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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

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| Monday | 6:45 AM Vern Cashman Bernard Ferber |
| Tuesday | 6:45 AM James Kilburg 12:10 PM Charles Parker |
| Wednesday | 6:45 AM Daniel Cullinan 12:10 PM Henry Jungbauer |
| Thursday | 6:45 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Matthews Catholic Aid Council 12:10 PM Donald Eggum |
| Friday | 6:45 AM Jeanette Dieter David Becker |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM Phillip Snaza Marcella Lawrence Rose Campa |
| Sunday | 8:00 AM Karl Marsollek Deceased Members of the Fee Family 10:30 AM Parishioners |

LEISURE CLUB MEETING

St. Matthew's Leisure Club meeting will be held on March 13 at 1:30 pm in the Social Hall. Come and celebrate the upcoming St. Patrick's Day by wearing something green. You can pay your 2002 dues, if you have not done so. Hope to see you there.

GRIEF CARE GROUP

The Church of St. Matthew is once again offering a series of 8 Grief Care Meetings beginning on Thursday, April 4, 2002 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 Sr. Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister at 224-9793 by March 14. If you are interested in being in a group but can only attend in the evenings, please call Sr. Colleen with that information. We have made arrangements whereby you can attend an evening group.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS You're invited to walk the path of the Stations of the Cross on Mondays during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church.


Weekly Schedule
Readings for the Week of March 10, 2002

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| Sunday, March 10: | <i>1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;</i> <i>Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41</i> |
| Monday, March 11: | <i>Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54</i> 9:30AM Lenten Faith Sharing Group PCenter 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church 7:00PM Catholic Order of Foresters Mtg PCent |
| Tuesday, March 12: | <i>Ez 47:1-9; Jn 5:1-16</i> 7:15 AM Reconciliation Church 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 6:30PM Girl Scout Mtg PCenter 7:00 PM First Communion Meeting |
| Wednesday, March 13: | <i>Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 7:00 PM Conversation on Catholic Faith |
| Thursday, March 14: | <i>Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Hall 5:00PM Youth HB Choir Church 5:30PM Youth Choir Church 7:00PM Adult Choir Church |
| Friday, March 15: | <i>Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i> 4:00PM Fish Fry, Social Hall |
| Saturday, March 16: | <i>Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53</i> 4:00 PM Reconciliation |
| Next Sunday, March 17: | <i>Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;</i> |



Be a Blood Donor The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at St. Matthew's on Holy Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The need for blood is always with us. Please consider being a donor. Your gift may save a life. Thank you.

ROSARY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

St. Matthew's Rosary Society General Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. Irene Wimmer will introduce a "Five Point" program for planning your last wishes about your health and funeral. At 7:30 pm, Kay O'Keefe will present a slide show talk about Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. Refreshments following. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP
If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it; if it is in heaven, you are going to it.

Treasure last weekend: \$13,001.67 The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000.
Year-to-date average is \$9424.31 Thank you for your generous support.
Youth Treasure: \$39.45 was donated in children and young people's envelopes.
Thank you for your support, your prayers, and all your good deeds during Lent.

Second collection for St. Matthew's School: \$1484.50. Thank you for this GREAT stewardship We are still behind our target amount, remember missed weekend contributions can be contributed at any time.

Memorial: \$870.00 was donated in memory of George Sonnen Sr. Many thanks to Marguerite Sonnen and her family who requested that memorial be made to St. Matthew's School.

Thank you to Waste Management who beginning on March 1st handle our trash and recycling free of charge.

S. Adrian



ATTENTION COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS! If you would like to minister at one of the **TRIDUUM or EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES**, please leave a message with Dana at **651-310-0830**. Our Ministry schedule for the Triduum and Easter Sunday will be prepared and sent out the week of March 17.

FOOT WASHING RITUAL AND COMMUNITY PRAYER VIGIL There are sign-up sheets in the back of church for both the Foot Washing Ritual and the Community Prayer Vigil in the Chapel on Holy Thursday. These special opportunities for ritual and prayer happen just once a year - during the holiest three days of the Church calendar. They are liturgical acts that require community participation on a level unlike any other time of the year. The simple act of allowing another to wash our feet gives witness to the humility we are called to as we commit ourselves to service of others in the name of Christ. The community prayer vigil following our Holy Thursday liturgy is a continuation of the great 3 day liturgy that begins with this evening - the Holy Triduum. It marks the beginning of a worldwide vigil by the Church and invites us to enter more fully into "the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection."

