

Church of Saint Matthew – June 7, 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.

SOCIAL HALL LEVEL and beyond

The painting of the hallway and social hall itself has been completed. The new color is very close to the previous one so it may not appear very different. However, if you were present during the painting you could tell where the new paint was being applied—because of how fresh it looked. [This might enhance the rental-ability as been view a much-renewed space.]

Tom and John Kegler have finished installing the new partitions in the men's bathroom; the women's will be done in the next 7-10 days. As Tom said: we'll start in the men's—they won't care if there are mistakes; then we'll have the process down when we do the women's—they WILL care.

New ceiling tiles in the bathrooms will be added very soon; front security lights have been replaced and upgraded.

Another "thanks" to all the people who participated in the "fix-it dinner" as the source of funds for this project.

In sum: much replacement and repair has happened in the Church building: a) new lighting in the worship space; b) new clerestory windows on the perimeter of the worship space; c) a new roof [actually five levels of roofing for that building]; d) replacement of bathroom partitions; e) painting of bathrooms, hallway, and social hall. And of course a new handicap ramp and new wrought iron railings in the front of the church were installed. This has created an open and welcoming entrance to the church.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

At its meeting in April members of the pastoral council discussed the benefits of having a policy for use of social media as it relates to our parish community. A committee worked on the policy and there was further discussion a week ago Thursday. The final version will be discussed and accepted at the meeting on June 25. [The primary goal of this is to determine the who, when, what, how of 'speaking in the name of Saint Matthew's].

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

I have written often in the last ten weeks in appreciation for the support that is mailed in, that is given through Paypal, and the support that comes through EFT [electronic funds transfer—your bank account to the Church bank account at BankCherokee].

I hoped that we would have had more of an increase in folks who are supporting the parish in one of these manners. Please consider doing something 'electronically' and 'regularly'. It need not be hundreds of dollars. If you were giving \$5 or \$10 or \$20 per week when you were in church, I invite you to convert that amount to a regular donation.

If you have questions, please call me at the parish center. I'll be happy to talk with you about your support of our parish community and its mission. Thank you.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

If you receive quarterly stewardship envelopes, you are encouraged to please use them. By doing so you will be given a tax receipt at the beginning of each new year.

Also, if you typically give a cash donation, without an envelope the office has no way of knowing who cash comes from.

If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please contact Linda Rivera at the lriviera@st-matts.org or leave a message on the parish voicemail 651.224.9793.

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.

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COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS



We are deeply saddened by the suffering that our community and nation are experiencing. And we are deeply saddened by the pain those around us are experiencing.

Our school is built upon the values of faith, inclusivity, and love. Our mission is to provide a loving community where our students can thrive. In times of darkness this mission provides a sense of hope for us, and we hope it can for others as well.

We promise that we are committed to partnering with our families to help our students experience these values in our school. Every action we take is rooted in the intent to guide our students in ways to embrace faith, inclusivity, and love and share these values with their neighbors and the world. We have hope that by doing so, slowly we will make our world a better version of itself.

We are praying along with you for safety, hope and healing.

BETHANY HOUSE

Apply now for September 2020 – May 2021

Bethany House applications are now being accepted for September 2020 to May 2021. Bethany House is a home for women who live in community, pray together, take meals together and discern whether they are called to consecrated life. Bethany House is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is located in Northeast Minneapolis. We are currently taking applications for women interested in Bethany House. Qualities of a good candidate for Bethany House include single women, ages 20 – 27, who are interested in dedicating a year to intentionally discerning a vocation to religious life. Please see www.10000vocations.org for more information.