

## Church of Saint Matthew – July 12, 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](mailto: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.

### WHEN ORDINARY TIME IS ANYTHING BUT

A reflection by Valerie Bridgeman in Sojourners Magazine, July 2020.

ORDINARY TIME RARELY is. These texts in July fall in "ordinary" time on the Christian liturgical calendar, that time after the holy days of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. I often think about the irony of this time being designated "ordinary," since rarely is it ordinary or mundane. There usually is something going on in the world that demands our attention or causes us concern. Certainly, that is true in this season of the coronavirus. So "ordinary," as we know it, is hardly an apt term.

The term "ordinary," which comes from the "ordinal" numerals by which the weeks are counted, reflects that we are not in the season of "high holy" days, except for an occasional recognition of a saint or significant moment in history for the church writ large. Ordinary time is just under half of the Sundays on the calendar. It is the time when Christians recount the stories of their faith, across the biblical canon, in order to strengthen their commitments to discipleship and to study and reflect on what it means to be the people of God, both in one's own life and in the community's formation.

These Sundays in July capture the day-to-day nature of our faith. The parables in Matthew give us glimpses of God's reign, tantalizing us. Paul's letters remind us that sometimes we really struggle to become who God created us to be. The texts call us into curiosity, into covenant, into commitment, and into community. It is an extraordinary challenge.

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## **SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS: WOUNDED HEARTS LOVE BEST**

**September 25–27 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo**

Come enjoy an inspiring weekend with Daily Mass, confession, prayer, spiritual direction, and a series of meditations integrating life, work, and our beautiful Catholic faith!

Curatio's Annual Fall Retreat for Healthcare Professionals features Father Justin Kizewski, Ph.L., S.T.D. as retreat master. Fr. Kizewski is a pastor in the Diocese of La Crosse and serves as Director of Spiritual Formation for Permanent Deacons. He teaches at the Lay Formation Institute and has taught philosophy for Christendom College and theology for Saint Paul Seminary and Gregorian University. Watch for [online registration](#) to open soon!

## **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 visit [www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org) for more information. If this describes you, we invite you to contact us by completing the interest form here.

## **ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE**

**Applications Now Available for the Class of St. Anthony of Padua**

**Feeling lost right now? Find yourself in God's plan of sheer goodness!**

This fall, the Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in two different locations. Classes will be held at The Saint Paul Seminary on Monday evenings, and at the Church of St. Andrew in Elk River on Tuesday evenings. Module I will be Livestreamed. **Students can decide late August if they would like to take Module I in person or online.**

## **PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

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.

If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please contact Linda Rivera at the [lrivera@st-matts.org](mailto:lrivera@st-matts.org) or leave a message on the parish voicemail 651.224.9793.

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

*\*\*\*If you regularly attend Mass and have not "officially" register at the parish office we have no way of knowing you consider yourself a member. Please come register or contact Linda, she will gladly help you register.*

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Please remember in your prayer our parish family members who are ill. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them;

**Bill Brengman, Anna Maria Moseng and Mercedes Alvarez.**

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.

