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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 Ferber
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Bernard Ferber
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Margaret Magner
Thursday	6:45 AM	Daniel Becker
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Deceased members of the Snaza Family
Sunday	8:00 AM	Florence Koopmeiners
	10:30 AM	Parishioners



First Communion

FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEK-END Saturday, April 20th, 5:00 PM, Emily Smith. Sunday, April 21st, 10:30 AM, Teresa Larocque, Shay Martineau and Maritrz Duran.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Tootsie Roll Drive April 27th after the 5:00 PM mass and April 28th after the 8:00 and 10:30 AM masses.

JOSEPH'S COAT COLLECTION This weekend, the Saint Matthew Boy Scout Troop 107 and Joseph's Coat Group are combining their efforts in collecting donated items - personal and food items, socks and underwear to be given to Joseph's Coat and the neighborhood food shelf. There are boxes by each entrance to put the donations in. The Boy Scouts are at the doors to help collect the items. Thank you for your support and generosity.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION Boy Scout Troop 107 will be collecting aluminum cans on the weekend of April 27th and 28th before and after each mass. The scout trailer will be parked in the parking lot for you to drop off the aluminum cans. Thank you for your support!

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS Due to the process of upgrading our membership software the first quarter statements will be late. This software upgrade will help us to eliminate errors on contribution statements as well as manage parish information more accurately. We apologize for any inconvenience that this delay may cause.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 21	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10</i>
9:00 AM	Will and Estate Planning, Social Hall
11:30 AM	Will and Estate Planning, Social Hall
Monday, April 22	<i>Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
Tuesday, April 23	<i>Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
Wednesday, April 24	<i>Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
6:30 PM	Adult Hand Bell, Church
Thursday, April 25	<i>1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20</i>
10:00 AM	Grief Care Group, Parish Center
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
5:00 PM	Youth Hand Bell, Church
5:30 PM	Youth Choir Practice, Church
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice, Church
7:00 PM	Scout Meeting, Social Hall
Friday, April 26	<i>Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6</i>
Saturday, April 27	<i>Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14</i>
Sunday, April 28	<i>Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12</i>
1:00 PM	Baptism, Chapel
1:30 PM	Baptism, Chapel

**♦ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS:**

- ♦ Our work week is June 17 - 21.
 - ♦ The work site is 315 Spring Street in Hastings, MN.
- Sign-up weekends will be May 18/19 and June 1/2. Check the bulletin board at the back of the church for the most current information

available.

† STEWARDSHIP

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

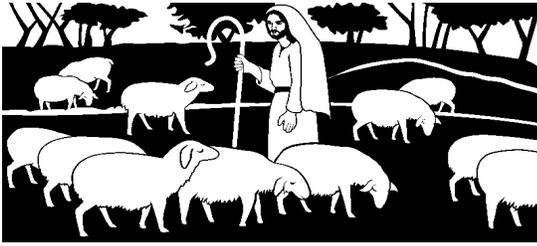
The stewardship offering for Sunday April 14th: \$10,553.17.

The weekly budgeted amount from the plate and envelope is \$10,000.

We are still behind the target amount for this calendar year.

Youth Treasure: \$24.20 was donated in children and young peoples' envelopes.

Thank you for your generous stewardship.



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I have been reluctant to address the issues arising from clergy sexual exploitation of children and adolescents – reluctant because of the deluge of reporting that has taken place over the weeks and months, reluctant because it appears that each day new allegations, new responses, new crises, new developments emerge, it is difficult for me to get a fix on the enormity, the breadth, the scope, the dimensions of all that is happening, and its effect on the future of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The physical, sexual and emotional abuse of vulnerable persons – children, adolescents and vulnerable adults is a crime of unspeakable dimension.

Some children and adolescents are deeply and permanently scared by the exploitive and abusive actions of parish priests, and the ability of Church authority to respond with openness and determination in the light of such events is clearly called into question.

One of the unfortunate and sinister results of this crisis is the suspicion cast on a truly beautiful aspect of the mission of the Church – the education and formation of children and young people and ministry to vulnerable and hurting persons.

Now some clergy and some parish communities distance themselves from interaction with children – a way of self-protection. In some places policies forbid physical closeness to children.

Saint Matthew's Community will not be deterred or held hostage by the current crisis in the Church. We will not draw back from our children and young people, we will not abandon what has been and is a central piece of our Gospel mission – the education and nurturing of the young. We will not abandon our children, hold them at arms length, and treat them as if they are less than worthy of the attention, understanding and interest of adults. We will not deny them the closeness they crave and the interaction they deserve.

Saint Matthew's says to children: "You are important". "You belong". "You are the best in our lives." "You are our hope for tomorrow". "You are God's gift."

We expend most of our resources and our energy on children and young people – religious education, day school, childcare and pre-school, extended day opportunities, scouting, etc. We are renewing our facilities at the cost of millions of dollars to serve and educate children and young people and serve a wide community for years to come. Saint Matthew's will not be deterred from our mission and our mandate.

We will not allow the deeds of a few and the shameful abdication of authority by some to deter us from who we are.

For almost 34 years a daily part of my ministry has been with children and young people – they always bring a smile to my face, a lightness to my spirit, a hope to my heart.

In the coming weeks I will write a few reflections on the current crisis – the sexual abuse of young people and the abuse of authority.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor



**Don't
Forget!**

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

Don't forget to get your scheduling requests and conflicts in for the next Liturgical Ministry Schedule. The new schedule will run from the first weekend of June through Labor Day weekend, and covers Lectors, Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Ushers/Greeters and Gift Bearers. Please contact the Scheduling Committee **before May 3rd**. Leave a message with Ginny at (651) 222-2867 or e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com. We all know "God doesn't make junk" but be sure to label yourself as 'Saint Matt's Schedule' in the 'subject' box so you don't get tossed out with the junk mail!



**IS ST. MATTHEW'S
A WARM & WEL-
COMING COMMU-
NITY?**

For those of us who have made our home here, the answer is probably "yes." But we need to ask another question, "Could we be doing MORE as a community to welcome ALL those who step into our worship space for Sunday liturgy?" The Church teaches us that our worship environment should provide "a climate of hospitality in which people are comfortable with one another, either knowing or being introduced to one another." (*Environment and Art in Catholic Worship*.) Many of us do this individually, yet there are still visitors who come to worship with us that are not greeted or welcomed in a special way. Our Greeter Ministry exists to extend the hospitality we are called to share in our liturgical gatherings, yet we need new members. You don't need special training for this ministry - just a few extra minutes before mass and a warm smile. This is a ministry the whole family can participate in. Give it some prayerful thought.

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 8:00 AM 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.