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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	Robert Norton Marcella Lawrence
Tuesday	6:45 AM 12:10 PM	George Sonnen Stella Lundquist
Wednesday	6:45 AM 12:10 PM	Lorraine Heinisch Phillip Snaza
Thursday	6:45 AM 12:10 PM	Jeanette Dieter Marc Ortega
Friday	6:45 AM 5:15 PM	Beverly Kennedy Mike George
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Karas Luz Losoya
Sunday	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Robert Michaelski Duane Cordie Parishioners

Weekly Schedule

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2002

Sunday, February 17:
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11
 12:00 Baptism
 12:30 Baptism
 1:00 Baptism

Monday, February 18: *Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46*
 9:30 am Lenten Faith Sharing Grp, Parish Ctr
 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in Church

Tuesday, February 19: *Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15*
 7:15 am Reconciliation
 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
 6:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting, Parish Center

Wednesday, February 20: *Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32*
 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
 5:45 pm Potluck /Discussion, School Rm 101
 6:30 pm Adult Handbell, Church
 7:00 pm Conversation on Catholic Faith

Thursday, February 21: *Est 9:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12*
 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
 5:00 pm Youth Handbell
 5:30 pm Youth Choir
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, February 22: *1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19*
 4:00 - 7:00 pm Fish Fry in Social Hall

Saturday, February 23: *Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48*
 4:00 pm Reconciliation

Next Sunday, February 24:
Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



Congratulations to **Mary Schletty** for receiving the Scout of the Year Award; and to the **Reynolds Family** for being named Scouters of the year. Thank you to all who helped make the Scout Mass and gathering afterwards a huge success.

Scouting is strong at St. Matthew's and we look forward to being part of this community for a long time.

Venture News The Venture's have decided on 3 activities:

1. Twin Cities after Dark, April 12, approx. cost \$25.
2. Kaposia Camporee, May 3,4,5 \
3. Kayaking and Rock Climbing on Lake Superior, August 4-9; approx. cost \$300.

There will be a meeting on March 4, 7:00 pm, in the Scout Room to solidify ideas for fund raising to help those who wish to go to these events. If any of these activities sounds interesting to you, and you are between 14-20 or an adult who would like to chaperone, please come to the meeting.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Monday evenings at 7:00 pm during Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross in church. We invite you to walk and pray with us.

THANKYOU to Saint Matts Team Two for thier dedicated service and a delicious meal served to 130 guests. We are in need of a few more strong helpers to help with clean up. For more info call Doris 651-690-7077. Special Thanks to Lila Einberger who helps with clean up every night at Loaves & Fishes

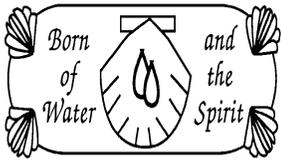
ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT Next Sunday, February 24, Archbishop Harry Flynn will celebrate the 10:30 am Mass and visit with us afterward in the Social Hall. Archbishop Flynn delights in meeting parish members and looks forward to meeting you, as we look forward to hosting him at Saint Matthew's.

FISH & FIX'INS FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

The St. Matthew's Men's Club is sponsoring the dinners in the Social Hall from 4-7:00 pm every Friday until March 22. Meal includes baked potatoe, salad, vegetable side dish, coffee, milk, and all the fish you can eat! Adults \$7.00; children (4-12) \$3.50; children 3 yrs and under are FREE, Family value deal for immediate family only \$25.00. Soda, wine and beer are available at an additional cost.

STEWARDSHIP
 Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Treasure Last Weekend: \$8533.12 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 \$9435.16 **Youth Treasure:** \$27.05 was given in child and young peoples envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions. **School Fund:** Another \$86.00 was contributed to the programs in our day school.



We welcome into the St. Matthew parish community those who were baptized during the month of January:: Marco Antonio Rosa, Rebecca Que-Xuan Lackner, Jenna Francine Marlowe,

Araya Danielle Finstad, and Andrew Jason Gorr

FUNERALS CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The community of St. Matthew offered support and solace to the families of Margaret Moister, Gertrude Thompson, and Megan Tomlinson.

SHARE A -MEAL AND A PRAYER This Wednesday, February 20 is the start of the 5 weeks of Potluck supper (5:45 - 6:30 pm in the School Room 101) and discussion (6:30 - 7:45 pm) sponsored by the Adult Enrichment Committee. This is a family event. We ask that you bring a dish to share. After dinner, the younger children will have activities in the kindergarten room, those in Religious Ed will go to class, those of Religious Ed age but not in Religious Ed will view a movie from our video library, and the adults will discuss Sunday's gospel. You are not required to attend all 5 Wednesdays, nor are you required to come for both the supper and after supper activities. You are welcome, whenever you can come. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Scholastic Book Fair at St. Matthew's School during the Catholic Schools Week Open House. Thanks to your support, it was another huge success!!

Rosary Society Information

Deanery Meeting, Thursday, February 21 at Church of St. Gregory. Call Beth Geis (651)455-0298 or Stella Lundquist (651) 552-9448 by February 18 for reservations.

