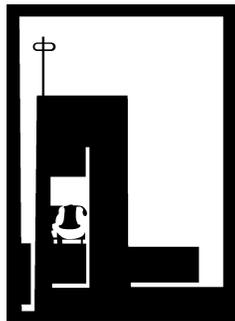


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Mass Intentions

Monday 6:45 AM	Rosalinda Herrera Kathleen Dow
Tuesday 6:45 AM	Arthur Geis Marcella Lawrence
Wednesday 6:45 AM	Rosemary Becker Howard
Thursday 9:00 AM	Jack Heininger Marion Kammerer
Friday 6:45 AM	Bernard Ferber
Saturday 5:00 PM	James Jack Margaret & Peter Przblek Leonard Lang
Sunday 8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
10:30 AM	Parishioners

**Independence Day, JULY 4**

Mass at St. Matthew's on Thursday, July 4 is at **9:00 am** in the Church. There is **NO** service at 6:45 am on July 4.

The Parish Center will be **CLOSED** on July 4th. It will reopen at 8:30 am on Friday, July 5th.

BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE

Due to the July 4th holiday, articles for the Sunday July 7th Bulletin are due **Monday, July 1 at 9:00 am**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Benedictine Day of Prayer

The monks of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville invite you to a day retreat **July 5, 2002** from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. The theme is: "*Set Free by Christ: Accept no Substitutes.*" Prayer with the monks, spiritual conference, discussion, other group and individual prayer time, plus breakfast and lunch included in the \$50 fee. For more information call 320-363-3929 or on-line at Spiriflife@csbsju.edu.

Readings for the Week of June 30, 2002

Sunday, June 30:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Monday, July 1:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22 3:00 pm Loaves & Fishes, Hall
Tuesday, July 2:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27 3:00 pm Loaves & Fishes, Hall
Wednesday, July 3:	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29 3:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Hall 7:00 pm Men's Club Board Mtg, Hall
Thursday, July 4:	Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8 JULY 4, Office Closed 3:00 pm Loaves & Fishes, Hall
Friday, July 5:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday, July 6:	Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday, July 7:	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13;

**Baptisms During the Month of June**

We welcome the following newly baptised members of our parish:

Olivia Mary Rosario, Tatiana Carolyn Young,
Gina Lorraine Latimer, Anna Grace Ahern.

AMERICAN LEGION SUPPORT

Thanks to the support of the American Legion Challenger Post Two. St. Matthew students will participate in a weeklong experience in Legionville. The two students are **Nicole Karas** and **Brian Edwards**. The annual American Legion Pancake Breakfast at the W. St. Paul Armory is one of the events our parish supports that makes this opportunity possible.

Stewardship Report The stewardship offering for Sunday, June 23: \$8,300.19

The weekly amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. We are behind \$856 per week. So far this calendar year we are behind \$21,400.60

Youth Treasure: \$12.60 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes. Thank you for your stewardship and generous giving. **Stewardship is a way of life - a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.**



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Last weekend was the summer solstice – that point in the year when the sun seems to stand still for a few days before and after June 21st. For almost a week we are blessed with sunlight from 5:25 am until 9:05 pm. Solstice comes from two Latin words; **sol** meaning “sun” and **stasis** meaning “standing” – thus the sun stands still – the sun is at rest.

In the ancient Christian Church the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptizer, June 24, was the first day of summer. This feast culminates the celebration of the mystery of Christ – John is the great witness to Jesus as Light of the World. Jesus says of John, “...never has there been a human being born who is greater than John the Baptizer.”

From late December on the sun grows stronger and daylight lengthens – bit by bit, sometimes only a minute a day. In mid March the light begins to race faster and faster, some weeks we experience almost a half hour more sunlight between the beginning and ending of the week. Then the rising sun reaches its apex over the tropic of cancer – and there she stands – bright, warm, burning, unshakable.

The sun fascinated ancient people, attentive to the smallest alteration in light and color. It is not surprising that many ancients deemed the sun divine and worshipped the sun. Egyptians institutionalized worship of the Sun God – Ra. The reason that felines were sacred to the ancients is because in the night the eyes of a cat will glow – and they believed that the sunlight of day was hidden within the cat at night and would emerge again the following day.

Romans championed the Sun God, and held an

annual festival at the darkest time of the year – the time of the Winter Solstice. It was the celebration of Sol Invictus – the unconquerable sun. The Christian feast of Christmas emerged as a way of supplanting the winter celebration of Sol Invictus – and as a witness to Christian belief that Jesus is the Son of God – the Light that has come into the world, the source of all Light and Truth.

Jesus used three “source books” to teach his disciples.

The first, the sacred writings of Israel – the Book of Scripture: He knew the scriptures, he read them, he quoted freely from them, he amplified on them.

The second, the Book of nature: The lakes and the mountains, the vines and the harvests, the birds of the sky and the flocks of the pasture, the stars and moon, the sun and wind – all are for Jesus an occasion for inspiring and instructing.

The third, the Book of human life: The joys and trials of life, the various occupations that consume the days of women and men, the laborers and the shepherds, the merchants and the tax collectors, the fishermen and vine-tenders, the hired worker and the haunted debtor, the baker burying yeast in three measures of flour, the women fetching water from the well, the marriage feast, the funeral rites, the times of human agony and triumph – the fabric of human life becomes the stuff of Jesus teaching.

The good evangelizer still uses all three of these “source books” -- the Book of God’s Word, the Book of God’s creation, the Book of God in human life. The change in seasons provides each of us a chance to see the wonder and magnificence of God.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian, Pastor

Cleaning of St. Matthew's School Building

The washing of the historic school building is just about complete. Building Restoration Company has done a bang up job - the building looks fresh, clean, and bright as a new penny! Now the work will begin on replacing damaged brick, stone, mortar, tuck-pointing, and then doing an acid wash. Many have asked why we cannot get the "new school" cleaned at the same time. The answer is, MONEY. We do not have sufficient funds to wash the exterior of the 1928 building (it will cost \$24,700). If you have not made a gift to the Capital Campaign, or if you would like to make an additional gift you can designate the cleaning of the 1928 building to take place now.

Mission to Red Lake Indian Reservation

From **July 12-19**, young people from St. Matthew's and St. Thomas Becket will participate in a missionary experience at the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Monday through Friday, they will assist in summer religious education programs and Bible study for children on the reservation. They will also help put on a carnival for the enjoyment of the community. Young people **9th - 12th grade** are invited, encouraged, and sought out for this project. The total cost of the experience is \$75 per person (St. Matt's has some scholarships available). Alfonso Wenker and Theo Curley have participated in this work for the past few years. Talk with them, or call the church office for more information **222-9793**.

New Child Care Playground! On Saturday, June 15th, members of St. Matthew and Pax Christi of Eden Prairie assembled and installed a great, new, shiny playground set at the St. Matthew Child Care. Pictures of the workers and the work are on the bulletin board in the back of Church.

Award Given to St. Matthew's Parishioner

Each year the 4th District MN Nurses Association, with 2300 Registered Nurse members presents the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award to one of its members. The Association believes that the heart of nursing is the care given each day to patients. The award this year went to **Kaye Goers**. She was presented the award at the Annual Nurses Week Banquet in May. Kaye is a staff nurse at United Hospital on the surgical floor. Congratulations to Kaye on this honor.

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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.