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The Community of St. Matthew

*... exists
in the world
as a visible
expression of
God's love.*



Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	Paul Schommer
Tuesday	6:45 AM	James Fee (anny) John Bandholz
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Robert Michalski Gerald (Jerry) Posavad
Thursday	6:45 AM	Florence Rauenhorst Phillip Snaza
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Arthur E. Moy, Sr.
Sunday	8:00 AM	Karl Marsollek Robert Stickler, Sr. Norma Faser
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

SOX APPEAL One of the most common medical ailments for people without shelter is foot disease. Six years ago, Listening House of St. Paul, a daytime shelter for poor and homeless persons started a sock exchange program. Good food hygiene and clean socks have improved the health of many feet since the program began. Listening House is in need of **new, white, athletic socks for men, women and children.** Staff launders dirty socks for reuse. The Sox Box will be in the back of the church from January 12th through January 27th. If you have any questions please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at 224-9793.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME COLLECTION, next weekend, January 12 and 13. 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; i.e., toilet tissue, Kleenex, 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 Society members will be at the doors of the church after all the Masses next weekend to accept monetary donations. Checks may be made out directly to "Good Counsel Cancer Home".

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, January 6	12:00 PM	Baptism, Chapel
Monday, January 7	8:00 AM	Day School Resumes
	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Tuesday, January 8	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
	6:30 PM	Girl Scout Meeting
Wednesday, January 9	1:00 PM	Leisure Club, Social Hall
	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
	6:30 PM	Religious Education, Grades 1-10, School
	6:30 PM	Adult Hand Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Men's Club, Social Hall
Thursday, January 10	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
	5:00 PM	Youth Hand Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign, Church & Social Hall
Friday, January 11		
Saturday, January 12		
Sunday, January 13	12:00 PM	Baptism, Chapel

LOAVES AND FISHES TOO team will be serving on Monday, January 7 at Faith Lutheran Church, Charles and Mackubin. Help is needed at any time from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Serving time is 5:30 PM. Call Lu at 227-1441. Thank you.

LEISURE CLUB MEETING, Wednesday, January 9th, at 1:00 PM in the social hall. Start the new year by bringing a friend with you to enjoy the afternoon. Dues for the year 2002 will be taken. Attendance prizes will be drawn and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

✠ **STEWARDSHIP** ✕
What value do we place on our
membership in the community
of the church?

Treasure Last Weekend: \$ 9467.67 **Youth Treasure:** \$24.20 **Year to Date :** \$ 9589.55
Contributions for Jan 1,02 HOLY DAY: \$4009.41.

Treasure for Dec 23,01: \$8502.38. **Youth Treasure:** \$27.30. **Year to Date:** \$9591.89.
School Fund: \$18.00.

Christmas Collection: \$12,803.71 **Youth Christmas Collection:** \$37.75

Religious Retirement Collection: \$ 2492.75

Thank You for your weekly contributions.



WE WELCOME into the parish community the following children who were baptized in the month of December in the Church of Saint Matthew:

Yuri Joseph Wallace
Alyssa Rose Wallace
Kaitlyn Anita Morris
Lindsey Jean Lang
Beatrice Jean Ahern



FUNERALS CELEBRATED in the Community of Saint Matthew during the month of December that gave support and s o - lace to the families of



Gerald Posavad
Marcella Lawrence
Elaine Brandstrom

BUILDING FOR TODAY, VISIONS FOR TOMORROW ST. MATTHEW'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. On January 10th, all volunteers to the campaign (campaign cabinet, committee members and Home Visitors) will gather for prayer and fellowship at 7:00 PM. Although the work of the Campaign continues, we would like to offer prayers of Thanksgiving, for all those who supported the campaign by their time, their treasures and prayers, We will begin in Church and then proceed to the social hall for refreshments. All parishioners are welcome to join us! Those planning to attend must RSVP by calling the campaign office at 651-293-0697 on or before January 9th.

