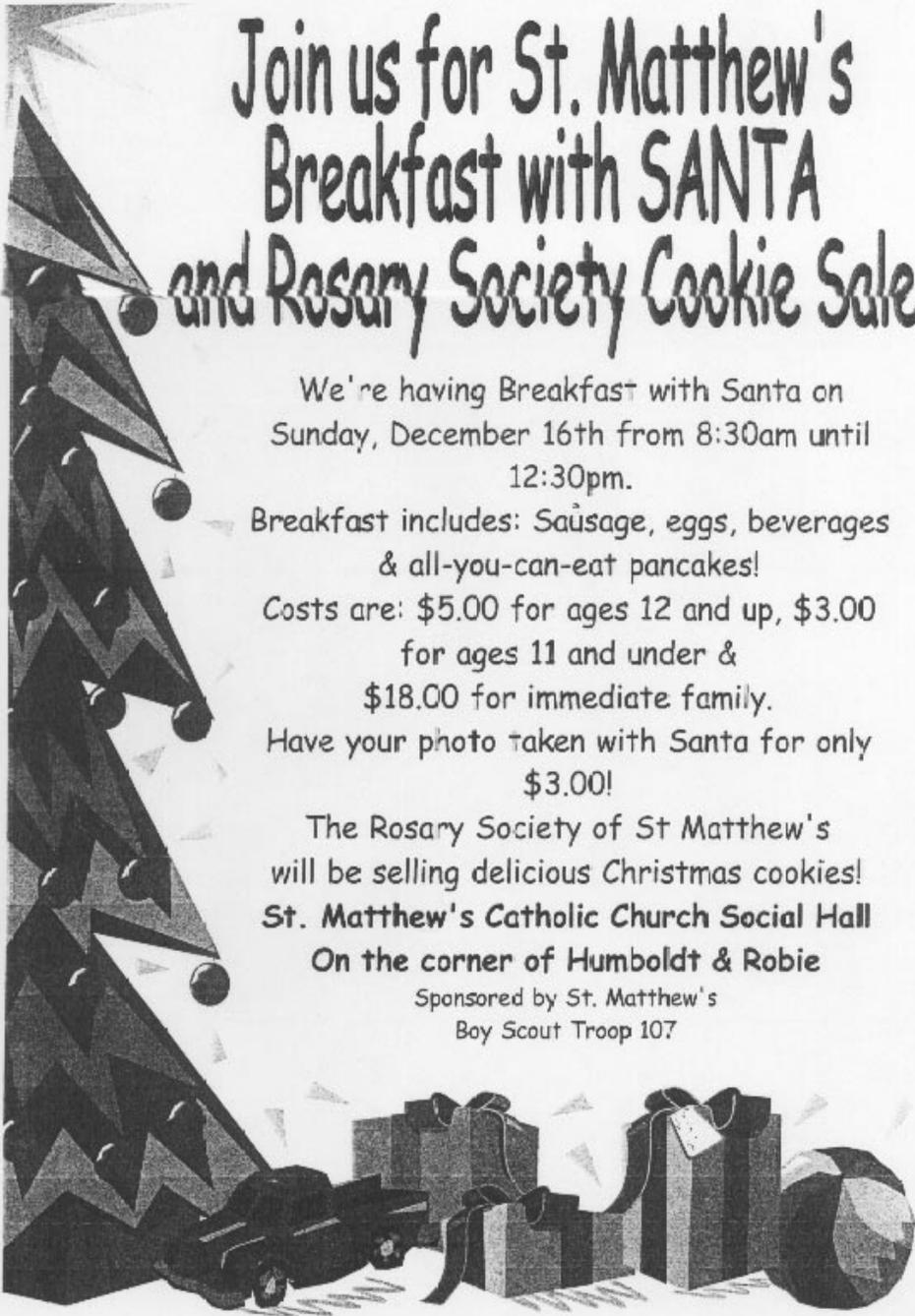


# The Community of St. Matthew

*... 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	Joseph Karas Margaret Schwope
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Living and Deceased Members of Saint Matthew's Catholic Aid Society
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Maria Lena Mack Helen Devlin Lang
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Mary A. Wiler (anny) Mary O'Neill
Sunday	8:00 AM	Paul Schommer Duane J. Cordie
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

**Christmas Worship Schedule  
Church of Saint Matthew**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Communal Penance  
December 16th - 2:00 and 4:00 PM

