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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	Joseph Karas Donald Neff
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Sr. Acantara Franke Sr. Marie (Jonnella) Sperl
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Beverly Kennedy Helen Seidl
Thursday	6:45 AM	John J. Devlin
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Frank Jack Betty Soller Rose Miller and Mary Nowak
Sunday	8:00 AM	Renee Charboneau Vern Cashman
	10:30 AM	Parishioners



Sunday, August 18	<i>Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28</i>
Monday, August 19	<i>Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Tuesday, August 20	<i>Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
6:00 PM	Scouts, Parish Center
Wednesday, August 21	<i>Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16a</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Thursday, August 22	<i>Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Friday, August 23	<i>Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40</i>
Saturday, August 24	<i>Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51</i>
Sunday, August 25	<i>Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20</i>

ANSWERING THE CALL TO COMMUNION: Sometimes, due to surgery or physical infirmity, we find that (even though we are present at mass) we cannot participate in the communion lines. Please be sure to inform an Usher, Greeter or the Mass Coordinator if this is your situation. They will see to it that you receive communion.

HELP! We have a bit of brass that needs polishing. If you can give an hour or two of time to this liturgical housekeeping detail please leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0830. She'll get back to you regarding what needs to be done.

NEW SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY are ready for pick up in the back of church this weekend. They run from September 7/8 through November 23/24. If you are a Lector, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer, Altar Server, Greeter or Usher - be sure to pick up your schedule!

SSND FORMATION COMMUNITY NEWS: Friday, August 2, Ellen Dischinger became a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She moved from St. Matthew's Convent to St. Louis, MO, to enter the novitiate. Her next two years will be spent learning the life and ministry of SSND. Please keep her in your prayers as you pray for vocations for our church.

SAINT MATTHEW'S SCRIP Remember as you start back to school buying that Saint Matthew's Scrip program has gift certificates to Donald's Department store for your uniform purchases. We receive a 6% return from your purchases.

FACILITY SCHEDULE With Labor Day arriving it is time to schedule the use of facilities for the coming year. Please contact Sirena at the church office to schedule the use of meeting space in the parish center, the social hall or the church. Many parish groups seek to use space for gatherings, meetings and events; if all are to be accommodated, if all are to be welcomed it is necessary to have an accurate schedule. Even if you have had a regular time and place to meet for the past 5000 years — please contact Sirena and indicate the dates and times and places of your meeting. If you do not, you cannot be assured of a place to meet. Please do this by Labor Day. The church office phone is 651-224-9793.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK - The funeral lunch committee is in need of more volunteers. Several members will leave for a warmer climate in the winter months, so we are looking for additional hands to lighten the load. On average, there are one or two luncheons per month. The time spent working at a luncheon is approximately 4 hours, but if a volunteer can serve only 2 or 3 hours, we are glad to accommodate their schedule. Serving comfort and food to bereaved families is also a service to God. Please call Eileen Norton at 455-5965 if you are interested in volunteering for this important church ministry.



Whatever you have – has been given.
Whatever you give – will be returned.

The stewardship offering for Sunday, August 11th: \$9,563.37. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. **Youth Treasure:** \$17.85 donated in children and young people's envelopes. **Mission Collection \$2292.80. Stewardship is a way of life — a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.** s.j. Adrian



CALL TO MINISTER Our parish community is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and also Hospital Ministers. Training and support are offered for both. If you are caring, loving, and a good listener and are willing to serve your brothers and sisters you have what it takes. This is your personal call. For more information or to offer to minister in one of these areas call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at 651-224-9793. Thank you for considering these ministries.

CONFERENCE FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED The annual conference will be held on September 14, 2002 from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Corpus Christi Church. The cost for the day is \$25.00 which includes a box lunch. Financial aid is available for those who cannot afford the entire cost. For a brochure call 651-215-2217, or call Sister Mary Colleen at 224-9793 or stop in the at the parish center to pick one up.

GROWING IN FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RSVP's for invitation to Archbishops Mass/Reception on September 7, 2002, to thank all parish leadership who participated in the Growing in Faith Campaign, need to be sent to the Chancery ASAP. Thank you.

SENIOR CITIZENS The University of St. Thomas Center for Senior Citizen's Education will offer nine programs this Fall. Most of the programs are at the St. Paul Campus. As a person age 55 or older you are welcome to enroll in undergraduate classes free of charge except for a one time only registration fee of \$50.00. Their other programs are for eight to ten sessions in length and cover a variety of topics. The cost for these is \$50.00-\$60.00 for a program. For more information or to see the brochures, call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at 224-9793. St. Thomas also offers free consulting services to senior citizens. You can consult about any of these topics ... legal, financial planning, insurance, social services, real estate, banking and accounting and tax information. To obtain a registration form call Sister Mary Colleen at 224-9793.

