

Church of Saint Matthew – October 25, 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 BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW

The Bells of Saint Matthew's will ring on October 29th in celebration of **Greg and Vicki Baker's** 44th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, God's blessing to you and many more years of happiness.

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.

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, **Michael Vasquez, Dorinda Martineau, Andy Koenen, Rita Dubuc and Donald Geisel.**



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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL LISTEN

At next Saturday's Mass, members of the finance and pastoral council will be present to listen to your questions, concerns and to hear your suggestions. All of these will be brought to the respective meetings on Thursday, October 29.

If you would like to send something by e-mail, please send to administrator@st-matts.org and that issue will be brought to one of the meetings.

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 – LAST CHANGE TO ORDER THIS WEEKEND

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 this Sunday, 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. **This is the Scouts major fund raising event, please help support them with an order. 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://text.archspm-healthcare.com) 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.

PRAY FOR EVERYONE DURING THIS ELECTION

Besides being prepared and casting your informed ballot, remember to pray for everyone involved in the elections, from the top of the ballot all the way down.

Pray that graciousness will prevail among the "winners" and the "losers." Hopefully the American people will be the winners because of an election process that is filled with integrity.

Pray that there might be a few steps--even baby steps--toward some reconciliation and unity so that everyone will feel part of the solution to a better life for each person.

SACRAMENTS FOR THOSE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

As of August 29, the Minnesota Department of Health is now allowing health care facilities that have not had an active case of COVID-19 in the past 28 days to transition to "Phase II," allowing even non-essential personnel to visit. **Some facilities are now permitting Holy Communion and pastoral care on a more regular basis.**

As Catholics, we know that these soul-enriching efforts are important for our well-being. If you have a loved one in a health care facility, you may wish to call the facility to ask if they have entered Phase II and, if so, what steps you might be able to take so your loved one can receive the sacraments and other pastoral care. Please always observe each facility's own particular hygienic requirements.

Please pray for all of our Catholic brothers and sisters who have been isolated or away from the sacraments. May we all, though Christ, be instrumental in our collective physical and spiritual healing.

HEALING AND HOPE SERIES – AN OFFERING OF THE SYNOD PROCESS

This five-part virtual retreat grounds each person in his or her fundamental identity as a beloved child of God. Yet each person has experienced wounds that bind. This retreat explores how to unbind these knots through the intercession of Our Lady, Un-doer of Knots, and open these wounds to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Encountering Jesus' love and mercy brings healing and hope. This series began October 18, and will be permanently housed on the Archdiocesan website.

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. If you participated in the Praying with Scripture Series, you will automatically receive these materials.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

October 30-November 1, in Coon Rapids

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@vineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.vineyardmn.org.

FORGIVE ME, LORD – WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, November 7, 7:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Church of St. Peter, 6730 Nicollet Ave., Richfield

This is our second annual women's retreat featuring Mass, Stations of the Cross and musical reflections. Father Jerry Dvorak will give a presentation on forgiveness. The event will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page. Cost \$10. www.stpetersrichfield.org

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

November 14, 2020, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary, St. Paul

A day set apart to explore the vocation of Deacon in this Archdiocese. What is the diaconate? Who can become a deacon? What does a deacon do? What roles do the wife and family have? How to discern and respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders? What is the application, discernment, and formation process? Wives are encouraged to attend also. No charge. Registration is required as seats are limited. Register online at www.semssp.org/ldf. For more information, contact sjleif@stthomas.edu, 651-962-6891.