Private Celebration of Penance  
in the Saint Matthew Chapel

Tuesday, December 18th - 7:15 AM  
Wednesday, December 19th - 4:00 PM  
Thursday, December 20th - 7:00 PM  
Saturday, December 22nd - 4:00 PM  
Monday, December 24th - 10:00 AM

**Christmas Masses**

December 24th - 4:30 PM  
December 25th  
Mass at Midnight - Carols begin at 11:30 PM  
on December 24th  
Mass at Dawn - 8:00 AM  
Mass of Christmas Day - 10:30 AM

**Weekly Schedule**

Sunday, December 16	<i>Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11</i>
Monday, December 17	<i>Gn 49:2, 8-10 ;Mt 1:1-17</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
	7:00 PM Scout Meeting - Social Hall
Tuesday, December 18	<i>Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
	6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting - Parish Center
	6:30 PM Guitar Group Practice - Church
Wednesday, December 19	<i>Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25</i>
	5:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting - Parish Center
	6:30 PM Religious Education All Program Mass
	6:30 PM Adult Hand Bell Practice - Chapel
	6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting - Social Hall
	7:00 PM Men's Club General Mtg. - Social Hall
Thursday, December 20	<i>Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38</i>
	3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
	5:00 PM Youth HB/Choir Practice - Church
	5:30 PM Youth Choir Practice - Church
	7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice - Church
Friday, December 21	<i>Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45</i>
Saturday, December 22	<i>1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56</i>
Sunday, December 23	<i>Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24</i>
	12:00 PM Baptism

**WHEN YOU GIVE BLOOD,** you give another birthday, another holiday with loved ones. You give another picnic, a walk on the beach, another laugh and a hug. Won't you please give someone another chance? Donate blood on Friday, December 28th, from 1:30 PM until 7:15 PM in the Social Hall at Saint Matthew's. Call Gen at (651) 222-0281 or Vicky at (651) 222-3309 for an appointment.

**COOKIE SALE!** Stop by the Social Hall TODAY to purchase cookies sold by the Rosary Society/Council of Catholic Women.

**VENTURE UPDATE - THANK YOU!** The candy sale was a great success. The young people have moved the ski trip to the weekend of January 4th - 6th because of special rates they were able to acquire. There are still a few openings. If anyone else is interested in going, please contact Larry Sachi @ (651) 451-8960. We appreciate your support!

**HIGH SCORE BRIDGE WINNERS** 4610 Mary Costello & Phyllis Scribner.

**† STEWARDSHIP ☒**

God never asks more  
of us than we have.

**Treasure Last Weekend:** \$12,169.70 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 \$9816.55 **Youth Treasure:** \$25.20 was given in child and young peoples envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions. **School Fund:** Another \$218.00 was contributed to the programs in our day school.



**FOOD SHELF ITEM REMINDER** This is a reminder for Religious Education students to bring a non-perishable food item to the Mass on December 19th. Parents and other family members are also invited to attend Mass.

**CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS** Check out the back bulletin board in church for the wish lists of the teachers at Saint Matthew's School. These wishes are for items the teachers would like to use in their classrooms with their students. If you would like to make one of these wishes come true, please select a wish, bring the gift to the school and the appropriate teacher will receive the gift. Thank you.

**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** Our EAC has been meeting monthly to discuss issues related to the education mission of Saint Matthew's. An important new committee is being formed around marketing for our school, childcare, extended-day and religious education. We are looking for individuals with interest in the area of marketing to step forward and volunteer time and talent to form our marketing plan. This is a great way to help our educational programs continue to grow and succeed. Direct experience with marketing is, of course, a plus, but not mandatory. If you have questions, contact Scott Breimhorst or Father Stephen.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHING OPPORTUNITY** Our school is often in need of qualified substitute teachers. We have recently increased our substitute pay to reflect other, local Catholic schools. Currently, we are developing our own pool of people interested in working in our school as substitutes. The Archdiocese offers a program for "Training Successful Guest Teachers" to offer training for this kind of work. Anyone with a college degree, BA or BS or higher, is eligible. If you are interested, you are invited to call Scott Breimhorst at (651) 224-6912.

**SAINT MATTHEW'S VIDEO LIBRARY** The Karas Family has donated "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Thomas and the Magic Railroad" in loving memory of Joseph Karas. We would like to thank you for your generous donation. If you would like to donate a video, please contact Sirena at (651) 224-9793.

**WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...**the Annual Stewardship Drive? We are not ignoring the daily operating needs of Saint Matthew's. We were concerned that the Capital Funds Appeal needed room to operate and so we moved the Annual Stewardship Appeal to January.

