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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	Living & Deceased members of the Saint Matthew's Catholic Aid Council.
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Gertrude Mack William A. Thelen
Wednesday	6:45 AM	David Jungbauer Stephen Vesey
Thursday	6:45 AM	Frank Jack Elaine Brandstrom
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Mary O'Neill Duane J. Cordie
Sunday	8:00 AM	Renee Charboneau
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME**

This is the weekend for the annual collection for Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home, sponsored by the St. Matthew's Rosary Society/CCW. Donated items 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 each Mass, to accept monetary donations. Checks should be made out directly to "Good Counsel Cancer Home." Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

**CELEBRATE YOUR CALL!**

Today we celebrate our call to serve God and spread the Good News. With the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we begin National Vocation Awareness Week. We are all called to serve God faithfully as single, married, ordained, or religious. Just as Jesus was compelled by the Spirit and blessed by God to respond to a call to mission, we pray that some among us will be inspired to respond to a call to mission in our Church as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. How will you celebrate your call? To explore the possibility of being a sister, you may contact Sister Mary Colleen, SSND at 224-9793.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

There is an error on the contribution statements that were sent out the year says **2002** instead of 2001 if you would like another statement please call **Sirena @ 651-224-9793**.

**† STEWARDSHIP ☒**

God never asks more  
of us than we have.

**Treasure Last Weekend:** \$10,107.00 The budgeted amount for the year from plate and envelopes is \$10,000 per Sunday. Remember that for the fiscal year the average needed is \$10,000 per Sunday. Year to date \$10,107.00 **Youth Treasure:** \$33.45 was given in child and young peoples envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions. **School Fund:** Another \$1,247.10 was contributed to the programs in our day school.

**Weekly Schedule**

Sunday, January 13:	<i>Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17</i>
Monday, January 14:	<i>1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 6:00PM Girl Scouts PCenter
Tuesday, January 15:	<i>1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21b-28</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 6:30PM Cub Scout Mtg Hall
Wednesday, January 16:	<i>1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 6:30PM Adult HB Choir Church
Thursday, January 17:	<i>1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 5:00PM Youth HB Choir Church 5:30PM Youth Choir Church 7:00PM Adult Choir
Friday, January 18:	<i>1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12</i>
Saturday, January 19:	<i>1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17</i>
Next Sunday, January 20:	<i>Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34</i>

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** St. Matt's Kindergarten round-up will be held on **Thursday, February 7th**. You are welcome to attend either of the two one-hour sessions.

**Session 1: 9:00 am**

**Session 2: 7:00 pm**

Please call the school (651-224-6912) and let us know which session you plan to attend! *Did you know: over the Christmas holiday, the entire Kindergarten room has been renovated including new carpeting, paint, and plumbing!*

**SOX BOX** On the weekends of January 12, 19, and 26 we will be collecting socks (new white athletic socks for men, women, and children) for Listening House guests. The Sox Box will be in the back of church. Recently it was reported on the news that a group of school children collected 1000 pair of socks for another charity. Last year, our parish donated 668 pair. Can we match what the school children collected? Let's go for it!

**OUR CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT** We say "goodbye" to it this weekend. If you can help with take-down, storage, and a bit of vacuuming pine needles immediately following 10:30 Sunday mass, your help would be great! The Liturgy Committee has a master plan so things should go quickly.



### LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Ash Wednesday is February 13. If you can serve as Lector or Communion Minister for any of the weekday masses during Lent, there is a schedule for sign-up in the Sacristy. It is on the counter next to the Liturgical Ministry Check-in Board.

### NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR

**SUNDAYS. February 16 thru May 19** If you have any conflicts or requests for this period, please leave a message at **651-222-2867** or **651-310-0830**. This schedule covers the ministries of Altar Server, Lector, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer and Usher/Greeter. The schedulers need the information no later than **January 18th**.

### THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE DRIVE

says **Thank You!** Thank you to all the volunteers who called for donors, worked in the various areas during the drive; to Marion, Angie, Diane, Fran, Jeanne, and Pat who received gallon pins for a total of 20 gallons of blood donated, AND to the 46 donors who came, collecting a total of 45 units of whole blood. Many will receive the gift of Life because of your generosity! Also, many thanks to Gen and Vicky for their tireless efforts these many years. Again, thank you and God's Blessing to all!

Area Catholic **High Schools** will hold their **Placement/Entrance Exams** for the 2002-2003 school year on Saturday, January 19, 2002 from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Plan to take the exam at your first choice school. Please contact the high school's Admission Director if you have further questions.

**BENEDICTINE DAY OF PRAYER** Come pray with the monks of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville as they host a day-retreat on the following Fridays: January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, and May 31. The retreats are from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm at the Abbey. The \$50 program fee includes materials and two meals. For more information or to register: call 320-363-3929; Spirlife@csbsju.edu.

**"A Culture of Life: A culture of Protection - How the Prolife Movement is Related to Patriotism"** by Dr. David Pence January 21st at 7:00 pm in the chapel at St. Joseph's Church in West St. Paul. The speaker is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #4184. This program is targeted at men, but all women are definitely invited. Please join us in this enormously important topic and rekindle the spirit and patriotism during these times.

