

The Community of St. Matthew

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



Join us for St. Matthew's Breakfast with SANTA and Rosary Society Cookie Sale

We're having Breakfast with Santa on
Sunday, December 16th from 8:30am until
12:30pm.

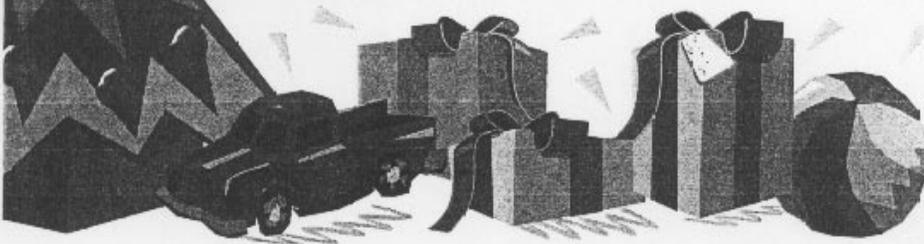
Breakfast includes: Sausage, eggs, beverages
& all-you-can-eat pancakes!

Costs are: \$5.00 for ages 12 and up, \$3.00
for ages 11 and under &
\$18.00 for immediate family.

Have your photo taken with Santa for only
\$3.00!

The Rosary Society of St Matthew's
will be selling delicious Christmas cookies!
St. Matthew's Catholic Church Social Hall
On the corner of Humboldt & Robie

Sponsored by St. Matthew's
Boy Scout Troop 107



Mass Intentions

Monday 6:45 AM Mike & Rose Campa

Tuesday 6:45 AM Mary Brown
Betty Bott

Wednesday 6:45 AM Thomas Clemen
Beverly Kennedy

Thursday 6:45 AM Helen Leibl
Henry Jungbauer

Friday 6:45 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM Phillip J Snaza
Francesca Lucio-Weber

Sunday 8:00 AM Renee Charboneau
Karl Marsollek

10:30 AM Parishioners

ROSARY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING will be on 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.

GIFT GIVING WEEKEND on the weekend of December 16, we invite you to make Christmas a joyous occasion for needy families by bringing new, unwrapped gifts to place under the Christmas tree in church. Gifts for all ages are appreciated, don't forget the teenagers and adults! Your sharing will add to the happiness of the recipient's Christmas as well as your own. Thank you. If you are a family who is in need at this time please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister (224-97930 with that information. All names will be kept confidential.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 16th, our parish communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place at 2:00 and 4:00 PM.

NOVEMBER 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS: 1st Place - 3520 - Gayle Stelter and Charlotte St. Martin and 2nd place - 3100 - Arlene Kempe and Mary Price.

WINTER BREAK WITH THE YMCA The YMCA Extended Day program is offering care for school-age children (grades K-5) from December 24-January 4. Activities include: field trips, outdoor play, crafts, and games. For pricing and more information please call Maureen at 651-457-0048.

Sunday, December 9 *Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

Monday December 10 *Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26*

3:00PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall

6:30PM Girl Scout Mtg, Parish Center

7:00PM Boy Scout Mtg, Social Hall

Tuesday December 11 *Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14*

3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall

Wednesday December 12 *Zac 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38*

6:30PM Adult HB Choir, Church

6:30 PM Religious Education, Grades 1-9, School

7:00PM Mens Club General Mtg, Social Hall

Thursday December 13 *Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15*

10:00AM Grief Care Group, Parish Center

3:00PM Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall

7:00PM School Christmas Concert, Church

7:00 PM Adult Choir, Hall

Friday December 14 *Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19*

Saturday December 15 *Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13*

Sunday Dec 16 *Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11*

8:30 AM Santa Breakfast and Rosary Society
Cookie Sale, Social Hall

2:00 PM Communal Penance Service, Church

4:00 PM Communal Penance Service, Church

ANGEL APPEAL The guild of Catholic Women's Angel Appeal program is accepting monetary donations for its holiday dinner and gifts program, which helps people suffering mental illness. Funds raised above the amount needed will be used to provide medical needs not covered by insurance and personal needs, such as winter clothing. Donations may be mailed to Angel Appeal, Guild of Catholic Women, 1025 Dodd Road, West St. Paul, MN 55118. For more information 651-450-2217.



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

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God never asks more
of us than we have.

Treasure Last Weekend: \$9660.40 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 \$9767.53 **Youth Treasure:** \$40.23 was given in child and young peoples envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions. **School Fund:** Another \$1193.70 was contributed to the programs in our day school.



OUR NEW ALTAR & AMBO VESTMENTS for Advent were hand crafted by Edel Ruth Pavlak and Lu Finnegan. These talented ladies also created the lovely altar cloths and ambo vestments we have been using during Christmas, Lent and Easter for last year or two. Thank you, Edel Ruth and Lu!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There was a flyer in last week's bulletin inviting interested parishioners to make a donation for this year's Christmas environment. If you missed it, there are extra forms available at the church entrances. Donor's names and names of loved ones being remembered or honored will be published in our December 30th bulletin.

