Savior in August! This is a great way to support our build, learn something new, and share your faith. Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs appreciated but not required. Visit risensavior.org/event/habitat-2021 for more information and to register.