

Church of Saint Matthew – November 8, 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.

ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS

Please help make this another successful year for Isaac Garcia's "Blessing Bag's". For several years he has been providing essentials and a little something extra to those in need at Christmas time. Listed below are some of those items. You can bring your contributions to Mass on Saturday or to the parish office during business hours. The collections ends on November 24th. Please bring a little joy to those in need.

Donation Suggestions for Men, Women & Children

Hand warmers	Socks	Hats	Mittens	Jackets	Boots	Scarves	
Sweaters	Bottled Water	Soap		Fruit Snacks	Granola Bars	Toothbrushes	Deodorant
Combs	Hair brushes	Disposable Razors		Diapers		Small Toys for Babies & Children	

ROSARY/CCW NEWS

All women of Saint Matthew's parish are in to join us for our next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 2:00 pm. We will meet in the community room of the Parish Center; please wear a mask for our mutual safety. New members are always welcome to attend our meetings.

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

On October 17 & 18 our parish collected 159 pounds of non-perishable food for the food shelf at Neighborhood House. Our next monthly food collection will be on Saturday, November 14th. Please donate non-perishable food items as well as paper products and personal care products. For those of you not attending Mass in person please consider supporting the food self with a monetary donation. You may send your donation to Neighborhood Food Shelf, 179 E. Robie St., St. Paul MN 55107. If you wish you can mention you are a member of Saint Matthew's parish. Thank you for helping to feed our friends and neighbors.



OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

In the coming weeks our parish will have second collections for our regular monthly collections as well as special collections various diocese needs. Please be as generous as you are able. As always we thank you for your kindness to others.

November 21/22, 2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

December 5/6, 2020 Community Regional Catholic School

December 12/13, 2020 Religious Retired Community

December 19/20, 2020 Neighborhood House Food Shelf

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, **Dorinda Martineau, Carol Wood, Jose Reyes Renteria-Alverado, Fedencia Torres Ramirez and Lou Finnegan.**



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.

START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING NOW AND EARN 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 SPITUAL 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

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.

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.

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/idf. For more information, contact sjleif@stthomas.edu, 651-962-6891.

Thank You
To All
Who Have Served
Our Country
Yesterday and Today
November 11, 2020

