

## Church of Saint Matthew – April 18, 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.

### Statement Regarding the Death of Daunte Wright

April 12, 2021

*From Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda*

I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Daunte Wright for the loss of their son, father, brother and friend. I have also been praying for his eternal repose, for his family and for all those who loved him. Daunte was created by God in his image and likeness and for a “definite purpose,” as St. John Henry Newman wrote, and we grieve the loss of his young life.

I also am praying for the Brooklyn Center Police officer involved in the shooting, and for her family and friends. I suspect that they are grieving in a different way.

While early indications point towards the shooting being accidental, I encourage allowing investigators from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to complete a thorough investigation before coming to any personal judgments as to what occurred. I hope that we as a community might be able to pause and pray, particularly during this time of already heightened tension due to the Chauvin trial. I am encouraged and inspired by the pleas for peace that have continued to come from the family of George Floyd.

As I did last month when the trial began, I ask that all of us take time daily to pray for justice, but also for peace in our families and in our communities.

Please continue praying 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. St. Peter Claver, pray for us.

### 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.

### SHARING PART OF YOUR STIMULUS CHECK

Many of us parishioners have received [or will receive shortly] a stimulus check from the government. As you know, the payments were not targeted to those with more needs than others.

I know there are many parishioners who need that money for bills, for food, for transportation or other necessary expenses.

There are many of us who do not need the stimulus check for needs or necessary expenses. I ask you: Please join me in donating one quarter of the check you receive/d to St. Matthew’s. As you know, by donating it to St. Matt’s, you will be helping us continue to be the “Good Samaritan” on the banks of the Mississippi. And many of our neighbors in need will benefit from the ministry of the parish.

John Riehle  
Pastoral Administrator

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayer our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of our prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Anita Mahler, Erin Jack, Jerry Jenniges, 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.

## **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 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.

### **SYNOD AT HOME: TIPS & TOOLS FOR GROWING IN FAITH**

Learn more about the **Archdiocesan Synod** and find past series, including Praying with Scripture, Healing and Hope Retreat, and Faith and Culture, at [archspm.org/synod](https://archspm.org/synod).

### **COVID-19 VACCINES (This information is from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis)**

If you are concerned about ethical use of the Covid-19 vaccines the USCCB as well as the Vatican have put together several articles on this issue for Catholic. Please read the information first hand for yourself to be better informed.

- The USCCB Responds:
  - **U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life Address the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine**
  - **Answers to Key Ethical Questions about COVID-19 Vaccines**
- The Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith:
  - **Note on the Morality of using some anti-COVID-19 Vaccines**
- The Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life

### **CUPPA JOE: 10 TALKS ON THE 10 WONDERS OF SAINT JOSEPH**

**First Tuesday of the month, March – December 2021, 4 p.m.**

Cuppa Joe is a series of 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks will premiere the first Tuesday of the month, March – December, at 4 p.m. – just in time for your afternoon coffee. Talks will be posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram – and at [archspm.org/synod/stjoseph/](https://archspm.org/synod/stjoseph/)

### **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/](https://centerformission.org/whats-new/) to sign up! Contact Adam Fitzpatrick for more information at [Fitzpatricka@archspm.org](mailto:Fitzpatricka@archspm.org), or 651.291.4410.