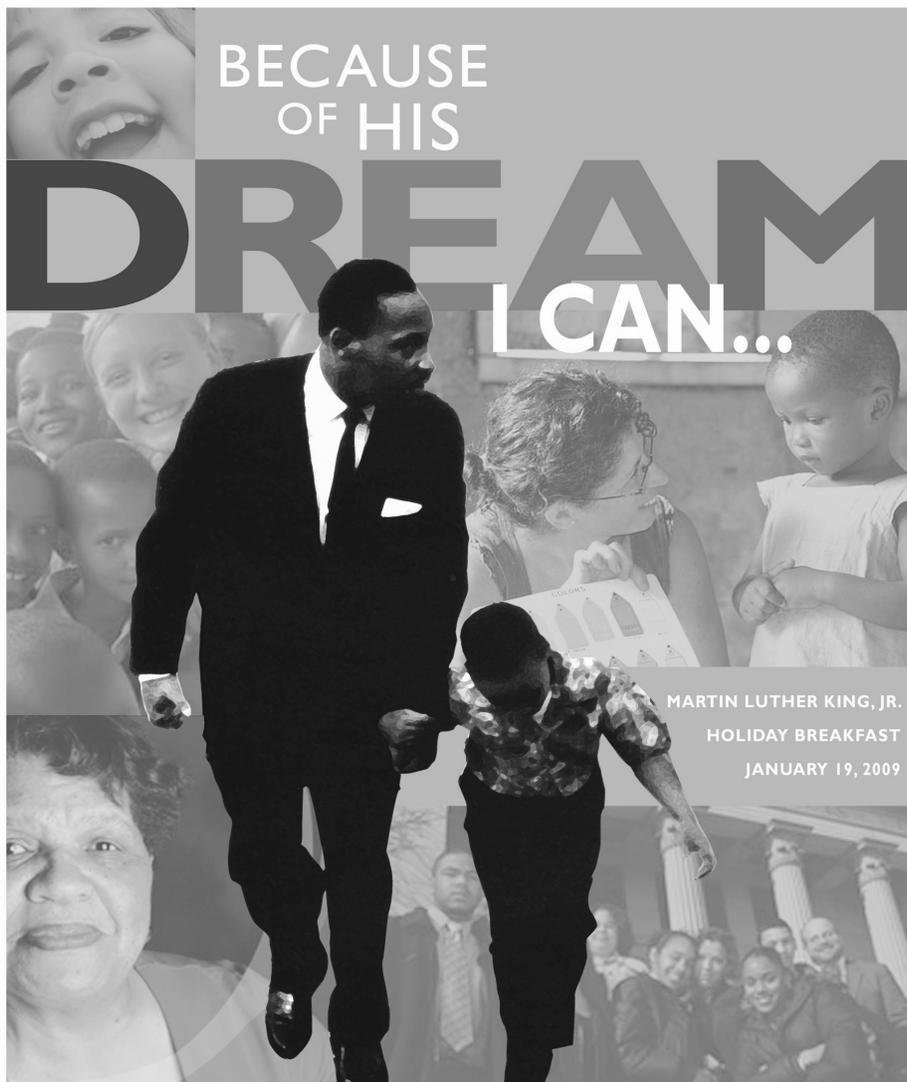


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LEAD GROW INSPIRE

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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Monday, January 19th is the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Each year the west Side/West Saint Paul is one of the local areas in which a breakfast gathering takes place to allow neighbors and community members to come together and celebrate the spirit of Dr. King.

This year the breakfast takes place at **Faith United Methodist Church, 1530 Oakdale Avenue, West Saint Paul.**

The General Mills Foundation in cooperation with the United Negro College Fund, Twin Cities Public Television sponsors the breakfast and the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches coordinates it.

The breakfast is free.

The breakfast begins at 7 am and at 8 am a live television feed from the Minneapolis Auditorium transmits this year's keynote address given by **General Colin Powell**, former Secretary of state and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

While the breakfast is free, participants must make reservations so that adequate preparations can be made to accommodate all.

You can register online at the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches website, www.spacc.org or by calling 651-789-3877. Reservations are taken until January 13th.

If you plan on attending and have school age children, bring them with you, January 19th is a free day in honor of Dr. King.

Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast
January 19, 2009
Faith United Methodist Church
1530 Oakdale Avenue, W St. Paul
7:00 am

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

All are invited after Sunday masses to the Social Hall for coffee and treats provided and served by Jennifer, Jason and Hannah Delmont in support of St. Matthew's Religious Education Program (formerly known as CCD). Thanks to all who support C4aC on 12/21/08 - \$72.00 raised for the Men's Club and C4aC on 12/28/08 - \$70.00 raised for Holy Family Adoption Agency. Help a cause in keeping with the mission of St. Matthews by volunteering to host a coffee hour. Dates are open now. Contact John at 651-221-0871.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to Shirley and Larry Smith and Bernie Grossmann for their help in putting together our Christmas worship aid. We wouldn't have been able to do it without your help!

