

## Church of Saint Matthew – November 14, 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, **Pam Perkovich, Sol David, Annamarie Moseng, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Cecelia Glenn, Kendrick Morrison 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.

### Mass and Vaccine Information

At St. Matt's, we follow guidelines from the CDC, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Archdiocese. As such we offer masks at each of the church entrances for your use with every good wish and strong encouragement. We are not currently requiring masks at Mass. The CDC acknowledges that infections are rare for those who are vaccinated, and severe illness and death are even rarer. While infection is still possible for anyone, each person needs to evaluate their own situation.

Regarding vaccinations, Pope Francis recently said it very well:

"Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love.

"He added: "Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable."

### Blessing Bags

If you were at last Saturday's 4:15 pm Mass you heard Certin-Derham Hall sophomore Isaac Garcia speak to you about his newly created non-profit "Blessing Bag"

This young man began "Blessing Bags as small child and student at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Why? Because he was so concerned for the homeless people he saw each day. They were cold, they didn't have hats, scarves, warm mittens or basic necessities such as tooth brushes and tooth paste.

This small incredible child wanted to help give these things to the homeless...and Blessing Bag was born. Through collections at Community of Saints, Saint Matthews and other organizations, Isaac's little collections is now a non-profit ! Amazing!!

Let us continue to help his organization grow and care for others, especially in the holiday season, in the cold winter months.

We have two boxes at the rear of the church, let's fill them to the tops!!

## 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](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.

### Do You Recognize the Lady in the Middle?

Of course we do, it our own Sister Anne Becker!! A few of the Men's Club member drove down to Our Lady of Good Council in Mankato recently to personally present them with a check for \$1,500. And what is a trip to the Mother House without seeing Sister Anne. Doesn't she look wonderful. We have her address if you want to send her a letter or card!



Pictured is l-r Tim Nowak, Sr. Linda Warner, Sr. Anne Becker, Bernie Klein and Bob Bejblik. The photo was taken by John DeVecchio.

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**(651) 251 - 7737**

Leave a brief **message of encouragement, favorite memory, or well-wishes** for Bishop Cozens!

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