

Church of Saint Matthew – October 17, 2021

Prayers For Our Parish Family

Please remember in your prayers 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, **Rick Lopez, Minerva Guerra Garza, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn and Jerry Jenniges**

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.

Book of Remembrance

You will have the opportunity to remember your beloved dead by recording their names in a special book of remembrance. The book will be taken to the sanctuary during all Masses in November.

The book will be available October 30-31 and all weekend in November at the entrance to the church. Please feel free to write the names of your family and friends

Helping Our Brothers and Sisters Around the World - World Missions Sunday - October 24th

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The Holy Father shares his zeal, reminding us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel." He invites us to speak of our faith

World Mission Sunday provides us with that very opportunity. We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call – through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on that special day. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, serve the poor – and speak of our shared faith in all corners of the world. "The global pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people," reminds Pope Francis. This year, as the world recovers from the loss and the challenges that resulted, let us respond with reciprocal generosity to the fullest extent that we are able.

Envelopes are available at the back of church for you to

whether they have died recently or years ago.

New Members Welcome!

All Are Welcome Here - Please Come Join Us At The Church of Saint Matthew

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.

Young Adults and High Schoolers: We Need Your Voice!

Ever thought the Catholic Church doesn't offer you the community or resources you need to grow in your faith, as a young adult or high school youth? Do you have a great idea of how to engage your peers in the faith, or something great you've experienced in the Church you'd like to share with others?

We need your voice! As part of a Synod process to help Archbishop Hebda discern priorities for our Archdiocese, small groups are meeting at our parish to discuss Synod focus areas – important topics in our faith. One of these focus areas is, "**Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.**" It's not too late to join a Synod small group, and share your perspectives with our parish and the Archdiocese. **9 am Saturdays 10/23, 10/30 & 11/4**

Pope John Paul II Champions For Life Nominations Now Being Taken

Do you know of someone or a group who loves, respects and promotes life by:

- Working tirelessly helping the elderly
- Devoting time working with people with disabilities
- Helping women/families through difficult pregnancies
- Showing commitment to the Gospel of Life
- Praying tirelessly for Respect Life issues?

Two categories will be chosen:

- Adult Pro-life: Professional, Volunteer Individual or Group
- Youth or Young Adult: Individual or Group

Nomination Deadline: October 31, 2021

The awards will be presented by one of the Bishops at the Prayer Service For Life on January 22, 2022.

All nominations must be Catholics in good standing with the Catholic church. Be a member of a Catholic church or affiliated group of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul/Minneapolis.

Contact Nancy Palacheck at 651.291.4489 for more information or schulten@archspm.org