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

Are there sick or lonely parishioners who would like a visit and/or Communion from a parish visitor? If you know of anyone; friends, family, a fellow parishioner who used to sit next to you but can't get to church anymore, please call the parish office, 651-224-979.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

There will be no class for students in Grades 1-10 this Wednesday, January 7. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 PM. There will be a Teacher In-service this Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 PM. Teachers will meet in the faculty lounge at school.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS

Families who have registered for First Reconciliation Class are reminded that the first class will be on Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 PM in the chapel (both parent/guardian and child should attend) If you have not registered for this class but would still like to be a part of it, please join us on Tuesday, registration materials and textbooks will be available that night. First Reconciliation class is for students in grades 4 and up. Any questions call Kathy at the school office, 651-224-6912.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME

Next weekend, January 10 and 11, is the annual collection for Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. This collection is sponsored by St. Matthew's Rosary Society/CCW. The home is run entirely by donations and at no charge to any of its terminally ill patients. Small individual size puddings, cream soups, non-acid fruit juices, canned goods, dry staples, paper products (toilet tissue, Kleenex, etc.), small tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes are all much needed items. Donated goods may be left in the side room at the front entrance of the church. Rosary members will be at the doors of the church after all Masses next weekend to accept monetary donations. Checks may be made out directly to 'Good Counsel Cancer Home'.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The St. Joseph's Sunday Missals are available at the back of church; the suggested donation is \$5.00. These are printed in Canada and have the same translation of the readings we use at weekend liturgy. [There are some small differences in the translation that encourage better proclamation and better listening and hearing.] Another great use for these missals is the ability to prepare the readings during the week at home. In that way, they will be more familiar when they are heard on Sunday.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 4
Monday	January 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 6
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	First Reconciliation Class
Wednesday	January 7
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education
	Teacher Workshop
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	January 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council mtg.
Friday	January 9
Saturday	January 10
6:00 PM, SH	Parish Staff
	Gathering
Sunday	January 11
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class

Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church
 CH – Chapel
 PC – Parish Center
 SH – Social Hall
 SC – School
 CC – Child Care
 XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

The three astrologers who came from the East to pay homage to the Infant Jesus brought rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior? What gifts to I bring each Sunday?

Sharing The collections of Christmas and last weekend: total Sunday donations: \$11,462; total Christmas donations: \$14,322. Thanks to each steward! Total Sunday offerings this year-to-date: \$237,219. That is \$7,531 behind the budget [about \$289 per weekend]. The budget for ALL holydays in the year is \$30,000.

Thanks, too, for other donations: \$440 to the food shelf; \$365 for retired religious; \$110 in school envelopes; \$109 in initial offering envelopes; \$85 for Immaculate Conception.

NEW PLEDGES begin this weekend—the first of 2009. Thank you to everyone who has been able to make a non-binding pledge. These help us in our budgeting process. Those who have made changes in pledges for electronic giving [and those who are giving electronically for the first time] should see those new amounts reflected on bank statements at the designated time this month [weekly, on the 5th, on the 20th, etc].

Thanks to the Reding/Kosel family who donated the lighted Christmas trees. They will add seasonal brightness for years to come. [The fire marshall has outlawed all “real” trees regardless if they are sprayed with retardant or not.]

Thanks to Suzanne and Joe Ahern and their families [Evergreen Enterprises] for the beautiful greenery—the wreath in the middle of our worship space as well as those wreaths and garlands which beautify the outside of our building.

Thanks to the Bradshaw Funeral Homes for the 2009 calendars. One per “household” is available at the Church entrances.

Children’s envelopes should be available next weekend. [There was an error in ordering earlier this year.] There will be one kind for pre-schoolers through 6th graders; another kind for junior/senior hi young people. Thanks in advance for using them. Weekly giving is a good habit to cultivate.

Thanks to the family of George Bohrer, who furnished a very beautiful oak ambo for the weekday chapel in his memory.

Financial statements for 2008. Beginning January 12 statements will be ready fro pick-up or mailing. These may be helpful as tax returns are prepared. Please call the parish office if you would like yours. Remember that your records are more “official” than is the Church statement.

Have you ever heard of Souper Bowl Sunday? Watch this space in the next couple of weeks and be ready to act on February 1.

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 Prayerline 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM
 1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Tuesday..... 7:15 AM
 Saturday..... 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who are parishioners make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon one month prior to baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

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