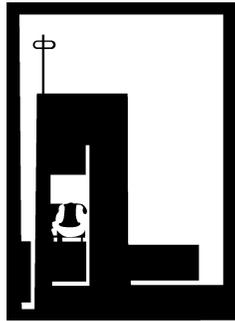


The Community of St. Matthew



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Mass Intentions

Monday 6:45 AM Duane J. Gordie
Renee Charboneau
Tuesday 6:45 AM Irene & Clarence Bunde
George Becker
Wednesday 6:45 AM Margaret Magner
David Becker
Thursday 6:45 AM Frank Jack
Peter Przblek
Friday 6:45 AM
Saturday 5:00 PM Francis & Matt Schleicher
Joseph Karas
Ella Rosenberger
Sunday 8:00 AM Robert Stickler Sr
Irene A Losoya
10:30 AM Parishioners

ATTENTION ALL ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S

Club members - There will be NO newsletter sent out for the month of July. Jim Brengman is on vacation. This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th at 8:00 PM in the Social Hall.

PARQUE CASTILLO PROJECT COMPLETED.

I'd like to thank all who helped me with my Boy Scout Eagle service project through donations and by helping with weeding, installation of edging, planting and refreshments. The memorial garden on Concord (between State and Robert, next to the West Side Health Center) has been planted with bushes, trees, and flowers. Thanks especially to master garden designer, Craig David. We hope many people will enjoy this West Side community garden for years to come. — Dan Schletty, Troop 107


Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 7
Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Monday, July 8
Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
3:00PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall
Tuesday, July 9
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall
Wednesday, July 10
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall
8:00 PM Men's Club, Hall
Thursday, July 11
Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall
Friday, July 12
Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday, July 13
Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday, July 14
Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

ST. MATT'S/PAX CHRISTI YOUTH SUMMER

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.Stewardship Report The stewardship offering for Sunday, June 30: \$7156.53.

The weekly amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. **Youth Treasure:** \$226.85 was donated in children and young peoples' envelopes. Another \$85.00 was donated for school support. 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:

This is the 4th of July weekend – a high point in summer activity and frolic. Many people take their vacation at this time of the year – travel, go to the lake, tend to the outdoor chores around the house, head to one of the city lakes or beaches, attend the Taste of Minnesota, take in the fire works.

All of this to celebrate “independence”, to memorialize that seminal event in 1776 when thirteen rag-tag colonies took a step beyond business as usual and declared themselves free and independent of the “mother-land”.

The Declaration of Independence speaks of freedom from a host of oppressive measures – freedom from search and seizure, freedom from oppressive taxation, freedom from the presence of an armed militia, freedom from an establishment of religion, etc.

Yet freedom is more than the absence of oppression, more than “freedom from” something. There is also a “freedom to” -- to act or live, a freedom to take hold of my responsibility for my life and the life of my community. This focus on freedom carries with it corresponding responsibilities and duties. This approach to freedom demands something from me.

The framers of the Declaration of Independence were people highly influenced by the Enlightenment and read deeply in writings from the Republic of Rome and the democratic experience of Greece. While they were religious people, by and large they were not Christian – they were Deists. They believed in God, a distant and unapproachable God, a creator God, a God with a master plan for the universe, a Divine Being who is manifest in the glory of the human spirit and achievement.

They had an unbounded enthusiasm for the innate goodness of the human person. They believed that when a people is educated and engaged around the common good of a society, such a people could be trusted to make good and profitable decisions for society. They placed in the hands of people the power of self-governance and buried the theory of the Divine Right of Kings.

For 226 years this experiment in governance and life continues. The Catholic Church in the United States has been and is profoundly influence by American civil life. For many years citizens had a deep suspicion of Catholics, people tied to a “foreign power”, people imbued with “Popery”. For many years the Vatican was deeply suspicious of American civil life, the outlandish presupposition that people govern themselves, elect their leadership, assume responsibility for their society. The tension between the American Experiment and the Catholic Church continues. Our first archbishop, John Ireland, had a profound and keen sense that there was no dichotomy between being a loyal citizen of the United States and being a devout Catholic. In fact, he believed that the Church would thrive best and live the gospel best in a free and open society.

This weekend we give thanks for who we are, where we have come from and pray God that we may continue to live our freedom with passion and responsibility.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE:

Our Habitat for Humanity partnership with St. Thomas Becket and Mount Calvary Lutheran has yielded another successful work week! Thanks to the many who were involved much was accomplished. Our hearty group moved a great amount of rock, installed roof trusses and sheathing, some doors and windows and garage walls. God bless you for your efforts. Other groups continue where we left off as the work toward affordable housing goes on. Please remember these people and their efforts in your prayers. Thank you! (Thinking you'd like to be involved in next year's planning, communication, and/or coordinating? Contact Barb at 651-455-0126 and you will be invited to the first planning meeting in 2003!)

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ENVELOPE CHANGES Thank You to all those who called to have their number of envelopes changed. There is no time limit on when you may change the number of contribution envelopes you would like to receive. If you would like to receive an envelope for every month instead of every week please call Sirena at the Parish Center. 651-224-9793.

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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.