LAST CALL FOR OUR FESTIVAL CHOIR: Have you called to join our Christmas Music ministry yet? We have already begun preparing our festival music. If you are an interested singer or musician, give Dana a call at 651-310-0830. She'll get back to you with answers to any question you may have, as well as information regarding time and location of rehearsals.

THANK YOU "CLEAN-UP" SATURDAY WORKERS!!! It took us two BIG mornings of work (last Saturday and Saturday, August 25th) but the job is done! Every chair has been scrubbed & polished; every candle stick and stand has been cleaned; every piece of brass has been polished, all the wood gleams and there's not a loose or missing screw in the place. Thank you to the following two Saturday crew members: Pat Beauvais, Bill Brengman, Carol and Jim Casey, Jenny DelFiacco, Jeanine and Tony Elizondo, Lu Finnegan, Beth Geis, Tim Jack, Mary Ann Kosel, Jeanne and Julianna Maanum, Kathy Misukansi, Andrea, Jane and Marguerite Mooradian, Carol Murphy, Greg Rasmussen, Ginny Roethler, Larry Sachi, Doris Shennum, Chris Stevens, Joe Stevens, and Susan Tackaberry.

SCRIP AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES. Check out the many vendors we carry to help with your Christmas shopping needs.

NEW LITURGY SCHEDULES: There are still about two dozen schedules that have not yet been picked up. If you are a gift bearer, altar server, communion minister, lector or usher/greeter that has not gotten your new schedule (running from December 1 through February 10) PLEASE pick yours up from the back of church this weekend.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIONS at the November meeting included a resolution to join the St. Paul Council of Churches as a delegate member and a resolution to add Wednesday evening as the fourth night meals being served at St. Matthew's through the Loaves and Fishes program. The December council meeting will be Thursday, December 20.



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What Does Calix Do?

The "Credo" of the society succinctly tells the story: "Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with and participation in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our first concern is to interest Catholics with an alcoholic problem in the virtue of total abstinence. Our second stated purpose is to promote the spiritual development of our membership. Our gathering today is an effort in this direction. Our conversation and our association together should be a source of inspiration and encouragement to each other, geared to our growth toward spiritual maturity. Our participation in all other spiritual activities of Calix, such as the frequent celebration of the Liturgy, reception of the Sacraments, personal prayer and meditation, Holy Hours, Days of Recollection and retreats, aid us in our third objective, namely, to strive for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member. We welcome other alcoholics, not members of our faith, or any others, non-alcoholics, who are concerned with the illness of alcoholism and wish to join with us in prayer for our stated purposes."

Next Meeting
Saint Paul Cathedral
Sunday December 16
8 am Mass
9 am Breakfast
10 am Meeting

I invite those who are in recovery to seriously consider Calix. Calix is a fine way for a Catholic to "work" the 3rd step.

Yours truly,

Stephen J. Adrian
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week I offer you these thoughts about "Calix", a fellowship of Catholic recovering alcoholics.

"A.A. restores your health and keeps you from an early grave. Calix saves your soul and puts you on the road to heaven."

William J. Montroy,
a founder of the Calix Society

The Twelve Step program of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) is generally accepted as the best recovery program for those afflicted with the disease of alcoholism. The Calix Society, an organization of recovering alcoholics, their friends and family, shares this view.

Why is there a Calix Society? What does it do? Answers to these questions are vital to the Catholic recovering alcoholic attempting to achieve and maintain a sober, serene life.

Why Calix? Consider the men and women, who have spent a long time, often many years, unwittingly developing a physical dependence on alcohol. Finally they reach the end of the line - physically, mentally and spiritually. Assume that they manage to put together a short period of sobriety and tentatively are testing the Twelve Step program. Their physical condition improves rapidly and, after a longer period, so does the emotional side of their lives. For Catholics, however, something more is needed that cannot be found in their Twelve Step meetings. They realize that the Twelve Step program advocates recourse to a "higher power" and God, but they also know that Twelve Step programs are necessarily non-denominational. Having been raised in a church rich in tradition, dogma and ritual, these recovering alcoholics begin to yearn once again for the faith they probably have neglected or abandoned.

At this point the Calix Society can say: "Come back home. You must maintain your sobriety through your affiliation with Alcoholics Anonymous, but let us help you to regain the spiritual life without which you may not succeed in the never-ending fight against your addiction." Perhaps the disease never will be conquered completely, but the sincere men and women of Calix have the answer of the Calix Society: "Substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies."

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Day School

(651) 224-6912

Extended Day

(651) 228-1535

Saint Matthew Child Care Center

(651) 224-1450 / 224-1459

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.