

Church of Saint Matthew – May 16, 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.

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, **Grant Littler, Pat Pendleton, Cecelia Glenn, 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

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://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.

SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER BOOK

As a part of the celebration of the Year of Saint Joseph in our archdiocese, the Saint Joseph Business Guild is publishing and printing The Saint Joseph Prayer Book, available in both English and Spanish. This 4" x 6" prayer book has 100+ pages of prayers to and meditations on the wonders of Saint Joseph. Grow deeper in your faith and your love for Jesus' earthly father with the Saint Joseph Prayer Book. Pick up a copy at Leaflet Missal or order online at leafletonline.com (product #35105).

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/

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

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY

Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul

This celebration includes Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! In-Person Registration is required by contacting 651.291.4488. Social Distancing will be observed. Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by May 30 at 651.291.4488

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as Disciples of Christ.

In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world.

We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" We belong to our Loving and Gracious God. How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to.

Being a disciple of Christ will not always be easy. As our early disciples experienced, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them." But it is because we were not made for the world. We were made to be saints, truly a calling that is out of this world.

Although we do not belong to the world, Jesus clearly prayed, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one." We are called to live in this world and to not become consumed by it. We need to keep our minds and hearts fixed on our goal — eternal life.

Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind. And let us pray for the grace to understand just a fraction of God's Perfect Love for us and for the grace to express our love in return.

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

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Date(s): Saturday, May 29 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Location: Cathedral of Saint Paul (In person, open to all; also livestreamed on the Cathedral website)

Archdiocesan and Pro Ecclesia Sancta seminarians completing Theology IV will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. **All the faithful are invited to join in this joyous occasion in person; masks are required.** It will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's website.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC ON RELEVANT RADIO 1330AM

Next time on Practicing Catholic: did you know that we're approaching **Archbishop Hebda's** 5-year anniversary of his installation as our shepherd?! His Excellency will be joining us to reminisce on these past few years of leading our archdiocese. Next up, **Jeremy Stanbary** on Open Window Theatre's play, LOLEK – a tale of the young life of Pope St. John Paul II and his heroic resistance to the Nazi Occupation of Poland during World War II. Lastly, **Allison Spies** is back for another archdiocesan archives segment about the "Forgotten Bishop" of our archdiocese, Bishop Grace!

Practicing Catholic airs Friday at 9:00 p.m., Saturday at 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on Relevant Radio 1330AM. Listen to last week's show on Spotify or SoundCloud!

FLY REVIVAL 2021

\$35.00 – \$60.00

In movement with the Holy Spirit, we are so excited to bring you Fly Revivals: a night of worship, adoration, a talk, and prayer.

Included in this night is the Fly Swag Bag.

We will be in each city for TWO nights, so be sure to choose which night(s) you will be at. Each night will have its own worship set and unique talk. There will be Adoration and Confession both nights.

As well as time in prayer with the Blessed is She community, worship with Mary Castner, and talks by Beth Davis.

*Doors open at 6pm
Revival starts at 7pm
Night ends at 9pm

St. Paul, MN // June 11-12
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

YEAR THREE OF SYNOD – SPECIAL MASS

Date(s): Saturday, May 22 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Location: St Bonaventure Catholic Church, Bloomington
Join Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens and the charismatic groups of the Archdiocese at this special Mass, which marks the beginning of Year 3 of the Archdiocesan Synod process. The Synod decree will be read at this Mass.

Mass will be held outdoors, with prayer meeting to follow. Please bring your own chair or blanket.

Charismatic groups include Community of Christ the Redeemer, Emmanuel Community, People of Praise, St. Paul's Outreach, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office and others.

[Sowing Seeds of Change, Building Community](#)

During the week of May 23-30, TPT Channel 2 is featuring programming about the impact of injustices in the Twin Cities. There will be nightly programs to mark the one year anniversary of George Floyd's death on May 25, 2020. Here are some highlights:

Jim Crow of the North: May 24 at 8:00 p.m.

"Roots of racial disparities are seen through a new lens in this film that explores the origins of housing segregation in the Minneapolis area. But the story also illustrates how African American families and leaders resisted this insidious practice, and how Black people built community—within and despite the red lines that these restrictive covenants created."

Slavery by Another Name: May 24 at 9:00 p.m.

This program "challenges one of Americans' most cherished assumptions: the belief that slavery in this country ended with the Emancipation Proclamation... thousands of African Americans were pulled back into forced labor with shocking force and brutality."

Say His Name: Five Days for George Floyd:

May 25 at 9:00 p.m.

TPT director Cy Dodson's Minneapolis neighborhood was the epicenter of the uprising after George Floyd's death. In this program, "... he captured an immersive observation of unrest, anger and hope in the five days between the killing of Mr. Floyd and the announcement of charges filed against the police officers."

TPT is also honoring Asian American and Pacific Islander communities during May, which is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. *Armed with Language* tells the story of a Minnesota-based WWII military intelligence school that recruited more than 6,000 Japanese Americans from concentration camps and trained them to be translators. The show is scheduled for May 17 at 8:00 p.m.



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