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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 Plantenberg Rose and Charles Thomas
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Arthur Geis Irene and Clarence Bunde
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Renee Charboneau Florence Warner
Thursday	6:45 AM	
Friday	6:45 AM	William Thelen 5:15 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM	Feast of the Immaculate Conception 5:00 PM Helen Hannegraf Bern Boyden
Sunday	8:00 AM	Robert Stickler, Sr. Wilfred and Helen Junemann
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, December 8, 2001
Mass at Saint Matthew's, 10:00 AM



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Young people, grades 4th, 5th, etc. who have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time are to participate with their parent(s) in a workshop on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Church. This meeting will last no longer than 1.5 hours.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS On November 18, 2001, Florence Rauenhorst, a parishioner of St. Matthew's Parish, celebrated her 100th birthday. Congratulations, Florence, on reaching this milestone in life. May God bless you, smile on you and give you more days of health and happiness.

THANK YOU for your prayers and words of support and care. you so freely gave and are still giving during my recent illness and recovery period. Prayers, truly the best medicine. Thank you all and may God bless each of you. Carol Murphy

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 2	10:30 AM	Baptism
Monday, December 3	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Rosary Board Mtg, Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Finance Council Mtg, Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Work shop, Church
Tuesday, December 4	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Wednesday, December 5	5:30 PM	Girl Scout Mtg., Parish Center
	5:45 PM	Share Food and Prayer, Social Hall
	6:30 PM	Religious Education, Grades 1-9, School
	6:30 PM	Education Advisory Comm, School
Thursday, December 6	3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
	5:00 PM	Youth Hand Bell Choir, Church
	5:30 PM	Youth Choir
	6:30 PM	Siberian Carmelite Mtg, Par. Center
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
Friday, December 7		<i>Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31</i>
Saturday, December 8		<i>Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38</i>
Sunday, December 9	4:00 PM	Grand Symphonic Winds Concert, Church

VENTURE CREW is selling World's Finest Candy Bars after the Masses today to fundraise for their ski trip. Your support is appreciated. Thank you.

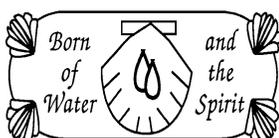
BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 will be having their Aluminum Can Drive this weekend, December 1st and 2nd. Please help by dropping the cans off after masses. The boys are earning the money for their camping activities.

SANTA BREAKFAST Troop 107 is putting on the Breakfast with Santa on December 16 from 8:30 to 12:30. The Rosary Society will be there selling Christmas Cookies. Come and join in the merriment.

† STEWARDSHIP

God never asks more of us than we have.

Treasure Last Weekend: \$8569.67 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 \$9566.27 **Youth Treasure:** \$27.55 was given in child and young peoples envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions. **School Fund:** Another \$10.00 was contributed to our day school



WE WELCOME into the parish community Connor Christopher Thell, Joshua Maras Osborne, Antonio Jauquin Holgin, Madeline Mable Dornseif, Jesiah Avelardo Sanchez-

Rosario, Jacob Edward Kevin Leary and Zoe Elizabeth Vandal who were baptized into the community of Saint Matthew during the month of November

FUNERALS CELEBRATED in the community of St. Matthew during the month of November gave support and solace to the families of: Helen Devlin Lang and William Thelen

ROSARY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING will be Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM. We will be baking cookies for the bake sale on December 16. Bring Chilled dough to bake and sprinkles and frostings.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES are ready for pick up in the back of church. If you are an Altar Server, Lector, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer or Usher/Greeter please pick yours up this weekend. This will save considerable postage. (Pick one up for a friend or neighbor!)

FESTIVAL CHOIR & CHRISTMAS MUSIC MINISTRY Our Festival Choir sings for Midnight Mass. If you would like to be a part of that ministry, please attend rehearsal on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 PM in the Church. Also, we have three other Christmas Masses that could use some "dressing up" this year—4:30 PM Christmas Eve, and 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Christmas Day. If you sing, or play a woodwind, string or percussion instrument, and are interested in enhancing one (or more) of our Christmas liturgies please give Dana a call at 651-310-0830.