ACCW Legislative Day is Tuesday, February 26 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 pm at the Kelly Inn in St. Paul. Speakers include Brian Rusche (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition speaking on "Dayon the Hill"), Steve Sviggum (Speaker of the House on current legislation issues and expectations), Rober Moe (Senate Majority Leader on current legislation issues and expectations) and Bill McGuire (Normandale College on the importance and effectiveness of caucuses). Register at the door, \$10.00 fee and lunch is included.

OUR LENTEN ENVIRONMENT Once again, our holy water fonts are dry and our Baptismal font stands empty and bound in the midst of our assembly. Once again, we are invited to focus on our thirst for Christ and the saving waters of our baptism. The cleansing and healing nature of these waters is remembered in the presence of dried sage and lavender. The course and simple textures of wood, rocks, rope and burlap mark the penitential nature of this season. Where Christmas season's festive evergreen wreathes once celebrated the new life of Christ's incarnation, wreathes of grapevine, burlap and Lenten purple now remind us that our new life in Christ comes to us through the cross. The symbolism is simple and strong. Two of our fourth grade students, watching the construction of the wreathes commented (without promotion) on how much the wreathes reminded them of the Crown of Thorns.

Our Order for St. Joseph Missal 2002 has arrived! If you are one of those who missed the chance to purchase one of these missals last fall, here's another opportunity. Please purchase one (\$5.00) at the back of Church this weekend and take the precaution of writing your name inside the front or back cover. Someone left their 2002 missal behind after the 5 pm mass 2/2 and we don't know whom to return it to. Dana has it in her office.

THE ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL SCOTCH Doubles Bowling Tournament is on Saturday, March 2. Bowling is at 2:00 PM at West Side Lanes with dinner and dance at 6:00 PM at the Fort Snelling Club. Open to all Cash prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd place in High Game, High Series, Low Game, Low Series. Price per person is \$25.00. Dinner and Dance open to all person - \$21.00 per person. Meal Choices are 8 oz. top sirloin, 8 deep fried shrimp or chicken kiev. RSVP with meal choices in by Monday, February 25, call Tim Nowak at 687-2850.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Pledges and donations continue to be deposited into the Capital Campaign account.

Week of January 28: \$14,574.70

Week of February 4: \$2,617.00

Thanks to everyone for their timely and generous participation. The St. Matthew's Capital Campaign Transition Team has been formed and meets monthly to assist Fr. Adrian in overseeing campaign funds which are deposited in a separate account from other parish funds, and in staging the renovations as these funds become available in amounts to pay for specific projects. Beginning in February two Capital Campaign envelope will be included in the regular envelope packet that is mailed to our homes. Additional envelopes are also available in the back of church. Quarterly reports are also mailed to each person who has a balance due on their pledge. These are not bills, they are reports. Pledge payments plans can be changed at any time. Just call the campaign office at (651) 293-0697 any time and speak to Colleen Erickson. Parishioners may make checks out to Saint Matthew's Capital Campaign.

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This is the First Sunday of Lent, the formal beginning of this Season of Faith and Life. The Church invites us to take up some “practices” in the keeping of Lent – Lent is to be a time of action, not a time of passivity. Lent is a time to “walk” more deeply in faith, a time to “act” more strongly out of a sense of Gospel call, a time to “engage” ourselves in an intentional following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Three traditional practices encouraged during Lent are:

Prayer
Fasting
Alms Giving

Prayer: How is my prayer life? Is there a regular time and place I give to prayer daily? Do I take the time, make the space to be quiet and alone with God? Does my family pray together – at meals times, at bedtime. Do I have the practice of beginning my day with prayer – the morning offering? Do I find time in the week to prayerfully read from the Scriptures? Can I use the time of Lent to slowly, reflectively, carefully read the Gospels from beginning to end – just a little bit each day?

Fasting: Life is so immediate for me. A thought comes into my head and I act. I “need” something and I run out to get it. I “want” something and I immediately look to get it. Immediate gratification is almost a way of life. Fasting is a way of “slowing” down, breathing a bit. Fasting is a way of practicing “deferred gratification”, a way of remembering that what I “want” is not always what I need; and that all those things I call “needs” are often really “wants”. Fasting is a way of making some space in my life, cleaning out some of the compulsive clutter in my life, reducing some of the “demands” in my life. Fasting is a humane and life giving way of living.

Alms Giving: One of the first things we teach a child to do is “share” – share his toys, share his snack. We acknowledge that helping a child to think of others is an important part of growing up and being part of a society. Jesus tells his disciples that sharing who one is and what one has is an act of faith – a way of affirming that all I am and all I have is a gift of God. It is not mine, it is mine to use. Alms giving is nothing more than sharing my gifts and resources with others. Alms giving is the opposite of “selfishness”. How can I use this Season to think of others? How can I share my time and resources with others? What changes need to take place in my life so that I can “give” as well as receive.

Lent is a time of renewal and a time of new life. If I am serious about this opportunity, I will come to the Feast of Easter renewed in body, mind and spirit.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

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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.