

Church of Saint Matthew – May 23, 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.

Faith Formation Thank You's

St Matthew's school year Faith Formation program ended on May 5 with a prayer service and games of bingo. Thanks to the 33 students from 18 families who attended and to their parents for enrolling and supporting their children in the program. Thank you to teachers Lauren Brand, Lily Sullivan, Anthony Minus, Janelle Rohr, Ellen Schneider, and Dave Sunday. Thank you to front desk helpers Kathleen Thompson and Valerie Gerlich. Thank you to the persons who subbed for us on the Wednesday evenings when one of the "regulars" could not make it to St Matthew. Thanks to the Men's Club for donating bingo prizes. Thanks to St Mary's Clinic for sending two speakers to talk to our students on two evenings about being safe in the pandemic and following the public health guidelines. Hope to see many students back in September!

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, Cecelia Glenn, John Kane 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 HELP ME TODAY 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.

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.

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).

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Liturgical Ministry schedule for June 5th— Labor Day were emailed last week. If you do not usually receive your Ministry Schedule by email, copies are available on the table in the back of the church!

IN SYMPATHY

Long time West Side resident Rosie Garcia-Losoya recently died at her home in Texas. May she all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love. She was the sister of longtime St. Matt's parishioner Emil Garcia.

FREE FROM A PARISHIONER

Lazy Boy double size sleeper sofa. Like new, seldom used, Southwest design and colors. Herculean upholstery. Great for a den, apartment or family room. 2 pillows included. If interested please contact Josie @ stpauljosie@comcast.net

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our Easter season culminates with the glorious Feast of Pentecost. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.

The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost.

Our First Reading bears witness to the first Pentecost. During this encounter with the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary felt a driving wind, there were tongues of fire on the heads of each of them and the Spirit allowed them to speak in different tongues proclaiming acts of God.

We might hear this reading and wish the Holy Spirit worked that obviously in our lives each day. The truth is, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is obvious — we just might be blind to it, or it might be that we have closed ourselves off to the Holy Spirit's wondrous works.

Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in that exact moment, or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments.

The more we take time to recognize them, the more we become aware of them.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. And let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for the ways God has been working in our lives.

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