

## **Church of Saint Matthew – February 7, 2021**

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE PARISH SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The members of the Search Committee for John Riehle's replacement Committee are John Del Vecchio, Becky Montgomery, Ellen Schneider, Suzanne Snyder and Karen Thompson. The group has been meeting for several weeks to review John's job functions and develop a job description. We've also been researching similar jobs in the Archdiocese, making contacts, and have met with Father Michael Tix, Vicar of Parish Services for the Archdiocese. We will keep you posted as we continue our process of completing the job description, making it available in multiple locations including our web site, ad placement, etc. If you know of anyone who has an accounting or financial background that you believe would be a good candidate for part-time work please contact any one on the committee.

### **OF MATTERS FINANCIAL**

Thank you to the 120 parish households who have returned their 2021 pledge cards. Thank you to those who were able to increase their stewardship support to the parish; thank you to those who have begun giving electronically: there are six households who give weekly; there are 13 who give on the 5th of the month; 16 who give on the 20th of the month; five who give both on the 5th and the 20th; and one household who gives on the 25th of the month.

The electronic donations are about 32% of the budgeted Sunday giving.

### **LENTEN MAILING**

Please watch your mail you will soon be receiving a Lenten mailing from the parish; it will include a letter from the parish office, and Easter giving envelope, a Easter Flower Memorial envelope and a Lenten daily prayer booklet. All registered parishioners will receive this mailing.

The Easter Flower envelope is used for your donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one. We use the contributions to purchase the flowers and plants that decorate the church during the Easter Season.

The Easter donation envelope is for anyone to use and especially those who do not receive envelopes and would like to give an Easter contribution.

And lastly is the Lenten prayer booklet; a daily prayer and reflection throughout Lent Season.

It is our way of continuing to be together while we are physically apart for the time being.

### **FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION**

As we have been doing since September, the COVID-19 precautions apply: Anyone coming inside the church or parish center buildings needs to wear a mask, students' temperatures will be taken at the door, and classroom spaces are set for physical distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible. Families who have been exposed to someone with a positive coronavirus test should not come to in-person classes until they are out of quarantine. Students who are not feeling well should not come to in-person classes until they have recovered.

### **COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS**

It is Catholic Schools Week and a time to celebrate and remind everyone of all of the benefits of a Prek-8 Catholic education at Community of Saints! This week we will celebrate by dressing to themes each day, completing service projects, and celebrating student Mass.

Community of Saints is also now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year. Our enrollment has grown the past five years because our families know their children receive a high-quality Catholic education. Our small school environment provides our students a sense of belonging. Together with our families, we create a foundation to achieve excellence by developing each student's unique God-given talents.

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about Community of Saints, please contact us at 651-457-2510 or visit our website at [www.communityofsaints.org](http://www.communityofsaints.org)

### **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, Jim Swaink, Joe Savard, Terry Koves, Jan Steinbrenner, Dorinda Martineau, Keith Anderson and Rita Dubuc.**

**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.

### **APARTMENT NEEDED**

Mom and young child in need of a reasonable priced two bedroom apartment located near St. Matthew's Church. Contact Jim Cahill with details 612.990.9029.

### **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.

#### **SPIRITUAL 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**

#### **ARCHDIOCESE COVID-19 ANOINTING CORPS**

On your few moments throughout the day help the Covid-19 Anointing Corps by praying for the sick, their families and the priest. Please pray two times: one Our Father for the individual suffering; one Hail Mary for the family's comfort; and one Glory Be for the priest and the medical team ministering to them. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Roch, pray for us.

#### **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](https://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://archspm.org/covid19prayers) to 55321 or signing up at [eva.us/archspm-healthcare](https://eva.us/archspm-healthcare). You will receive a weekly message with a link to names of health care workers to keep in your prayers.

### **FAITH AND CULTURE SERIES**

**Last in the Series – February 9 7:00 – 8:30 pm Virtual Event – Registration Required to Participate Live at [archspm.org/registration-for-the-archdiocesan-synod-faith-and-culture-series/](https://archspm.org/registration-for-the-archdiocesan-synod-faith-and-culture-series/)**

Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church.

Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. **Registration is required to participate live.** Dates and topics are listed below; all events begin at 7:00 p.m.

- **Tuesday, February 9:** The priesthood (both baptized and ordained)

**Register online** to participate and submit your questions! Zoom links will be sent to registrants prior to each event

### **LIVING GOD'S LOVE MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

**Weekends beginning February 19 (Online through April)**

This weekend program is offered monthly (except for October and December) 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Friday evening and 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday. The online retreat will be hosted live via Zoom. In person retreats are scheduled to resume in May. Find more information and register below. Questions? Call 651-291-4488.

### **WRITING CONTEST**

**Submissions accepted through February 17**

The annual Writing Contest has begun! This contest encourages students in schools and parishes to dive further into their Catholicism by answering a specific question. During this unusual year, students are considering how they are sharing God's love during the pandemic. Students are judged for creativity and communications effectiveness compared to their peers in one of four grade levels. So, have students begin now! Flyer is attached. If you have questions, contact Janine Ricker at [rickerj@archspm.org](mailto:rickerj@archspm.org) or 651.291.4504.

### **TREATMENTS FOR TRAUMA – A ZOOM PRESENTATION FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS**

**Monday, Feb. 22, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Virtual Event (Link Sent to Registrants)**

Many people feel that trauma rules their lives — anxiety, panic attacks, flashbacks, nightmares, obsessive and intrusive thoughts, self-hatred, shame, guilt. In this session Mitch Mueller, MA will discuss some of the techniques and treatments available to help you take control of your life and stop allowing your trauma to boss you around. Special focus will be given to mindfulness techniques that you can use in your daily life. Register by emailing Paula Kaempffer at [kaempfferp@archspm.org](mailto:kaempfferp@archspm.org) or call 651-291-4429 for more information. View a flyer and details at the link below.

