

Church of Saint Matthew – December 6, 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 lrivera@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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation in December: Faith Formation students in grades 1-10 have in-person class on December 9. Grades 1-7 are in the Parish Center from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm (start and dismissal times are staggered by grade; see your schedule for specifics). Grades 8-10 are in church from 6:50 pm to 7:50 pm on December 9. On December 16 we have Advent Mass in church, and parents and guardians are invited to celebrate with us. We follow public health guidelines for the Mass, same as for the weekend St Matthew Masses. *Confirmation candidates* **only** have class on Saturday, December 19, at 3:00 pm in the Social Hall. Candidates will attend Mass after class ends. There are no Faith Formation classes on December 23 and December 30.

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.

December 5/6, 2020 Community Regional Catholic School

December 12/13, 2020 Religious Retired Community

December 19/20, 2020 Neighborhood House Food Shelf

THANK YOU SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISHIONERS



Thanks to our wonderful and generous parishioners we have collected "mountains" of donations for Isaac Garcia's Blessings Bag collection. Isaac will take these and other collections to the homeless and those in need for Christmas. Thank you for helping to make someone else's Christmas just a little bit brighter, sweeter, warmer and remembered.



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, and Jan Steinbrenner.**



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.

AMAZON SMILE WORKS!!

Thanks to each person who has named St. Matt's and the charity to benefit from their shopping on Amazon. You can do it as well!! St. Matt's receives ½ of one percent for every dollar spent.

We just received a deposit from Amazon Smile for \$15.19...that is the result of \$3038 being spent at Amazon. If you added your total St. Matt's would receive even more. [Do it today!!]

RECORDING AND BROADCASTING MASS from ST MATT'S

As is the case with many things, when we do not know the inner workings, it seems like the job is quite simple and straightforward.

The video work that Alan Christensen does is probably regarded in the same light by most of us who are not into video recordings and broadcast. Most of us might notice that at times the audio is not perfectly in sync with the video.

I have learned: this is a *latency* issue. The lag between video and audio is measured in mille seconds. Alan told me that the problem arises when there are more folks in church, almost all with iPhones or Androids. And what makes a difference is if the phones are on or not. Almost everyone who attends puts their phone on "mute" so there are no distracting ring tones. But that is not the same as turning them off.

Rather than asking everyone to turn their phones off, to address this, Alan is going to use a physical cable between the one camera that lags and his operating headquarters at his iPad station.

We continue to appreciate and thank Alan for his expertise, his patience, his equipment and his ability to address problems that arise during Mass.

NATIONAL COLLECTIONS--requested by the NCCB [National Conference of Catholic Bishops]

CCHD—CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Two weeks ago we took the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As I mentioned at Mass this has been an effort of the bishops for more than fifty years. This collection supports many efforts of community development throughout the United States. Please consult this website if you would like to learn more about CCHD: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

We will take this collection next weekend. This is another national collection. For decades, religious communities worked in parishes and dioceses for the benefit of students and families. They took almost no salary. Now that so many of the communities consist mostly of retired religious there are not many funds to support them. So, we are called to “pay a debt” that we accumulated over many, many years. A couple of facts: In 31 years of this effort, \$863,000,000 has been distributed to religious orders—in 2020 there were 341 different orders; 28,418 religious over the age of 70 received benefits last year. For more info: <https://www.retiredreligious.org>.

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

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/covid19prayers) 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MONASTERY

December 7-13, Virtual Events hosted by the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery

Celebrate Christmas virtually with the Sisters of St. Benedict in three virtual ways! Online materials included. Attend live or watch recorded sessions:

- **Online Christmas Marketplace** – December 7-13: Complete your Christmas shopping list while raising essential funds for the Community and their Ministries!
- **Online Silent Auction** – December 12, 2-4:30 p.m.: Among our many other exceptional offerings, this year's silent auction will include a three-course dinner for eight with Archbishop Bernard Hebda, hosted and catered by St. Paul's Monastery!
- **Virtual Social Hour with the Sisters** – December 12, 3-4 p.m.: You are cordially invited to attend this special social hour with the Sisters! Registration is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information or to register for events, go to www.stpaulsmonastery.org/christmas.