FESTIVAL CHOIR If you would like to be a part of the music ministry for Palm Sunday, the Triduum and/or Easter Sunday, please call Dana at **651-310-0830**. We typically rehearse on Thursdays in the church from 7-8:30 pm. Come join us!

ST. MATTHEW'S 500 CARD CLUB

February 500 Card Club Winners:

1st Place, 2980: Marge Lorch and Trudy Ewald

2nd Place, 2700: Gayle Stelter and Rita Marquardt

ST. MATTHEW'S LADIES BRIDGE CLUB SCORES

February

1st Place, 2860: Mary Hanson and Betty Schaughnessy

2nd Place, 2840: Mabel Cubus and Helen Smith

March

1st Place, 4040: Helen Wallin and Viola Wise

2nd Place, 3790: Lois Morgan and Maybelle Johnson

Diane Heitzinger has resigned her position as school administrative assistant. All are welcome to attend school mass on March 19th at 8:20AM. Please join us in saying thank you to Diane for everything she has done for our school.

"WHO GETS TO DECIDE? DIRECTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM" Minnesota Call to Action (Vatican II People) announces this conference on Saturday, March 16, 2002 from 9:00am - 3:30 pm. The conference will be held at Normandale Community College in Bloomington. Speakers are: Fr. Stephen Adrian; Pastor Heather Hammond; Dr. Terance Dosh; Sr. Susan Oefflin, CSJ. Cost is \$40, scholarships are available. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Call Sharon Masloski at 651-457-3858 for registration details.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS matching fund fish fry here at St. Matthew's is this Friday, March 22. The proceeds will go to St. Matthew's School. Watch for details in next week's Bulletin.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK RETREAT FOR MEN

The retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo March 27-30, 2002. It will begin on Wednesday at 7:00 pm and conclude on Saturday at 1:00 pm. The theme is "Watch and Pray." For more information and a reservation form, please call (763) 682-1394.

SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH ELEVATOR: Three sites have been investigated for the placing of the elevator in our church.

1. The entrance to the Social Hall and Church off the parking lot and entering the worship through the door by the organ.
2. The main entrance of the Church and what is now known as the Bride's Room entering the Social Hall through what is now the storage area behind the bar.
3. The main entrance of the Church and in what is now the storage room off the sacristy, entering the Social Hall at the Robie Street entrance.

Sites 2 and 3 appear to be the most cost efficient, although they will demand some relocation of storage spaces for parish uses.

The plan is to have the elevator installed in the summer months and ready for operation by Labor Day. It takes from 12-16 weeks for the elevator construction-in the meantime the site will be prepared and readied for the elevator installation.

The ramp at the main entrance of the church will have to be redesigned to meet state codes, and perhaps the wash room off the sacristy will be enlarged to make it handicapped accessible.

The cost of this piece of our project will be between \$125,00 and \$150,000 depending on the extent of renovation. This is more than the \$100,000 that was originally projected.

The Saint Matthew Capital Campaign Transition Team will be meeting to determine the work to be done to the school building during the summer months.

I am grateful to all who have and continue to support our Capital Campaign, and I am eager to see the work begin!

S. Adrian

Dear St. Matthew Community and Visitors,

This weekend marks the halfway point in the Season of Lent. It is time to take stock, time to look at my observance of the season, time to readjust the compass or gyroscope.

Mother Nature has dealt us a cruel blow, a cynical stroke, an ironic twist as we saunter into the first days of spring. The winter has been so mild and temperate, now the arctic blast pounds us!

This is not a bad metaphor of the spiritual journey. Just when I think everything is on an even keel, just when I breathe easy and tell myself all is in control, just when I sit back and bask in the "steady as she goes" mentality - the world gets turned upside down, the ground shakes and I find myself in a different place.

As Lent began on Ash Wednesday, I resolved to see this season as an opportunity to stand in a different place, an opportunity to await with expectation the face of the Lord, an opportunity to be drawn by the Spirit of God to a fresh and different appreciation of God's presence and God's love. Lent is a time to be surprised by the Spirit.

In the Gospel passage this week, we meet a man born blind. Jesus gives him sight, and that poor blind man gets more grief than he ever expected. No one wants to accept the fact that a born-blind man should see; no one wants to have the apple cart of nature turned over, no one wants to make room for the unexpected and the unpredicted. No one wants "to see." The irony is that the one person in the story who couldn't "see" is the one who can "see beyond the tip of his nose."

This midcourse correction in Lent allows me to focus again on my need to let the mystery of God work its way in my life, my need to let go of the compulsion to control and manipulate and make sure "everything gets done right."

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: 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.