

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, **Doris Schillinger, Charles Rousseau, Michael Wood, John and Katie Degelmann, Grant Littler, Cecelia Glenn, Jerry Jennings, 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.

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 email to info@stmarysclinics.org or call 651-287-7777.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

EFT or PayPal? When you use EFT versus 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

A key component of living as a good steward is constantly evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God to ensure we are not just scraping by but rather giving God our entire lives.

We should ask ourselves — "how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?"

We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don't plan for this time, likely, He won't get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too. The servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gifts will affect others. God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well.

Lastly, the servant reminds us that we are called to give the first fruits of our treasures. It is easy to give something; it is difficult to give the finest gift. Giving our best requires us to reevaluate our priorities in life.

When we strive to live out our call as Christian stewards by entrusting all that we have been given to the One who graciously gave us these gifts, we will be blessed beyond measure. As we begin a new week, let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, 'what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?'

PRAY FOR THE SYNOD

Friday, August 13, 7:00 pm, St. Gerard Majella, Brooklyn Park

All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month between now and Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese will host a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer!

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM SACRAMENTS FOR SENIORS

While COVID-19 social distancing and isolation policies have been hard on everyone, the consequences have been especially difficult for seniors living in long-term care facilities. Watch the video at [youtube.com/watch?v=R2icUavkGYI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2icUavkGYI) to learn how you can help.

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