GRAND SYMPHONIC WINDS is coming December 9th. There will be concert in the Church at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to attend, admission is free.

IS MUSIC ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST? Three recordings by SISTERS IN SONG are available for your Christmas shopping. SISTERS IN SONG is a non-profit, national choir of Catholic nuns whose three recordings: "Celebrate," "Christmas Spirit," and the most recent, "Rejoice" generate funds to help meet the retirement needs of women and men religious in the U.S. These recordings are available at St. Patrick's Guild.

SHARE FOOD AND PRAYER, The Parish Enrichment Committee invites you to a Pot Luck Wednesday, December 5 at 5:45 pm in Saint Matthew's Social Hall. The meal will end by 6:25 pm so those attending religious education are free to leave and make their timely appearance. Activities will be provided for younger children. All others are free to linger at the table for a discussion of the previous Sunday's readings. Bring a dish to share and begin Advent with food for body and soul.



BLOODMOBILE will be at St. Matthew's Social Hall on December 28 from 1:30 to 7:30 PM. For an appointment call Gen at 222-0281 or Vicki at 222-3309.

FRANCISCAN RETREATS in Prior Lake will celebrate three Advent Days of Prayer on December 5, 12, 19; beginning at 9:00 AM and ending before 3:00 PM. They will offer confessions and Holy Mass. BYOLunch; coffee is free. No charge; donations accepted. For more information or a map visit www.FranciscanRetreats.net/prayerdays.htm or call 952-447-2182

12TH NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE at St. Joseph's Church in West. St. Paul. On Saturday night, December 8 from 9:00 PM- 12:01 AM, join us for an evening of adoration, song and prayer, including the rosary for life, before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Church. The hour of union when churches all across the country will be joined in prayer will be from 11 to midnight.



(Fr. Steve's Column continued from page 4)

We are about buildings, visions, the future of families, the strengthening of the church community on the West Side — all the more reason to commit our efforts to the intercession of Saint Joseph.

I am grateful to each of you for your generosity. I pray that you will be abundantly blessed. I am confident that your generous spirit will bring you peace and happiness. I have never met a generous person who was not a happy person — and likewise I have never met a chronically unhappy person who was gracious and generous.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen J. Adrian
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Next weekend, December 8th and 9th is Participation Sunday!

As of this writing 210 parish families have pledged and/or contributed more than \$700,000 to the Saint Matthew Capital Campaign — Building for Today, Visions for Tomorrow!

I am delighted, grateful and challenged by the generosity those 210 families have demonstrated. The average gift to this campaign is now at \$3,330.00.

Next weekend I will invite all families to fill out a Campaign Commitment Card.

If you have already pledged, I will ask you to check the box that says, "Have already made a pledge" and write a special prayer intention for you, your family or a friend on the reverse side of the pledge card.

If you have not yet filled out a pledge card, this is your opportunity to do so. Also fill out your prayer intention on the back of the card.

If you are unable to make a gift at this time, I ask you to let me know. If all parishioners can tell me what they can or cannot do, it will save so much time in trying to contact you. Take this opportunity to also fill out your prayer intention.

After you have filled out the commitment card, I will invite you to place your card with prayer intentions on the altar. During the holy season of Advent and the season of Christmas these intentions will be remembered in a special way at each of the weekend and holy day Masses.

We are at almost 50% of our parish goal, and less than 25% of parish families have had the chance to make a pledge and/or gift. I encourage all to take this opportunity to do that, so that this phase of the campaign can be completed before the end of the year.

I ask that you pray to Saint Joseph for the success of this effort; I have placed the artist's drawings and a lighted candle before the statue of Joseph as a reminder that this effort is committed to his care and intercession. Saint Joseph is the Patron of the Church, the Patron of families, the Patron of builders. Saint Joseph saw "visions" which guided his life. *(Father Steve's article continued on page 3)*

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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.