During the week of January 13th you will be receiving the first of two letters which will explain our current financial needs and update you on our financial status since July 1st, the first half of our fiscal year. Another mailing will contain a pledge card with instructions on when and how to return it.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Art Bowman, Director of Operations.

**WHERE ARE THE ENVELOPES?** There are a number of parishioners who have not received their church envelopes. Don't worry, it's not just you! We have been assured that the envelopes are on the way. If you don't have yours yet and wish to contribute to the collection, you may write your envelope number on a plain envelope and turn in to the collection plate. (I know what you're thinking: What if I can't remember my number?) Please call the Parish Center and Sirena will be happy to look it up for you. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

**MORE THANK YOUS** Last week we thanked Edel Ruth Pavlak and Lu Finnegan for their beautiful work on our new Advent Altar and Ambo Vestments. This week we want to acknowledge the fact that our Chapel Altar cloths and Tabernacle Vestments are the handiwork of yet another Saint Matt's parishioner: Lu Kepplinger. Thank you, Lu, for your beautiful work and thank you for all the faithful behind-the-scenes care you give to sewing new purificators for communion and to cleaning and mending all of our altar linens. Thank you, also, to Eleanor Bisciglia who steps in to fill the void when Lu is out of town. There is a lot of unseen work that goes into every liturgy we celebrate. Thank you for your valuable gifts of time and commitment.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** If you would like to make a donation for this year's Christmas environment in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, or to mark a special occasion in your life, please fill out one of the forms provided for this at each of the entrances to the church. Donor's name and the names of loved ones being remembered or honored will be published in our December 30th bulletin.

**BRINGING CHRISTMAS INTO THE CHURCH** Next Sunday is the 23rd and our Christmas environment will be going into place right after the 10:30 AM Mass. **Can you stay and help?** We have wreathes to decorate and put up, candles to prepare, both the community and children's crèches to set up, flowers to put in place, altar linens to change, etc. There will be a master plan so things should run pretty smoothly. If you plan to help, leave a message with Dana at (651) 310-0830.



**THANKS TO ALL** those who helped put on the reception in honor of Judy Helsper: Peter Casillas, Bob Nowak, Lupe Ortega, Jeff Gilbert, Josie Mike, Scott Goldenstein, Jake Kempe, Lynda Nelson, Donna

Jenniges, Samantha Casillas, Rachel Goldenstein, Peg Mike, Nikki Karas, Andrea Gilberg, Stephen Mike, Kathy Goldenstein, Cheryl Kempe, Century Club members, Alice Schletty, Men's Club members, Girl Scouts, Home and School Association, Libby Nelson, Rebecca Goldenstein, Evan Nelson, Boy Scouts, Rosary Society, Daniel Goldenstein, Ben Kempe, Bridget Goldenstein, Chris Kempe, Kim Karas and Jan Casillas.

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

As we approach the Christmas Feast and Season I wish you and your loved ones the peace and joy of this Feast.

Christmas can be a difficult time for people. The holiday speaks so loudly about family and togetherness. Some people's lives are fractured or broken, many families are stressed with economic and personal issues, many have lost loved ones and feel emptiness at this time.

Sometimes our expectations of the Season are so high that we set ourselves up for a disappointment. Sometimes our expectations of other people are unrealistic. If my neighbor is a raging alcoholic 365 days a year - why should Christmas be any different? Yet some people have expectations that Christmas will be different - and often a person gets hurt because of those expectations.

Christmas is a time when many people think of their religious roots, even though they have not been to church in a long time. Christmas is a time to welcome people back to church, to make room for those who have been away, to invite someone to come to church with you.

I know a man who invited his office mates to church last Christmas. The invitation was for church and then some snacks at his house afterwards. So many people took him up on the invitation that he had to schedule people around two services - his house couldn't hold them all. So, half the office mates came to the Christmas Eve service and the other half to the Christmas Day service. He was astounded at the number of people who accepted his gentle invitation.

Is there someone in your family who has not been to church for a long time? Is there a neighbor or friend who may be waiting for an invitation? Is there someone at work you might want to invite to join you at Christmas Mass?

Sometimes a person who has been away from church for a while will feel uncomfortable going on his/her own. Sometimes a person looks for and welcomes an invitation, it makes it easier.

A gentle invitation to Mass may be the best Christmas gift you can give to someone.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

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(651) 224-1450/(651) 224-1459

***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; 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.