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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	Lloyd Erickson John Bandholz
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Robert Stickler, Sr. Marcella Lawrence
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Vern Cashman William Schmidt
Thursday	6:45 AM	Pauline Reiland Arthur Geis
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Karas Joseph Hepplemann
Sunday	8:00 AM	Karl Marsollek Helen Devlin Lang
	10:30 AM	Parishioners


**Weekly Schedule**

Sunday, May 5	<i>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21</i>
12:00 PM	Baptism, Chapel
12:30 PM	Baptism, Chapel
1:30 PM	May Family Rosary Procession, Cathedral of St. Paul
Monday, May 6	<i>Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
6:30 PM	Girls Scouts, Parish Center
Tuesday, May 7	<i>Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
Wednesday, May 8	<i>Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15</i>
1:00 PM	Leisure Club, Social Hall
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
6:30 PM	Adult Hand Bell Choir, Church
7:00 PM	Mends Club General Mtg, Hall
Thursday, May 9	<i>Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20</i>
10:30 AM	Grief Care Group, Parish Center
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
5:00 PM	Youth Hand Bell Choir, Church
5:30 PM	Youth Choir, Church
7:00 PM	Adult Choir, Church
Friday, May 10	<i>Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23a</i>
Saturday, May 11	<i>Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28</i>
Sunday, May 12	<i>Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a</i>



**FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND** Saturday (5:00 PM): John Mike, Sunday (10:30 AM): Erin Burns.

**SENIOR CITIZEN RECOGNITION MASS** Catholic Charities is once again sponsoring an annual Senior Recognition Mass on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at Transfiguration Church in Oakdale. There will be Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Harry Flynn, followed by lunch and entertainment. The cost for the day is \$13.00. Check-in begins at 10:00 and the day closes at approximately 2:00 PM. Registration forms can be picked up at the Parish Center or by calling Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister at 224-9793. Registration forms must be received at Catholic Charities no later than May 8, 2002.

**PARISH COUNCIL** elections will be held the weekend of May 18 and 19. This week the names of candidates will be included; next week their pictures and answers to some questions will be included; ballots will be available the following weekend. (Absentee ballots will be available on May 15-17th) The candidates for this year's election are: Nicholas Grunde, Doug Kennedy, Becky Montgomery, Walter Nelson, Martin Olson, John Sekevitch, Mark Thomford, Red Wagner. Thanks to the retiring members: Christine Nelson, Catherine Remackel, Gloria Deziel and Joe Wenker,

**MAY FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSIONS**, "Come Pray for Peace" Sunday, May 5 assemble at 1:30 PM, Procession at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul and also at the Basilica in Minneapolis. On Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM, there will be Rosary procession and devotions in church. Everyone is welcome. Rosary Society members will meet in the chapel at 6:30 PM. Installation of officers and a meeting will follow the ceremony.

**ST. MATTHEW'S LEISURE CLUB** will meet at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, May 8th. This is an important meeting - we will have election of officers for the coming year 2002-03. The Spring Luncheon will be held at Cherokee Sirloin Room on June 12th - Social Hour 11:30 AM, Lunch at 12:00 PM Cost \$13.00. Tickets available at May meeting or by mail from Maxine Semo, 1901 Foxridge Dr., #A, West. St. Paul, MN 55118.

**BRIDGE SCORES FOR APRIL:** Jean St. Martin and Charlotte St. Martin - 3860, Mary Hanson and Betty Shaughnessy - 3410.

✠ **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 28:** \$7,483. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. **Youth Treasure:** \$23.82 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes. **Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to**

**God a portion of what God has lavished on me.**



### Can the Church Be Healed?

By Harry J. Flynn (Continued from April 28)

We are confronting a wonderful opportunity for ultimate healing and for the beginning of a new era in the church, an era of unshakable faith and the emergence of a church stronger and more full of love and hope than we humanly could ever have imagined.

Restoring the trust of the people must first begin with the victims and their families. Cases of clergy misconduct are especially damaging because we all know that priests are called to emulate the charity, chastity and care of Christ the Good Shepherd. The abuse of anyone, especially a minor, by a priest is shocking and among the most depraved of moral aberrations.

There is no way to express the immense sense of pain and anger I have witnessed when ministering to victims of clergy sexual abuse and their families, as I did when I was bishop of Lafayette, La. Often victims and their families would express feelings of humiliation and suffering. They would tell me that their psychological torment was so immense that despite the passing of time, they continued to be affected by the memory of the detestable violation of the victims' body and spirit. Some left the church and to this day have not returned.

These people were crying out for someone to heal them fully. When they told me of the terrible acts perpetrated against them or their children, I was sometimes overwhelmed by the gravity and intensity of their accounts. I knew I would never fully grasp their pain, and I knew I could never take away those horrid experiences.

With time, I came to realize that one very important way to help bring such injured souls solace was to walk with them along their journey of spiritual healing. I tried to reassure them that despite the horrible and heinous offense committed against them by a priest, the victims and their families could with God's help be spiritually healed by faith and hope. While there were some victims I was not able to reach, my attempts to help the injured were increasingly affirmed. I recall one young man who tapped me on the shoulder as I was standing at the church door greeting the people following a parish liturgy and said: "Bishop, I just want you to know I'm O.K." Three years later he proudly introduced me to his fiancée just before they were married.