**Thank You to everyone who helped out with the Christmas music this season!** Thank you to the: Adult and Youth Choir members, the Hand Bell Choir, the Festival Choir singers and instrumentalists. You put in many hours of preparation and ministry. Thank you for your time and talent!



### SCOUTING UPDATE

On Saturday 1/5, the **Venture Crew** went to Spirit Mountain in Duluth. They skied and snowboarded for 10 hours on the slopes overlooking Duluth and

Lake Superior. Their meeting to plan future events will be Monday, 1/28, at 7:00 pm in the Scout Room of the school.

While the Venture Crew was in Duluth the **Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts** were at Marthaler Park enjoying sledding and lunch.

On **January 15 at 7:00 pm**, we will be having an all Scout adult committee meeting in the Scout Room of the school. This meeting is to plan future events we will do together. All adults involved in Scouting at St. Matthew's or interested in being a part of these programs are encouraged to attend.

**Young people interested in being part of the Scouting program, please call the Parish Center.**

**ST. MICHAEL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** When: Sunday, January 20, 2002 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

What: All the pancakes you can eat! Sausage, juice, milk, coffee.

Price: 3 and under free 4-10yrs old \$3.00

Everyone over 10 \$4.50 Family rate: \$15.00

**All proceeds will be given to support Wakota Life Care Center.**

### THANKS, THANKS, AND THANKS AGAIN

We are most grateful for all that was done to make Christmas special for many people. Your donations of gift certificates, money, and gifts under the tree were numerous and wonderful. A total of sixteen plus hours were spent displaying all the gifts on tables. Thanks to the maintenance people who hauled tables up and down as we needed more and more of them; special words of gratitude to the Men's Club who donated the proceeds from their auction and made 2 families very happy. For the past two years the parish has donated a poinsettia plant to all our parishioners who are in health care centers. Special thanks to the following people who helped display the gifts and/or "mind the store" when the families came to get gifts; and/or distributed the flowers to the health care centers: Dorothy Bade, Eleanor Bisciglia, Betty Demarest, Adeline Duerscherl, Cleo Herzog, Lavina Jack, Mary Topritzhofer, Carol Redding. Your time, energy, and gifts are truly appreciated. Sister Mary Colleen Hau, SSND Pastoral Minister

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. This Feast marks the final moment of the Christmas Season and the inauguration of the public ministry of Jesus. It is in this event that God touches Jesus of Nazareth and proclaims that He is the visible, tangible, human presence of God. It is the moment in which the Spirit of God rushes upon Jesus and fills Him with power. It is the moment in which Jesus receives his "vocation", his "destiny".

This moment in the life of Jesus is pivotal. Some scholars of the Scriptures say that in this event Jesus becomes the Christ, the Messiah.

Each of us has passed through the waters of baptism – not the baptism of John, as Jesus did, but the baptism into the mystery of Christ. Each of us has received our "vocation" or "destiny" in the waters of "regeneration". Each of us has been "marked" by the mystery of Christ – His death and resurrection – in the water.

In the waters of baptism we are "claimed" by God, we are given our "birth right and inheritance", we are adopted as "children of God".

What birth is to family, baptism is to church. Our lives of faith are the living out of our baptism. Baptism is not a static moment in life; it is the fundamental and dynamic element of our life. We are daily becoming more and more "baptized", bathed, drowned, and covered by and in the mystery of God in Jesus Christ.

Do you have a copy of your baptismal certificate? Do you know the date of your baptism? Do you have a picture of that event? Do you still have the candle you received at baptism? Do you celebrate your baptismal anniversary?

I encourage you to spend a bit of time thinking about that event, that moment when you did nothing and God did everything, that moment when your life is forever changed, that event by which you were brought into an intimate and eternal relationship with God in the mystery of Christ.

It is the moment in which each of us received our destiny, our vocation. Am I more baptized today than I was a year ago? I am deeper plunged into the mystery of Christ now than I was ten years ago?

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

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#### **Office Hours:**

Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30am-7:30 pm;  
Fri. 8:30am-4 pm; Sat. 9 am-1 pm

#### **Pastor:**

Father Stephen J. Adrian

#### **Priest in Residence:**

Father Martin L. Warren

#### **Deacon:**

Rev. Mr. John Murphy

#### **Director of Operations:**

Arthur Bowman

#### **Pastoral Minister:**

Sister Mary Colleen Hau, SSND

#### **Music Minister:**

Dana McCarthy, (651) 310-0830

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Patty Flynn

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David Rosas

#### **Administrative Assistant:**

Sirena Ortega

#### **Prayerline Receiver:**

222-3622 or 224-2903

### ***Saint Matthew Education & Formation***

Scott Breimhorst (651) 224-6912

#### ***Day School***

(651) 224-6912

#### ***Extended Day***

(651) 228-1535

### ***Saint Matthew Child Care Center***

(651) 224-1450 / 224-1459

### ***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.