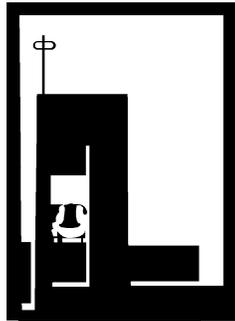


The Community of St. Matthew

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



Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	Margaret Swope
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Dolores Schuster
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Frederick Mamer
Thursday	6:45 AM	Elizabeth A. George
Friday	6:45 AM	John Chandler
Saturday	5:00 PM	Florence Koope Meiners Irene Pacht Frank Jungbauer
Sunday	8:00 AM	Marcella Lawrence Joesph Heppelman George Gubash
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THANK YOU

Dear Father Adrian,

I want to thank you and the St. Matthew's parishioners who support the Annual Catholic Appeal. Every year a portion of the money collected is returned to each parish for their religious formation and education programs. Enclosed is your check for \$4019. May it help to provide opportunities for your parishioners to better understand their faith and live it.

Gratefully,

Karen Herrera, Director of Annual Campaign

ARBY'S/S'BARRO FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Once again, St. Matthew's is participating in the monthly "Arby's/S'barro Night." Here's how it works: the West St. Paul Arby's/S'barro location pays to St. Matthew's School **20%** of the sales made on the 3rd Thursday of every month (September thru May) between the hours of 4:00-8:00 pm to customers who say they're from St. Matthew's School. Money earned from the Arby's/S'barro Night is used to purchase necessary school equipment. Past purchases have included a television, VCR, laminator, etc. Thank you for your support of St. Matthew's school, and encourage others to participate!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and petitions while I was ill. Sincerely, Rosemary McKay

HOLY FAMILY MARONITE CHURCH TURKEY BINGO

This annual Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo will be Saturday, November 23 after their 4 PM liturgy. Lebanese Food will be available. Everyone is invited


Weekly Schedule
Readings for the Week of November 17, 2002

Sunday, November 17:	<i>Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;</i> <i>1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30</i>
	12:00 Baptism, Chapel
Monday, November 18:	<i>Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5a; Lk 18:35-43</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
	6:30 PM Brownie Troop Meeting
	7:00 PM Catholic Order of Foresters Mtg
Tuesday, November 19:	<i>Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
Wednesday, November 20:	<i>Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
Thursday, November 21:	<i>Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
	6:45 PM Cub Scout Meeting, Social Hall
	7:00 PM Parish Council Mtg, Parish Ctr
Friday, November 22:	<i>Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48</i>
	7:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 23:	<i>Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40</i>
Next Sunday, November 24:	<i>Ez 34:11-12, 15-17;</i> <i>1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46</i>
	12:00 Baptism, Chapel

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the deadline for notices to be included in the December 1st bulletin is **Friday, November 22nd at noon**. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30

The Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 28. The office will also be closed on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving so the carpets can be cleaned.

CHILD CARE NEWS

On November 4, we had the pleasure of celebrating Diwali (a Hindu Festival of Light) with one of our families. Later this month we will celebrate the Hmong New Year with our Lead Toddler Teacher, Xia Lee. Our Preschool children will be participating in a Mini-March for Cystic Fibrosis on Monday, November 25. If you would like to sponsor a child or help on the day, please call Christine at 651-224-1450. The money raised will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Association. In exchange, our students learn about giving back to the Community as well as earning prizes for their participation.

We are looking for volunteer readers to come to the Center and read with the children, if interested please call Maureen at 651-224-1450 to set up a time. If you or someone you know is looking for quality child care, give us a call or come over and tour.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

Plate and Envelope contributions: \$9362.00. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000.

Youth Treasure: \$16.00, thank you also for the drawings, good deeds, and time you give.

School: \$109.00

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE -
A GRACIOUSNESS BY WHICH I RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF
WHAT GOD HAS LAVISHED ON ME.



Dear St. Matthew's Community and Visitors:

This week I offer for your reflection and prayer the concluding part of an article taken from a new book on Blessed Pope John XXIII.

No term in John's rhetoric became more famous than *aggiornamento*. It stands still as the symbol of everything he was about, an emblem of his program, its slogan or motto. Literally *aggiornamento* means "updating." It was John's word for pastorally motivated changes in ecclesiastical discipline and legislation. He used the term in 1953 to describe the results of the synod he convened as patriarch of Venice. When announcing his papal program on Jan. 25, 1959, he used *aggiornamento* specifically to state what he proposed to do with the *Code of Canon Law*. *Aggiornamento's* primary meaning was the updating of laws in order to bring them into greater conformity with contemporary life and practice.

