

## Church of Saint Matthew – November 7, 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, **Annamarie Moseng, Mary Kelly, Minerva Guerra Garza, 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."

### Saint Alphonsus Christmas Bazaar

**November 13-14, St. Alphonsus, Brooklyn Center**

Come enjoy the day and get into the Christmas spirit by buying homemade crafts, gifts, jellies, jams, candy, and Christmas cookies and by browsing through the Christmas Attic Treasures. There will be music by St. Al's Treble Tones and delicious multicultural food. Bring your kids and grandkids to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus and the famous lollipop tree. Browse through our used book, puzzle and DVD movie sale. We will again have a booth selling New Life Jewelry and a booth selling religious articles. You will not want to miss this fun-filled day!

## 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.

### St. Matthew's Adult Spiritual All Are Invite To Attend Synod Small Group Sessions

It's not too late to attend one of this fall's Synod gatherings here at St. Matthew's. Parishes all over the Archdiocese are gathering for opportunities for personal spiritual growth, to build fellowship and community and to contribute to Archbishop Hebda's pastoral plan for the future of the Archdiocese.

We here at St. Matthew's meet **Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am**. Sessions started October 2, and are continuing October 30 and November 6 and 13. All are welcome to attend the upcoming sessions. You don't need to have attended previous sessions to attend the remaining ones! You can come with a group of family or friends, or join a new group with other parishioners. Attend all or the ones you're especially interested in.

### Remaining focus areas and topics are:

Nov. 13: Focus area is "Forming youth and young adults in and for a church that is always young"

Please join us!

Synod Small Group Planning Committee:

Suzanne Clarke, Anthony Minus, Becky Montgomery, Joanne Smith, and Karen Thompson

### And The Winner Is...

On Sunday, October 31st the winners of 2nd annual Give Thanks in November were drawn. Pictured below l-r are Joe Stevens, Bernie Klein, Joanne Smith and Karen Thompson. Winners will be called daily and listed in the bulletin.