DEAR FRIENDS IN ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY:

Thank you for your generous response to the appeal we made for support of our retired Religious. We are very grateful for your part in helping us bring better care to our retired Sisters. Please accept our grateful thanks and continued prayers. Sister Rita Wollschlager and Sister Pauline Fritz.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE; Watch your mail for your end of year contributions statements next week. and a letter from the Finance Council.. Later in January there will be a mailing with a stewardship pledge card for the year 2002.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House on January 27 following the 10:30AM mass until 2:00PM at the school. More information in upcoming bulletin..

OUR CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT; Thanks to all the willing volunteers who stepped forward to lend a hand following the 10:30 Mass on December 23rd, our Christmas environment went up as "slick as a whistle". The church looks great—THANK YOU!!! Once again, St. Matt's community has proven that "more hands make less work!" And, have you noticed how great our Nativity figures are looking this year? **Marguerite Sandbeck** spent much of her summer and fall refurbishing them: mending cracks and chips, and sprucing up the paint. You do beautiful work, Marguerite! THANK YOU!!!

A NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE will be prepared at the end of this month for the Sundays of Lent and Easter. Please contact the liturgy committee regarding any conflicts or requests you have for the period from February 16 thru May 19. Leave a message at 651-222-2867 or 651-310-0830. This schedule covers the ministries of Lector, Communion Minister, Altar Server, Gift Bearer and Usher/Greeter. The schedulers need the information no later than January 18th. Thank you.

VIDEO DONATION: The movie "Shrek" was donated in honor of Julianna Maanum's sixth birthday by Bridget Goldenstein. Stop in a check out a video for those cold winter nights. Video lending library is open the same hours as the parish center.



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Mostly this Feast assures me that God has placed in all peoples a desire and hope, a yearning for fulfillment and meaning, a restlessness that will only be satisfied in God. The Feast assures me that human beings are by nature God-seekers, and that the Church is meant to partner with all in their quest for the face of God.

The search is triggered deep within, the search is fueled by a soul-hunger, the search admits of no easy answers or quick solutions. In fact it is the search itself that is the destiny of human beings — a search that never ends until each of us dismounts and reverently stands in the awesome light of God's love.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

No aspect of the Christmas Feast and Season grabs my attention and imagination so much as does the imagery surrounding the Feast of the Epiphany — or as I was taught to call it as a child — “The Feast of the Three Kings”.

The story is filled with wonder and mystery — three potentates, magi, wise men, kings, astrologers, magicians, soothsayers — three persons of distant, exotic lands follow a star in search of their destiny.

As a child I was intrigued by stories of magic carpets, the dangerous and enticing bazaar of Baghdad, desert sands stretching as far as the eye could see, commodious oases — palm trees swaying in the desert breezes, cool crystal water drawn from wells in the burning desert sun, carpets piled high with rare spices and succulent fruits — pomegranates, apricots, figs, dates, persimmon.

The first book I remember reading as a child was a children’s version of 1001 Arabian Nights.

The stars also intrigued me. Often in the summer I would lay on my back in the cool grass of the backyard and stare at the night sky — trying to identify those mysterious heavenly bodies — the Big Dipper, the Little Dipper, Orion, Cassiopeia, the Milky Way, etc.

The dictionary told me that a star is “a self-luminous gaseous celestial body of great mass whose shape is usually spheroid and whose size may be as small as the earth or as large as the earth’s orbit”.

I knew that a star was a messenger of God, a sign of magic and hope. Stars guided mariners — the Northern Star, whose true fixed and sure quality found no rival in all the heavens.

Stars are harbingers of destiny, and those who follow stars are people of large soul and deep spirit. There is no place for the timid and careful among the star followers of this world. They are people who seek tomorrow, challenge the conventional, and reach for the beyond. Stars show the way. Women and men who follow their stars are seekers.

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

Weekday Worship

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

First Friday: 6:45 am and 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday: 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 three months prior to wedding.