

Church of Saint Matthew – October 4, 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS CONFIRMATION LAUNCH

Students in grades 8 and above who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 through St Matthew parish are invited to our **Confirmation launch on Saturday, October 10**. Parents/guardians should also attend, and other family members are invited, too. Join us for the 4 PM Saturday Mass and then stay in church after Mass for a meeting with Confirmation teacher David Soday. The Confirmation launch is for the Wednesday evening Grades 8-10 Faith Formation students and for Community of Saints 8th graders who plan to be confirmed with St. Matthew.

FAITH FORMATION OCTOBER CLASSES

October 7 is Confirmation class night for Faith Formation and Community of Saints 8th graders; class is from 6:50 to 7:50 in the Parish Center. Faith Formation students in grades 1-7 have an at-home family learning evening; see the packet sent home with your child on September 30 for the materials. There is **no class on October 14**. **October 21** is an at-home family learning evening for all grades and families will receive the materials on October 21. **In-person classes for all Faith Formation students grades 1 to 10 resume on October 28**.

FUND RAISING

Perhaps it was obvious, but parish leadership decided not to have a "usual fall festival" this year. Also, St. Matt's is not going to have a "fix it dinner" either. Still, there are some projects that need funding. The funds raised in 2018 at those events helped to fund the new ramp into Church. It is now so functional and hospitable.

The funds raised in 2019 at those events helped fund the redoing of the social hall bathrooms. That is the first "re-do" since their installation 50 years ago. When that project was launched the need for an ADA compliant bathroom was evident. It would have been prohibitive to change all the plumbing in the current bathrooms to make that space ADA compliant. Instead, parish leaders looked at alternatives: one of them is to remodel 70 sq ft of the kitchen store room and make a single bathroom there. The access will be a door on the opposite side of the hall from the current bathrooms. The funds to be raised in 2020 will help with this remodeling project.

The pastoral council members have agreed to a "calendar raffle" as a fundraiser. More details will be coming: for each \$20 ticket you purchase you will give 30 chances to win...one for each day in November. Deadline for purchase will be October 25.

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. Especially, **Dimario Estrada, Michael Vasquez, Dorina Martineau and Andy Koenen**.

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.



SHOPPING AND EARNING DOLLARS FOR ST. MATT'S

Do you shop online? Even for groceries? Who has more online than Amazon? The next time you are going to shop at Amazon, please use the address below and support St. Matt's at no extra cost to you. St. Matt's will receive a donation of one-half of one percent [0.05%] of your purchase price.

The address is simple: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0707559>.

That address will open to Amazon. Under the top dialogue box you will see: "Supporting St. Matthew Church".

Then, order as you would normally.

A LITTLE SPIRITUAL HELP TO GET US THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.

SPRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOODS

BOY SCOUT TROOP 288 ANNUAL WREATH SALE



Remember the Boy Scout Troop 288 (sponsored by Community of Saint Regional Catholic School) annual wreath sale is currently underway. Their Gourmet Popcorn is sale also available. To place an order pick up an order form at the parish office or call Joan Smith at **651.271.3236** or j.smithWreaths@gmail.com,

The sale ends October 25th and items can be picked up after Masses November 21-22.

Because of Covid-19 the scouts are relying on online sales or phone sales. **If you have questions please contact Joan Smith at** Thank you for supporting Scouting.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Health care workers: Catholic faithful throughout the archdiocese are dedicated to praying for you! Visit archspm.org/covid19prayers to submit a prayer request. On this page, you may also sign up for a weekly email, watch encouraging videos, and find resources for support.

Want to join in praying for health care workers? Commit to daily prayer for health care workers by texting [archspm-healthcare](https://www.archspm.org/healthcare) to 55321 or signing up at eva.us/archspm-healthcare. You will receive a weekly message with a link to names of health care workers to keep in your prayers.

FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Pick up FREE fresh fruit, vegetables, and bread for your family by driving up in your car or walking up to our Wellstone Center Food Market, 179 Robie St. E, St. Paul. Pickup Hours: 1 – 2:30 p.m

Wednesday October 14 LAST AND FINAL DAY

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Open to St. Paul residents and Neighborhood House participants.
- You can walk up or drive to the distribution.
- We will require everyone to stay at least 6 feet away from other people during the event to ensure safety. Please wear a mask.
- Bring your own carts or bags if you are walking. If you are driving stay in your car – produce/goods will be brought to you.
- You can come to each event. No requirements are necessary to attend.
- **If this isn't a service you need, perhaps you have neighbors, relatives or friends who can benefit from this service; please spread the word.**



For further information visit: www.neighb.org/program/freshproducedistribution or www.facebook.com/neighborhoodhouseMN or call [651.789.3630](tel:6517893630)

ENGAGE IN THE SYNOD PROCESS THROUGH PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURE SERIES – CONTINUES

This five-part virtual series on praying with Scripture offers practical tools for growing in holiness, drawing upon the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. **Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens will teach the fundamentals of praying with Scripture** and explain how to use a Prayer Companion resource to enrich your prayer experience. Watch at your convenience with family, friends or on your own.

To participate and receive materials, download "MyParish" from your app store and search "Archdiocesan Synod" OR sign up to receive emails at eva.us/archspm-fall2020. More information at archspm.org/synod.

OUR LADY OF PEACE PUMPKIN PATCH

October 17 – 30, noon-7 p.m. Daily at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 5426 12th Ave. S., Minneapolis

Come buy your pumpkins for this autumn from our selection of over 1500 pumpkins and enjoy warm cider, lawn games, crafts, and more with your neighbors and the surrounding community. We will have events for all ages from infants to adults so bring your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and that person you bumped into at the grocery store last week! Visit olpmn.org/pumpkinpatch for more information about the Pumpkin Patch including a Schedule of Special Events!

CREATED TO BELIEVE: CALLED TO MOTHERHOOD

Join a group Fall 2020

Being a mom is hard and knowing you're not alone on the journey makes a huge difference! Do you sometimes wonder about who you are as a woman, wife, and mother? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms just like you? When you enter into "Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood" as part of The Cana Experience, you will more deeply know who you are in the light of your Catholic faith and be equipped with practical tools that can be applied right away in your marriage and with your children. To find a group near you and learn more about joining The Cana Experience with other mothers of young children this Fall 2020, visit canafamilyinstitute.com or contact Cathy at cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com.