

Church of Saint Matthew – February 21, 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 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 are John Del Vecchio, Becky Montgomery, Ellen Schneider, Suzanne Snyder and Karen Thompson.

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.

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Food Collection for Neighborhood House this weekend.

If you can't give in person you can give a monetary donation by mail: 179 East Robie Street, St. Paul MN 55107. Thank you for helping our neighbors.

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The Catholic is now in full swing, please support this important fundraiser as it helps people across the Twin Cities and across the State of Minnesota. Your dollars help care for the unborn, teens, the elderly and so much more.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayer our parish family and friends who are ill. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Elena Vasquez, Michael Vasquez, Jim Swaink, Joe Savard, Terry Koves, Jan Steinbrenner, 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 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 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.

SYNOD AT HOME: TIPS AND TOOLS FOR GROWING FAITH

New sessions posted weekly February 18 – March 18

While the COVID-19 pandemic has delivered many struggles, it also yielded unexpected benefits - such as increased time for reflection and, in many cases, connection with those in our immediate families. As we see glimmers of hope for emerging from the pandemic, we may soon find ourselves caught up in the whirlwind: work functions, sports and social gatherings, with dinner table conversations becoming a rare occurrence once again. How can we continue making time to reflect and prioritize the most important aspects of our lives, even as our lives “return to normal”?

The Synod at Home series takes helpful videos, tips and tools for growing in faith, and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun. Families, couples and individuals will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home. **Chris Stefanick, founder of Real Life Catholic, opens each session.**

Find weekly videos and materials at archspm.org/synod, sign up for emails (archspm.org/synod/updates) or access through the Synod app: text APP to 88202, then in the app search for Archdiocesan Synod.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: “ST. JOSEPH, MODEL FOR CHRISTIANS”

Fridays, February 19-March 26, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Church of Saint Agnes

The Church of Saint Agnes is hosting its annual Lenten Lecture Series on Friday evenings during Lent following 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Upper Church. This year's theme — “St. Joseph, Model for Christians” — features presentations on six titles and roles of St. Joseph as model of the Christian life with a wonderful line-up of speakers as we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph. All talks are free and open to the public.

FRATELLI TUTTI

Four sessions remain: February 24, March 23, April 27, and May 25, 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series of presentations and discussions to dive into this very important encyclical from Pope Francis. This online series will feature specially selected speakers to lead us to discern how Fratelli Tutti can influence and enrich our lives. This series is open to all. Visit centerformission.org/whats-new/ to sign up! Contact Adam Fitzpatrick for more information at Fitzpatricka@archspm.org, or 651.291.4410.

NET VITURAL RETREAT

Thursday, March 11, 6-9 p.m., virtual retreat

Open to teens in grades 8-12 from around the country, this retreat will focus on the person of Jesus for the main large group presentation and is appropriate for teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for confirmed teens who are interested in a retreat experience. Each teen will need their own device and will receive a link via email to the retreat. Register at netusa.org/confirmation provided at registration. The retreat is 3 hours and costs \$17 per teen.