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The Community of St. Matthew



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



Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	John Bandholz Robert Michalski
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Living and deceased members of the Catholic Aid Council
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Helen Lang
Thursday	6:45 AM	Eugene Schleicher
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Patricia Erickson Lavina Jack - Birthday Mary O'Niell
Sunday	8:00 AM	Jeannette Dieter George Gubash Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

UPDATE NEEDED Last fall we put together a list of our parishioners who live in health care facilities. At this time we'd like to update that list. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who is a parishioner of Saint Matthew's and now resides in a health care facility, please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at (651) 224-9793 with that information. We'd appreciate having that information by November 29th. Thank you.

ATTENTION LEISURE CLUB MEMBERS Members who have not made reservations for the Christmas party at the Cherokee Sirloin Room for Wednesday, December 12th, may do so by sending a \$12.00 check payable to Leisure Club to Ms. Eileen Falmoe, 2485 Londin Lane #419, Maplewood, MN 55119. Or, you may call (651) 578-2171. The deadline for reservations is December 3rd. There will be no regular meeting in December.

ATTENTION PARENTS: There will be a seminar on Families and the Media on Tuesday, November 27th, at Holy Trinity School in South Saint Paul. The seminar will be held in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Thursday. Agenda items include Stewardship Drive, Capital Campaign, and discussion about joining the St. Paul Council of Churches.


Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 25		2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
	10:30 AM	Baptism
	12:00 PM	Baptism, Chapel
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Monday, November 26		Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Tuesday, November 27		Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts, Parish Center
	6:30 PM	Guitar Group, Parish Center
Wednesday, November 28		Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
	5:30 PM	Girl Scouts, Parish Center
	6:30 PM	Religious Education, Grades 1-9, School
	6:30 PM	Adult Hand Bell Choir, Church
Thursday, November 29		Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
	5:00 PM	Youth Hand Bell Choir, Church
	5:30 PM	Youth Choir, Church
	6:45 PM	Parish Council Meeting, Par. Center
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir, Church
Friday, November 30		Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday, December 1		Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday, December 2		Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
	10:30 AM	Baptism
	12:00 PM	Baptism, Chapel

BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 will be having their Aluminum Can Drive this coming weekend, December 1st and 2nd. Please help by dropping the cans off that weekend after masses. They boys are earning the money for their camping activities.

SANTA BREAKFAST The Troop is also putting on the Santa Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, December 16th, from 8:30 to 12:00. Come visit Santa and have a great breakfast. The Rosary Society will be there selling Christmas cookies. So plan ahead, let them do the baking and all you have to do is purchase and eat the delicious treats.

† **STEWARDSHIP** 
God never asks more
of us than we have.

Treasure Last Weekend: \$7072.78 The budgeted amount for the year from plate and envelopes is \$10,000 per Sunday. Remember that for the fiscal year the average needed is \$10,000 per Sunday. Year to date \$9587.47 **Youth Treasure:** \$15.50 was given in child and young people's envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions.
School Fund: Another \$56.00 was contributed to the programs in our day school.

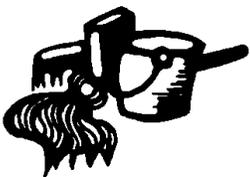


DID YOU KNOW? ISLAM: What does it teach? Islam teaches that all faiths have, in essence, one common message: the existence of a Supreme Being, the one and only God, whose Sovereignty is to be acknowledged in worship and in the pledge to obey His teaching and commandments, conveyed through His messengers and prophets who are sent at various times and in many places throughout history.

It teaches that the objective of the Commandments of God is that peace should be established in the human societies of this world, in preparation for a further dimension of human existence in the world to come, the Afterlife. Islam's vision of peace is therefore truly universal; it transcends time and belongs to the order of God's eternity.

FESTIVAL CHOIR Have you called to join our Christmas Music Ministry yet? If you are an interested singer or musician, give Dana a call at (651) 310-0830. We will begin preparing our Christmas music Thursday, December 6th in the church.

Keep Our Church

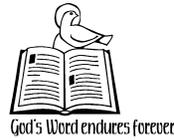


BEAUTIFUL

CLEAN-UP SATURDAY Clean-up Saturday is Saturday, December 1st. We'll be working from 9:00 AM until noon. There is brass to polish, wax and dirt to remove from chairs, screws to replace and dusting to be done. If you can donate an hour or two of your time that morning, leave a message at (651) 310-0830 or sign up at the back of the church.

LITURGY SCHEDULES ARE READY! If you are an altar server, lector, communion minister, gift bearer or usher/greeter, pick up your schedule at the back of the church. The new schedule covers December 1st through February 10th. These schedules are in the new format. If you prefer the full spread sheet, extra copies are available at the Ministry Check-In Board in the Sacristy.

WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS They're in! Pick yours up from the Sacristy. The cost is \$9.00. If you didn't order one and wish you had, a few extra ones are available.



ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS
There are a few Cycle A Missals left for purchase in the back of the church. The cost is \$5.00.

(Father Adrian's message continued from page 4A)

- ⇒ Read the Christmas stories in the Gospel According to Matthew and the Gospel According to Luke.
- ⇒ Write letters rather than making calls and using the "ever present" cell phone. For that matter - turn off the cell. You will miss a few calls - but then, are those calls all that important?
- ⇒ Listen to music - music of the season, music that makes you mellow, music that is important to you.
- ⇒ Read "A Christmas Carol" - a truly beautiful story about grace and graciousness - a story about what "makes a difference," a story about the meaning of life.
- ⇒ Take time to enjoy the sights - the beauty of a beginning winter, the sky at dawn and dusk, the brilliant sun of high noon, the star-studded sky and moon-drenched earth.
- ⇒ Take time with a child - children are able to "waste time," they are not "driven."

Years ago, a Dominican priest and author, Gerald Vann, wrote:

It is the time-wasting things of life,
which produce no product and
make no money,
that makes life worth living
and souls worth saving.

Yours truly,.

Stephen J. Adrian
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, marks the end of the "liturgical year," the end of the "year of Luke."

Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, begins the new year and the "year of Matthew."

Advent is that time of preparation for the Christmas Feast and Season, it is the time to watch and pray - anticipating the coming of the Lord - not only in the historical commemoration of His Birth, but in the daily experiences of life.

It is a time to slow down and catch your breath - how countercultural!

Two weeks ago I did a road trip between Saint Paul and Phoenix. For much of the time I traveled along Highway 70. From Oklahoma City to Flagstaff, Arizona, I had old Route 66 in view as I breezed down Interstate 70. My friend drove and I surveyed the landscape. More than once I thought of how much slower travel was on Old 66 - just a two-lane ribbon of highway connecting Chicago and Los Angeles.

The six-lane interstate highway is a symbol of how much life has changed, how rapid life is, how intense daily life can be.

Advent invites us to hop on Old 66 - to "get our kicks on Route 66." To slow down a bit, enjoy the drive of life, connect more with what is around.

How can you slow down a bit in these weeks before Christmas?

- ⇒ Turn off the TV and spend more time visiting and reading.
- ⇒ Park in the last place in the parking lot and then walk - it gives you time to breathe, slow down - and it is healthy, too.
- ⇒ Make some of your Christmas presents - bake, can, sew, build; much more personal and less hectic than fighting the mobs at MOA.

(Father Adrian's message continues on page 3)

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 8:00 AM and 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 and 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.