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The Community of St. Matthew



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



Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	Helen Leibl John Bandholz
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Robert Michalski
	12:10 PM	Lawrence and Gertrude Thompson
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Irene and Clarence Bunde
	12:10 PM	Gertrude Mack
Thursday	6:45 AM	Lois Ford
	12:10 PM	Julie St. Sauver
Friday	6:45 AM	Beverly Kennedy
	5:15 PM	George Sonnen
Saturday	5:00 PM	Frank Jack Stephen Vesey
Sunday	8:00 AM	Paul Schommer Renee Charboneau Thomas Clemen
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

ON MONDAYS DURING LENT, the Stations of the Cross are being prayed at 7:00 PM in the church. You are all invited.

**DONORS ARE NEEDED!!!**

Mark your calendars for March 30th. That's when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here at Saint Matthew's from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

**ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING COLLECTING**

by Boy Scout Troop 107 will be the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd before and after RECYCLE Masses. Thanks to everyone who saves for the boys. The money they earn goes toward their camping activities.

THANK YOU, PASTOR WALT WIETZKE! Walt Wietzke, Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church on West Seventh Street, and a Loves and Fishes Team Member who serves at Saint Matthew's, helped recover the statue of the Blessed Virgin that was taken from the Little Sisters of the Poor. Walt had heard on the street that the statue was in his neighborhood and he encouraged a member of St. Marks' to "keep his eyes and ears open." After a bit of sleuthing Walt discovered the whereabouts of the statue and was able to return it to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Nice work, Sherlock!

Weekly Schedule**Readings for the Week of March 3, 2002**

Sunday, March 3	<i>Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42</i>
Monday, March 4	<i>2 Kgs 5:1-15a; Lk 4:24-30</i>
	9:30 AM Lenten Faith Sharing Group, Parish Center
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
Tuesday, March 5	<i>Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35</i>
	7:00 AM Reconciliation
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
	6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting
	7:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting
	7:00 PM First Reconciliation, Church
Wednesday, March 6	<i>Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
	5:00 PM Adult Hand Bell Practice, Church
	7:00 PM Conversations on Catholic Faith
	7:00 PM Men's Club Board Meeting, Social Hall
Thursday, March 7	<i>Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
	5:00 PM Youth Hand Bell/Choir Practice, Church
	5:30 PM Youth Choir Practice, Church
	7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice, Church
	6:30 PM Siberian Carmelite Meeting, Parish Center
Friday, March 8	<i>Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28b-34</i>
	4:00 PM Fish Fry, Social Hall
Saturday, March 9	<i>Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14</i>
	8:00 AM Pinewood Derby
	4:00 PM Reconciliation
Next Sunday, March 10	<i>1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41</i>

Volunteer **WE ARE STILL LOOKING** for a volunteer to answer phones on Thursday evenings in the Parish Center. If you can spare some time on Thursday evenings please contact Sirena at (651) 224-9793.

VENTURE CREW MEETING NOTICE REMINDER
Monday, March 4th, 4:00-7:00 PM in the Scout Room in the school. Members, parents and any interested parties are invited.



Treasure Last Weekend: \$7360.18 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 \$8977.14 **Youth Treasure:** \$29.17 was given in child and young peoples envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions. **School Fund:** Another \$40.00 was contributed to the programs in our day school.



CELEBRATING HOLY THURSDAY Our Paschal Triduum—the holiest three days of the year—begins with Holy Thursday on March 28th. The unique nature of this celebration offers a special opportunity for community participation in the ritual action of this holy night. **First, we have the Grand Mandatum**, commonly referred to as the **Foot Washing Ritual**. By his action, Christ invites us all to humble service. Your direct participation in this ritual is essential to this liturgy. If you are willing to have one of your feet washed on Holy Thursday, please sign up on the Foot Washing volunteer sheet in the back of church.

