

Church of Saint Matthew – May 10, 2020

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 lriviera@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.

THE POWER OF PRAYER



You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.

STAYING SAFE IN OUR HOMES

It will be a little while longer before we are to resume a "normal" daily life. Daily lives will be slow going when it does start up again. So, here we are until May 18th at least. The weather has become so much more pleasant, we can get out of our homes more. We can really get after some outside projects now. Walking around the neighborhood things seen going on...

- Swimming pools drained and filled.
- Trees trimmed.
- Mulch and gravel topped off.
- New roofs and gutters installed.
- Gutters cleaned.
- Decks power washed and newly stained.
- Lawn & patio furniture brought out and cleaned.
- Planter boxes, containers and hanging baskets are all filled.
- Lawns have been mowed for the first time!
- Curbs are loaded with items going to the trash or recycling.
- Folks are barbequing meals.
- Social distancing with family and friends in the driveways and on the decks.
- Which one of these do you want to do this week?
- Stay safe, be well until we are together again.

SHOPPING AND MAKING MONEY FOR ST. MATT'S

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COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS



This past week was Teacher Appreciation Week. Community of Saints is so blessed to have THE most amazing teachers. Our teachers are progressive in their instructional practice, and demonstrate competency and excellence in so many ways. They truly thrive in educating the whole child, and they care about each individual student, family and fellow colleague in our school community. Thank you, Community of Saints teachers. You are the best.

In alignment with Governor Walz as well as St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese guidelines, our last day of distance learning will be Friday, May 29th. The following week will be dedicated to staff development and summer send-off for our school families. We are still accepting new families for next school year. Know a family searching for a high quality Prek-8 education with a whole child emphasis? Please send them our way: dliester@communityofsaints.org; 651-457-2510.

We hope the members of our sponsoring parishes are doing well and staying healthy. You are all in our prayers.

LITANY IN TIME OF NEED

Archbishop Bernard Hebda asks that the students from every Catholic school in the twelve-county territory of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the faithful set aside time every day, wherever they may be, to join together in offering the "Litany in Time of Need." Please join us by tuning in to Relevant Radio 1330am, relevantradio.com, or the Relevant Radio App, where the litany will be broadcast each day at 11:05 a.m. What a wonderful sign of unity it will be to have all of you join our young people who were sent home this week from our schools, praying together at the same time for protection and help.

2020 RURAL LIFE SUNDAY CELEBRATION CANCELED

Due to the many concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Celebration has been cancelled and rescheduled for June 27, 2021. Please know that the feast day of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers, is on Friday, May 15th. Please remember in your prayers on that day especially, farmers and the many others who are engaged in our food and agriculture system - from farm to table - that they be blessed for their generous efforts. We pray for their protection and safety and God's blessings on them for their vital work ensuring our food security and the common good. A biography about St. Isidore and other prayer resources and information can be found at www.catholicrurallife.org.

To You, O Blessed Joseph/Ad Te Beate Ioseph Pope Leo XIII Aug. 20, 1885

"A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who invoke St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a duly approved prayer (e.g. Ad te, beate Ioseph)." Apostolic Penitentiary, The Manual of Indulgences (trans. of Enchiridion Indulgentiarum: Normae et Concessionones). Washington, DC: US Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006, pp. 63-64.

To you, O Blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

A ti, bienaventurado San José, acudimos en nuestra tribulación; y después de invocar el auxilio de tu Santísima Esposa solicitamos también confiados tu patrocinio. Por aquella caridad que, con la Inmaculada Virgen María, Madre de Dios, te tuvo unido, y por el paterno amor con que abrazaste al Niño Jesús, humildemente te suplicamos vuelvas benigno los ojos a la herencia que con su Sangre adquirió Jesucristo, y con tu poder y auxilio socorras nuestras necesidades.

Protege, Providentísimo Custodio de la Sagrada Familia la escogida descendencia de Jesucristo; aparta de nosotros toda mancha de error y corrupción; asístenos propicio, desde el cielo, fortísimo libertador nuestro, en esta lucha con el poder de las tinieblas: y, como en otro tiempo librasteis al Niño Jesús del inminente peligro de la vida, así ahora, defiende a la Iglesia Santa de Dios de las asechanzas de sus enemigos y de toda adversidad, ya cada uno de nosotros protégenos con el perpetuo patrocinio, para que, a tu ejemplo y sostenidos por tu auxilio, podamos santamente vivir y piadosamente morir

US Bishops Issue Statement In Support Of Migrant Workers During Pandemic Catholic News Service by Rhina Guidos

Four U.S. Catholic bishops called on government officials to consider the role and plight of U.S. migrant farmworkers during the coronavirus pandemic and made recommendations that include free testing and care should the workers test positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

“We would like to express our sincere gratitude and prayers for the many essential workers throughout the country, helping us receive our medicines, groceries, and other fundamental needs during this difficult time,” the bishops said in the April 29 statement. “We would like to highlight the reality of migrant farmworker communities and honor their heroic role amidst the many challenges they face during this crisis.”

The statement was offered on behalf of Archbishop Nelson J. Perez of Philadelphia and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church; Bishop Joseph J. Tyson of Yakima, chairman of the Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers (PCMRT); Bishop Oscar Cantu of San Jose, California, and PCMRT’s episcopal liaison for migrant farmworker ministry; and Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, auxiliary bishop of Washington and chairman of the Committee on Migration.

In addition to testing and access to health care, the bishops recommended that housing and transportation for farmworkers comply with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, that workers receive information on proper health and hygiene accessible in multiple languages and infographics for workers who can’t read, that employers ensure access to proper hygiene and safety protections at work sites, including hand-washing facilities or stations, and masks or other personal protective equipment.

They also recommended employers “have an emergency health plan in place to ensure care and protocols when a worker contracts the COVID-19 virus.”

As they’ve done in the past, the bishops made a call to “honor the dignity of the work of farmworkers and make sure that they are paid a livable wage,” as well as be eligible for other benefits to help protect their health and the health and safety of their families.

They also mentioned that since some of the farmworkers are “undocumented,” their immigration status could make them more vulnerable to abuse as some would be reluctant to address overcrowding, lack of social distance in their work, transportation or housing and lack of protective equipment.

The bishops’ statement said that “conditions of their immigration visas can make them unwilling or unable to speak out about a need for protection due to the threat of losing their job.”

In addition, farmworkers are more susceptible to the economic consequences of the pandemic, they said.

“With disruption and layoffs due to the COVID-19 virus, many farmworkers are finding themselves without income for their families for the foreseeable future, and others who would otherwise stay at home for health concerns are risking going to work during this time as essential workers,” the statement said. “Child care for families with school closures is another area of related concern, as families may be at a loss for affordable, viable, safe child care options. The realities of financial instability, increased stress and anxiety during this time may also contribute to an increase in cases of domestic violence and labor exploitation.”

However, they said they saw “signs of hope” in the industry as many employers are striving to protect the workers and follow guidelines to keep them safe.

“Because of these many, grave concerns for this community, we urge our political leaders and policymakers to consider the realities and emerging, pressing needs of the farmworker communities across the country during this time of the coronavirus outbreak. To defeat the virus, no one must be left out. The COVID-19 virus teaches us we are one human family, says the Holy Father. “We can only get out of this situation together, as a whole humanity.”