STATE FAIR WORSHIP SERVICE Join us for this special worship service at the Minnesota State Fair to celebrate the many blessing of agriculture in our state, Sunday, August 25 at 8:30 AM at the State Fair Bandshell. This ecumenical prayer service will bring us together in gratitude for God's many blessing that nourish and sustain us, for farmers, abundant natural resources and food in great variety and measure. We will also pray for those in agriculture suffering through difficult times.



FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

The next meeting for the St. Matthew's Fall Festival will be on Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. If you are interested in helping with the planning or if you have an event idea, please come to this meeting. If you can not attend this meeting but have an idea or question, please contact Wayne Gilbertson, 451-7926, Tony Elizondo, 450-0254, Kevin Jeniges, 222-1077, or Tim Nowak, 450-4975.

We need donations for the Theme Baskets, the Bottle Lotto, and the Auctions. Ask your employer for a donation! Ask your neighbor if they would like to donate a saleable item! Ask your relatives! The fair market value of donated items are tax deductible! We have a storage area, so you can start bringing your donations and leave them at the Scrip table in the back of the church or call one of the committee members to arrange pickup of larger items.

Quilt raffle tickets are available at the Scrip table after all masses. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Raffle drawing will take place during the Fall Festival.

We are looking for monetary donations to cover the rental fees of various youth activities that we would like to have. Can you help with this?? Donations can be made at the Scrip table or call Tim Nowak, 450-4975.

FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 21-22



PARTNER WITH SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME as a Volunteer Tutor. The East Side Learning Center is seeking volunteer tutors who will make a difference in a child's life by tutoring for as little as one or two hours a week. The volunteer tutors work one-on-one with children from the East Side of St. Paul in grades K-4 who are below grade level in reading. Tutoring sessions are held Monday to Thursday between 1:30 and 5:00 in the John Johnson Elementary School at 740 York Avenue. Training is required and provided. We ask for a 10-12 week commitment and will begin tutoring at the end of September. Please call Sister Jana Roberts, SSND, Volunteer Coordinator at 651-793-7331 for questions or more information.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC will begin Fall term on Sept. 3. Lessons: All instruments, voice, composition and theory. Pre-school classes from 20 months. Groups: string, brass, jazz, vocal. For more information please call 690-4364 or on the web www.stjoseph-schoolofmusic.net

I asked Fr. Martin Warren to write this letter for this week's bulletin.
Stephen Adrian

Dear St. Matthew community and visitors,

Poustinia is the Russian word for "desert"; a place of silence and solitude that you consciously choose to enter. Earlier this summer I had the good fortune to experience *poustinia* here in Minnesota. And, in writing this, I hope you will share my good fortune.

Where did I experience this? In St. Francis, MN which is about 19 miles north of Anoka. There you will find a hermitage retreat center called *Pacem in Terris*, which is the Latin for "peace on earth." And I recommend you go there.

In the early part of June, about 3:30 PM on a Monday afternoon, I turned off hwy. 47 into woodland. Driving a little further, I found the main building of the retreat center, parked my car, and met the staff of *Pacem* who explained how the retreat works. So it began.

Soon I was taken out to my hermitage. Every retreatant has his or her own hermitage or prayer cabin out in the woods away from the other hermitages. The woods surround you. Once I entered the hermitage I was given a food basket containing fresh bread, fruit, and cheese. I sat down in the rocking chair and stared out of the picture window into the wood, the silence seeping into me. The leaves rustled in the breeze. The rocking chair moved slowly back and forth and I listened. Birdsong, creaking wood, animal sounds, the wind. Nothing more. Cars, trucks, music, people sounds, all gone. *Poustinia*, the rich desert of silence and solitude. In the silence you finally begin to hear the truth. You hear where words come from.

Darkness began to fall and I lit the gas lamp. There is no electricity in the hermitage. The gas ring heated the water in my kettle and I sat and sipped and nursed my tea.

During the night a storm came. Waking up, I opened the door to a small screened porch attached to the cabin and was engulfed in the dark. I sat there listening to the storm, the rain lashing down. Lightning flashed and I saw the surrounding wood for a few seconds. Then pitch darkness until the next flash. Just me, the woods, the storm, God.

Poustinia! A desert of silence where the truth is spoken. The staff at *Pacem* recommends you arrive in the afternoon of the first day, and then on the second day have a complete day of silence. The morning of the third day you return home.

To find out more about *Pacem*, please pick up a brochure (I brought home 10) from the parish center or call (763) 444-6408. Share my good fortune. Go to *Pacem*; enter *poustinia*; find truth in the silence.

God bless! Fr. Marty

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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.