In spite of that technical meaning, *aggiornamento* quickly came to connote much more. People grasped that John intended to update not only the church's legislation but its meaning and role as well. The meaning of the term expanded even for John. By June 1961 he saw *aggiornamento* as part of God's desire for "the recomposition of the whole mystical flock of Our Lord.... It will take a great deal before all the nations of the world take perfect account of the Gospel message.... No little effort will be needed to change mentalities, tendencies, prejudices, all of which have a past behind them. Indeed, in some way we will have to examine what time, traditions and usages have sought to establish, setting themselves over against reality and truth." John's original meaning is still there, but it is not limited to legislation.

This fuller notion of *aggiornamento* was both advantageous and disadvantageous. On the one hand, it helped make Catholics aware of the need for continuous reflection on their own "mentalities, tendencies and prejudices." Indeed John's *aggiornamento* shook the static, closed and self-assured mentality of many at that time. That was good. On the other hand, some distorted what John meant, receiving and interpreting his rhetoric subjectively. The term continues to characterize both John and Vatican Council II and continues to be variously understood.

John's talk about signs of the times flowed directly from of his concept of *aggiornamento*. If the church was to "update" for the sake of greater service to *convivenza*, it had to do so in terms of what was happening in the world. John regularly took stock of the contemporary situation through the "signs" it presented. He read the signs with

hope, distancing himself from "distrustful souls [who] see only darkness burdening the face of the earth." He preferred confidence based on faith: "We seem to see now, in the midst of so much darkness, a few indications which augur well for the fate of the Church and of humanity."

Near Easter of 1963, a few days after the publication of *Pacem in Terris* and shortly before his death, John spoke about "Generous service to human and Christian *convivenza*":

In this noble enterprise, Catholics are present and active, and I am confident that the number of those who apostolically undertake this service will increase.... The gift of peace will give to each a sense of his responsibility and of his limits.... In that way it will be less difficult to enter with a resolute mind into the complexity of human problems and relationships in order to extend the pax christiana which puts everything together in due order and eliminates the sources of social and civic disturbance.

John was one of the 20th century's few international leaders to talk about global unity with conviction. He made it believable. Humankind heard its deepest yearnings in John's words and knew he meant what he said. John's sweeping vision of planetary *convivenza*, expressed in *Pacem in Terris*, won an unprecedented international reception.

Our era needs to recover John's penetrating and optimistic sense that God is bringing forth a "new order of human relations," a *convivenza* grounded in truth, justice, freedom and love culminating in peace. We need to keep updating our efforts in its pursuit and service. The vision Blessed Pope John XXIII articulated on Oct. 11, 1962, and the process he started then remains a challenge to us who face the task of building a new global civilization in the aftermath of 9/11. His insistence that the church has a significant role to play in bringing this new order forth remains valid today. Our continuing response to John's vision and call is vital to humankind's future.

The Rev. Bernard R. Bonnot, a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, serves as a programming executive with the Hallmark Channel. This essay is drawn from a chapter of his forthcoming book, *Pope John XXIII: Model and Mentor for Leaders*.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian, Pastor

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Once again this year the Casper family and staff of the Cherokee Sirloin room will offer a free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, 2002. If it is difficult for you to make a dinner in your home, if you are unable to gather with your family, if you have a work schedule that makes preparing a family dinner difficult—this dinner is for you.

If you wish to take advantage of this meal, **please call the church office at (651) 224-9793 before November 21st** and indicate which time you would like to come for dinner to the Sirloin Room (12:00 noon or 1:30 pm). Tickets for this dinner will be made available at the church office after November 21st. It is also possible to have a meal delivered to you home. Please call the church office and indicate if you wish a delivered meal.

Those who would like to help deliver Thanksgiving meals on Thanksgiving morning please call the church office and leave your name and number.

Last year more than 2500 meals were prepared and served—more than 750 people ate their meal at the restaurant and almost 1800 people had meals delivered to their homes.

This is the 19th annual Thanksgiving Community Meal at the Cherokee. Numbers have increased every year and the cost of the meal has increased. The cost of the meal last year was more than \$20,000. This year the Cherokee Sirloin Room is seeking “partners” and “co-sponsors” for this event. Saint Matthew’s has been part of this effort from the very beginning. This year the collection that is taken up at our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be donated to help underwrite the costs of this Community Meal. I encourage other churches, businesses, fraternal organizations, business organizations and social service organizations to join Saint Matthew’s as a co-sponsor with the Cherokee Sirloin Room in this community event.

Yours Truly,
Stephen Adrian, Pastor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SANTA BREAKFAST

The annual Breakfast with Santa, and Rosary Society Cookie Sale will be on Sunday, December 15th from 8:30 am—12:30 pm in the Social Hall. Watch the Bulletin for additional details.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

This annual fundraising event will be November 23-November 24 and will include a ham dinner, crafts & ceramics for sale, specialty shops, silent auction, bake sale, etc. The event will run from 11 am—5:00 pm both days.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING TREE

Volunteers are needed to staff the Giving Tree at Macy’s Court in the Mall of America between November 18 and December 19. Shifts are 2-3 hours in length. For details please call 612-664-8599.

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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.