

Church of Saint Matthew – March 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 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 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

March Faith Formation Classes: All Faith Formation students in grades 1 to 10 have in-person class on March 10 and March 24. On March 17, only those students preparing for First Communion have class, and class that evening will be in the church. Community of Saints students preparing for First Communion at St Matthew will join the group on March 17. There is no class for students on March 31 due to spring break.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Easter Flower Fund; if you are a registered parishioner you received in the mail an envelope for this purpose. If you are not a registered parishioner and want to contribute please send us your donation, the name of your loved one(s) and if it a memorial or to honour someone. Also, your name and a telephone number. Contributions are used to purchase flowers and plants to decorate the church for the Easter season.

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.

IN SYMPANTHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew's extends its' condolences to the families of **James Pirkl** and **Thekla Simmons**, both long time parishioners of Saint Matthew's parish. Mr. Pirkl died on February 23, 2021 and Mrs. Simmons died on February 26, 2021. May they and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love; please remember them and their families in your prayers.

CRS RICE BOWL

Did you take a Rice Bowl home on Ash Wednesday? How are you doing filling it with your dimes, quarters and dollars of your "given up" Lenten offering? CRS RICE Bowl offers help to feed starving children and families in counties with little or no food and no clean water to drink. Your small box of "change" can feed a family for months, think of that, months. While you give up the luxury of a daily Starbuck or Caribou coffee, a chocolate candy bar, a cocktail or a weekly manicure it will feed a family! Reach into your pockets this Lenten season and fill a little box with change and dollar bills each day; it will change lives forever.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY WEEKEND – MARCH 13 and 14 SECOND COLLECTION

An opportunity to share with your struggling brothers and sisters around the world during Lent! On the weekend of March 13 and 14, we observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "For God so loved the world..." (Jn. 3:16). At this time, we share the love of God with those who still hunger and thirst for God's love, mercy and healing. A special Lenten collection will be taken for four global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. *We will have a second collection next weekend, please be as generous as you are able and share God's love for your brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.*

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. MAKE MONEY FOR ST. MATT'S!

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.

ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As part of your Lenten Journey consider praying daily a decade of the Rosary (one **Our Father**, ten **Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be**) each day for justice and peace in our community. You may also wish to pray this **Prayer for an End to the Sin of Racism**.

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity.

Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism.

Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions.

Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Peter Claver, pray for us.

SYNOD AT HOME: TIPS AND TOOLS FOR GROWING FAITH

During Lent, we often take on practices to deepen our faith lives and commitment to serving others. But once Easter comes, those practices can easily go to the wayside. How can we make those practices stick, to continue on a path toward holiness?

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. Individuals, couples and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home.

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.

CERENITY HUMBOLDT RESIDENCE has beautiful apartments available!

Assisted Living

We provide professional staff of nurses and other qualified caregivers provides, personalized services ranging from light daily tasks to assistance with mobility, dressing, bathing and grooming. Medication management and medical assistance are available, as are spiritual care, recreational and social activities, and transportation. Our Assisted Living currently has openings.

Memory Care

We are dedicated to caring for people who live with Alzheimer's and other related dementias. We offer hospitality, respect and love to all served in a comfortable and safe environment. With consistent caregivers, Benedictine feels like a family home with added comforts and security. Our memory care has openings.

**Call today to schedule your in-person
or virtual tour! (651) 220 1702**

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.

HEART TO HEART

Exploring Women's Vocations with Archbishop Hebda

Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., Virtual Event

Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us! The virtual event will include talks by a Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sister and a Handmaid of the Heart of Jesus Sister. Come for an evening of prayer and conversation with Bishop and consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. Find more information and register at the link below, or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

FRATELLI TUTTI

Three sessions remain: 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.

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

Tuesday, March 30, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary

A day set apart for men and their wives, if applicable, to learn more about the permanent diaconate vocation in this archdiocese. The day begins with Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer with current candidates in formation followed by four presentations, including lunch, and concludes with a 4 p.m. Vigil Mass with the Saint Paul Seminary Rector, Fr. Joseph Taphorn. Questions? Contact Deacon Bob Bisciglia at bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-5782. Registration required (no cost) at semssp.org/idf.