Second, we have the Eucharistic Procession to the Chapel and the **Prayer Vigil** that concludes this evening. The Chapel Vigil is not intended to be a time of personal devotion so much as it is a time for community prayer before the blessed sacrament. The Church encourages individuals and parish groups to assemble in the Chapel at scheduled times this evening to offer both silent and vocal prayer. To help facilitate this community prayer, members of the Liturgy Committee will be offering brief structured prayer at fifteen minute intervals during the vigil, which will end with Night Prayer offered at 10:00 PM. Your participation is encouraged and essential. Sign up sheets with specific time slots are located at the back of church.

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR If you are interested in joining our choir for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday or the Easter Vigil, please leave Dana a message at (651) 310-0830. She'll get back to you regarding the times and dates of our practices for these liturgies.



FISH & FIX'INS FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

The Saint Matthew's Men's Club is sponsoring the dinners in the Social Hall from 4:00-7:00 PM every Friday until March 22nd. Your meal includes baked potato, salad, vegetable side dish, coffee, milk and all of the fish you can eat! The charges are adults \$7.00, children (ages 4-12) \$3.50, children 3 years old and younger are FREE. The family value deal for your immediate family is \$25.00. Soda, wine and beer are available at an additional cost.

MINNESOTA CALL TO ACTION (Vatican II People) Announces a conference "Who Gets to Decide? Directions For the New Millennium." The conference will be held Saturday, March 16th from 9 AM-3:30 PM at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, MN. Speakers are Father Stephen J. Adrian, Pastor Heather Hammond, Dr. Terance Dosh and Sister Susan Oeffling, CJS. You may register by mail (before March 11th) to CTA, P.O.Box 19406, Minneapolis, MN 55419. Fees are \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members and \$15 for students. Scholarships are available. Please call (612) 927-6825. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

GRIEF CARE GROUP The Church of Saint Matthew is once again offering a series of eight Grief Care meetings beginning on Thursday, April 4th, from 10:00-11:30 AM at the Parish Center. There is no charge to participate. If you are grieving the death of a loved one you will find strength and understanding being among others who are also going through the same experience. Those who are interested in joining the group or if you have any questions please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at (651) 224-9793 by March 14th at the latest. If you are interested in being in a group but can only attend in the evenings, please call me with that information. We have made arrangements whereby you can attend an evening group.

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The Archdiocese Office For Separated and Divorced Persons provides support and counseling services for persons who have experienced or are experiencing the ravages of divorce. It provides spiritual as well as psychological support. It is a partner with the local parish in extending a hand to a person living with the pain of a failed relationship.

I appeal to divorced persons to see Saint Matthew's as a welcoming church home. I appeal to each of you to be sensitive and welcoming to divorced persons. Healing can often take place in a gracious and supportive community.

The hand of Jesus stretches out to grasp the hand of all, especially the hands of those who are suffering.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Sunday, March 3rd marks the 25th anniversary of the Archdiocese Office For Separated and Divorced Persons. To honor this event Archbishop Harry Flynn will host a reception at his residence, 230 Summit Avenue, from 3:00-5:00 PM.

The rate of divorce in Catholic marriages is not greater or less than the general population—almost half of marriages end in divorce. The rate of divorce climbs precipitously when one or both parties are under 20 years of age at the time of marriage.

Very often young marriages get into trouble because young couples experiencing difficulties feel ashamed or reluctant to seek help from a marriage counselor or their local pastor. They feel that they are able to “work it out for themselves.” Often this leads to more serious issues and by the time the couple is willing to seek help it is often too late—too many words have been spoken and deeds have been done to ransom or save the marriage.

Quite often Catholics believe that because they are divorced they are no longer welcome at church. Some Catholics believe they are “automatically excommunicated” when they divorce. **Neither of these is true.**

A failed marriage is a painful and devastating experience. I have never met a divorced person who has not entered marriage with the highest and loftiest expectations and desires and hopes. I have never met a divorced person who does not value marriage. I have met thousands of divorced persons for whom their marriage has been a painful and destructive experience.

Divorce occurs for many reasons. At times the fundamental and persistent immaturity of one or other person is the reason; sometimes one or other person is a sociopath—chronically immature, undependable, with little moral sense. More than 10% of the adult population of the United States is a sociopath. Sometimes divorce is the result of rampant chemical or alcohol abuse or physical and emotional abuse. Often the scars are deep and long lasting.

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 and 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.