

## Church of Saint Matthew – November 28, 2021

### Prayers For Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayers 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, **Patrick Owens, Pam Perkovich, Sol David, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison and Jerry Jenniges**

**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.

### Synod Update

**Thanks to all** who participated in the Archdiocesan Synod small groups this fall at St. Matthew's. Members of the Rosary Society, Men's Club, Parish and Finance Councils, and Faith Formation parents participated in sessions of specific interest to them. Other parishioners attended one or more of the six Saturday morning sessions, covering these topics:

- Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to His call.
- Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization.
- Forming youth and young adults in and for a church that is always young.

### What are the next steps for St. Matthew's?

Responses on feedback forms will be analyzed to learn what participants think about priorities for our parish, related to the 3 Synod topics listed above. Further information will be shared with parishioners in the near future.

*Synod Planning Committee: Suzanne Clarke, Becky Montgomery, Anthony Minus, Joanne Smith*

### Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Boutique

The Saint Matt's Men Club and Rosary Society, along with the Community of Saints Boy Scout Troop, are hosting a **Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Boutique** on **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Social Hall**. There will be pancakes, pictures with Santa, kids Bottle Lotto and a Christmas Boutique featuring jewelry, theme baskets and a variety of Christmas items. (We have plenty of items for the Christmas Boutique, and therefore will not be accepting donated items for it.) Come and enjoy a good breakfast and some holiday fun!

## New Members Welcome!

### All Are Welcome Here - Please Come Join Us At The Church of Saint Matthew

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.

### Blessing Bags

Cretin-Derham Hall sophomore Isaac Garcia spoke to our parish recently about his newly created non-profit "Blessing Bag"

This young man began "Blessing Bags as small child and student at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Why? Because he was so concerned for the homeless people he saw each day. They were cold, they didn't have hats, scarves, warm mittens or basic necessities such as tooth brushes and tooth paste.

This small incredible child wanted to help give these things to the homeless...and Blessing Bag was born. Through collections at Community of Saints, Saint Matthews and other organizations, Isaac's little collections is now a non-profit ! Amazing!!

Let us continue to help his organization grow and care for others, especially in the holiday season, in the cold winter months.

We have two boxes at the rear of the church, let's fill them to the tops!!

### Talk with Parish Leaders

Mass attendees can talk to Parish Council members after Mass. Online Mass attendees can email the Parish Council using the email address at the website, the one from the Parish Pastoral Council page.

### St. Mary's Health Clinics held at St. Matt's is looking for an admitting volunteer!

- **1 or 2 days per month**
  - **Wednesday, 8:30 – noon**
  - **Duties include**
    - **Help set up clinic**
    - **Greet patients as they arrive**
    - **Go over forms with patient**
    - **COVID screening questions**
    - **Please contact Chris Hanson if interested**
    - **651-287-7701**
- [chanson@stmarysclinics.org](mailto:chanson@stmarysclinics.org)**