

Church of Saint Matthew – June 14, 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.

FUTURE DATES... please calendar them now.

The celebration of First Communion will occur at the Parish Masses on August 1 and 2.

The "Mass in the Park" will be ON THE GRASS at Community of Saints Regional School on Saturday, August 15 at 4:30 pm. [That delay of 15 minutes will allow folks who appear at the church building to read the signs and get to COS by the start of Mass.]

The celebration of Confirmation will be at the 10:15 am Mass on Sunday, August 16.

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

Thanks for the "beginning of the month" mailed-in contributions; thanks for all those who remember that financial stewardship is important even if we are not in the physical building...each donation helps us serve the community on the West Side and beyond; thanks to all those who donate through Paypal—and special thanks to those cover the transaction fee; finally: an invitation to consider a 'painless' way of donating...BankCherokee will bill your bank and there is no fee. Please call me at the parish center. Thank you to everyone. John Riehle

PARISH MINI-CENSUS

Thank you to all the callers; thank you for your response [and please send yours in if it has slipped your mind]. We have almost doubled the number parish families whom we can connect through e-mail. There are still about 400 households that will receive physical communications.

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.

SHOPPING AND MAKING MONEY FOR ST. MATT'S

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PRAYER FOR COVID-19 ANOINTING CORPS, PATIENTS, FAMILIES AND MEDICAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parishioners across the Archdiocese are invited to prayerfully support those who are suffering most intensely, usually in sterile isolation, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Text archspm-anointing to 55321 or visit eva.us/archspm-anointing to receive a text each time a COVID-19 Anointing Corps Priest is dispatched to give the Last Rites. Upon receipt of the text, those in this ministry commit to take a moment to pray:

- One Our Father for the patient who is in danger of death, as they prepare to meet our Heavenly Father face-to-face;
- One Hail Mary for the patient's family and friends, asking the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, to intercede to comfort them; and
- One Glory Be in thanksgiving for the priest and for his protection, as well as the medical team attending to the patient.

For more ways to pray for those affected by COVID-19, visit archspm.org/covid19prayers.

VATICAN II: WHAT POPE JOHN XXIII WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH IN CALLING FOR A COUNCIL

June 23, 7 pm, Virtual Discussion via Zoom

Join us via Zoom for this virtual discussion about Vatican Council II led by Sister Catherine Michaud! Together we will explore several questions that will help us gain an understanding of the origins of this important Vatican Council: What was going on in the world at the time of the Council that seemed to require the Church's attention? What were the important issues that Pope John wanted to address at that time? 55 years later, what do you think the Council accomplished? Are there some important issues that the Council did not resolve? What have been some important gifts that the Council bestowed on us?

Because this is a virtual event, anyone anywhere can attend! Please share this event with friends and family members who you think might be interested. Registration is required: <https://www.morecommunity.org/vaticanII>