In fact, as time passed, the exchange between the victims and me became a growing and healing experience for all of us. Each story, each experience, helped me to give more help to other victims, and ultimately the entire diocese began to find healing and a way to begin tackling this very serious problem.

In Lafayette, we not only met with victims and their families; we held healing Masses, sought the advice of victims on how to handle future cases and worked to improve our process for reporting cases of abuses by clergy.

When I was later named archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, I took what I had learned from my experiences in Lafayette and continued my efforts to combat sexual abuse by clergy. By working with those who had drafted a clergy sexual abuse program established under the administration of my predecessor, Archbishop John R. Roach, we worked to ensure that the archdiocesan policy was updated regularly. We also continued to work closely with Minnesota law enforcement authorities and to make sure that all victims had access to an advocate of their choosing. It was also a matter of prime concern to ensure that clergy of the archdiocese accused of misconduct received professional treatment and that assignments (if any) were in line with the advice of a board that included lay professionals in the fields of psychology, psychiatry, sociology, law and law enforcement.

While it is of utmost importance to minister to those who have been sexually abused by priests and to work toward improvements in our policies, we must also remain sensitive to our responsibility to care for the priest-perpetrator. While sexual abuse of anyone is unacceptable, we also need to minister to those clergy members who battle this dreadful condition.

As Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua recently stated to the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, "In no less a manner than anyone would care for a loved one or family member who evidences such sickness or deviant behavior, the church demonstrates not only the justice but also the compassion of Christ."

It is important to remember, too, that we are all, every one of us, called to vigilance in protecting our sisters and brothers, especially the young, from abuse. The sexual abuse of minors is not limited to Catholic priests alone. To think that it is would be a disservice not only to the church and to those priests who have fully dedicated their lives to Christ and are living their vocations to the fullest, but also to any who may be possible victims of any type of offender. We must remember that those who sexually abuse others are found in all walks of life.

When looking at the whole situation, one realizes the enormity of the problem facing the church. But we must not let this daunting task keep us from responding to the opportunity, to what is perhaps even a calling, to bring the church to a new level of commitment to its people. Often in times of crisis, we overlook the simplest of solutions. We must continue to improve our policies, to treat both those injured and ill, and always to work under the law. But we must also remember that works are nothing without prayer. Clearly, healing will come if collectively the church and its people strive to restore the trust of all who have been hurt by the crimes of priests. This restoration of trust must be achieved not only by good works, but also by calling on the Spirit of God, a Spirit that can fill each one of us with beautiful gifts.

We are all one in the body of Christ. If we as Christians truly believe this, we will realize that we are being called to embrace all injured souls in the fullness of the church and to remind one another that the path to freedom lies in the hope and love Jesus Christ has promised to all. Christ himself promised us that against his bride, the church, "the gates of hell will not prevail." Can the church be healed? With God all things are possible.

**The Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn** has been archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minn., since 1995. Before that he was bishop of Lafayette, La., from 1989 to 1994.

**MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** For those parishioners who contribute on a monthly basis we have the opportunity to cut down the number of envelopes they receive to just 12 monthly envelopes and the 42 special envelopes. If you would like to receive the monthly envelopes as opposed to the weekly envelopes please call Sirena at the parish center at 224-9793. This will trim our expenses with the envelope company.

**PROJECT RAINBOW** In preparing decorations for our celebration with our penpals we are in need of 25 wide mouth mason jars (with lids would be great). Please drop them off at the parish center by May 15. Any questions please call Jan Casillas at 450-6781.

**MEMBERSHIP SEARCH FOR COMMISSION ON WOMEN** The Commission on Women of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is accepting applications to serve on the Commission and its Outreach Committees. "The Commission promotes justice, equality, love, spirituality, healing, collaboration and empowerment of God's people, especially the women of this Archdiocese." Our focus for the next few years will be advocating for the needs of women and leadership roles for women in the church. Women and men, religious and lay people from diverse backgrounds and age groups are encouraged to apply. Deadline for accepting applications is May 15, 2002. For an application or more information call Phyllis Willerscheidt at (651)291-4495 or (651)291-4497, email: commisononwomen@archspm.org, or fax 651-290-1628.

**THANK YOU** to our Friends in the Church Community of St. Matthew: Many thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of our ministry to the poor. your contributions of personal care, products, socks, underwear and financial assistance are most appreciated. You have brought happy smiles to many faces today. May you be blessed for your generosity to us. We are deeply grateful. With warmest regards, Liz Lutton, Joseph's Coat Director, Elaine Goldberg, Volunteer. P. S. Thank you also to the Boy Scouts for your help!

**TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AT NO COST:** Do you wish it was easier to hear callers clearly, to hear the phone ring, to dial or hold the phone, or to have your voice understood on the telephone? You may be eligible to receive the telephone equipment you need **at no cost** from the State of Minnesota's Telephone Equipment Distribution Program. for more information call: 1-800-657-3663 (TTY callers 1-800-657-3513).

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(651) 228-1535

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(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.