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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 Anthony Chariton  
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday 10:00 AM Jeanette Dieter  
Lloyd Erickson

Wednesday 6:45 AM George Gubash  
Art Geis

Thursday 6:45 AM Renee Charboneau  
Irene & Clarence Bunde

Friday 6:45 AM Joseph Sonntag  
5:15 PM Lorraine Heinisch

Saturday 5:00 PM Bern Boyden  
Julie Hurt

Sunday 8:00 AM Helen Liebl  
10:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the  
Rosary Society


**Weekly Schedule**

Sunday, December 30:  
*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

Monday, December 31: *1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18*  
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall

Tuesday, January 1:  
*Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21*  
Parish Center Office Closed

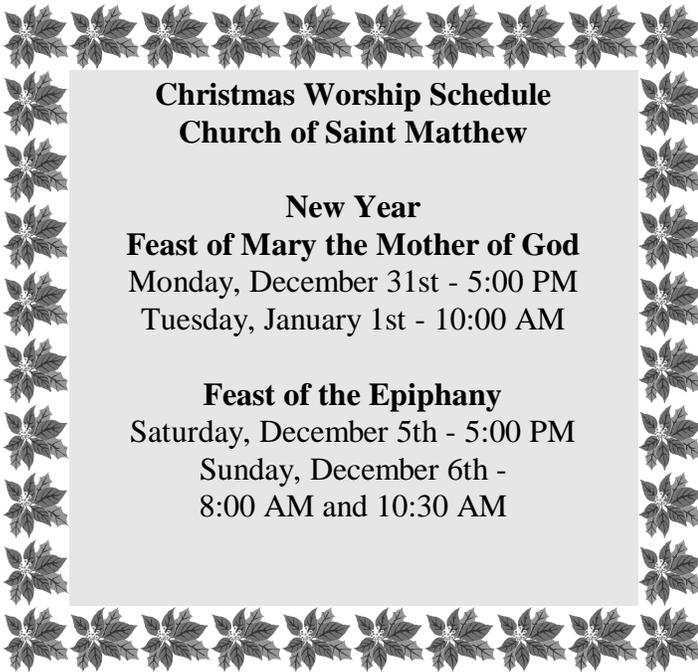
Wednesday, January 2: *1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28*  
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall

Thursday, January 3: *1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34*  
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall  
5:00 PM Youth HB Choir, Church  
5:30 PM Youth Choir, Church  
6:30 PM Siberian Carmelite Mtg  
7:00 PM Adult Choir, Church

Friday, January 4 *1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42*

Saturday, January 5: *1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51*

Sunday, January 6:  
*Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12*


**Christmas Worship Schedule  
Church of Saint Matthew**
**New Year****Feast of Mary the Mother of God**

Monday, December 31st - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1st - 10:00 AM

**Feast of the Epiphany**

Saturday, December 5th - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 6th -

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

**LOAVES AND FISHES AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

is adding Wednesday night to their serving schedule. The first Wednesday will be January 2, 2002. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN ENVELOPES**

These envelopes for 2002 are available for pick-up in the back of church after all masses. Please sign your name and take a box. (The outside of the boxes are identical, but there are different envelopes for children (through grade 6) and young people (grade 7 and beyond).

**Stewardship**

Weekly Stewardship figures were not yet available prior to the time this weeks bulletin was sent for publishing. The stewardship for Sunday December 23rd and Christmas will be published in next weeks bulletin.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for grades 1 - 9 will resume on Wednesday, January 9.

## ISSUES IMPORTANT TO SENIOR CITIZENS

St. Paul Mayor, Randy Kelly, will have an informal discussion on Saturday, January 5, 2002 on issues important to Senior Citizens. The meeting will be at the Wabasha Street Caves, 215 S. Wabasha St, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. This free event includes tours of the caves and music. To request a ride, please call: 651-265-4930.

## BUILDING FOR TODAY, VISIONS FOR TOMORROW, ST. MATTHEW'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As of December 25, we have received in cash, pledged and deferred gifts the grand total of \$925,000! We are on our way to \$1,000,000 thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners. We still have not heard from 213 parishioner families, PLEASE let us know what you are thinking. Please send a note to the St. Matthew's Campaign office.

COMMON QUESTIONS BEING ASKED: Will I receive a reminder(s) about my pledge? The Answer is Yes! In January, 2002, you will receive a gift summary statement for your 2001 Tax statement. Enclosed in the statement will be a return gift envelope for your convenience. We will remind you of your pledge based on your direction to us. Those who asked to pledge monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually will be reminded as requested. With each reminder, we will enclose campaign envelopes so that your gift goes to the projects of the campaign.

If you have any questions for end of year giving or would like to make a donation of stock, please call Jim Fennell at 651-293-0697. for your information our Brokerage Company is Piper Jaffray, Inc. Contact: Ms. Pat Henning at 651-298-1654. Our legal name: The Church of St Matthew, Our Account Number: 150-199-551, Our Federal ID Number: 41-070559, Our DTC number: 311.

## CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE

Calendars for 2002 are available at the doors of church. Please help yourself to one.

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend, the weekend between Christmas and New Year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

There has been so much written and spoken of late about "family values" that I hesitate to write about this subject; for I am not sure what people mean when they throw around the words "family values".

I sometimes get the impression that this "tag line" is used to bludgeon others into embracing my way of thinking, my agenda, my perspective on what "ought to be" in other peoples lives. It is a line used often by tela-evangelists and political figures.

At the heart of this feast is the reality that the mystery of the Incarnation means that God enters fully into all that is truly human, all that is of human nature, all that is of human experience — and an important piece of that is family.

Family is that collective of individuals who have a blood relationship or a relationship through marriage. Families are broad and small, extended and nuclear, single parent and tribal.

Families are robust, messy, disconcerting, loyal, blind, antagonistic, loving, selfish, gracious, defiant, sturdy, enduring — all at the same time.

In Jesus' time a person received his/her identity and place in society because of one's family. One's heritage, ancestry, history was the burden and glory one carried through life.

The opening chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew gives us a truncated genealogy for Jesus. The author seeks to let us know that Jesus has real ancestors — some of them saints and some sinners; some of them good and some evil; some of them royal and others peasants. Jesus comes from a very mixed background — and so do I, and so do you.

Everyone one of us has a hero or heroine in our family tree, and every one of us has a horse thief.

There are many descriptions and configurations of family. No one of them is better than the other, they are different. Each carries with it values and blessings, each comes with limitations and liabilities.

Most of us were born into our family, some of us were adopted into a family — all of us are part of a family.

Our family shapes our life, colors our perspectives, and directs our energies — all this happens slowly and early, long before I am conscious of what is happening.

A dozen years ago as I sat at Christmas dinner with my parents and siblings and nieces and nephews my young nephew Adam kept looking at me, and then at my dad, and then back at me. After a lengthy observation he declared to me, “You look like Poppy, you act like Poppy, you talk like Poppy.” Poppy was his name for Grandpa.

No doubt Jesus learned a craft from Joseph. I can well imagine that he adopted Joseph’s speech patterns, his way of walking, his way of carrying himself. Perhaps Jesus’ extensive use of parables came about because Joseph often spoke in parables, taught Jesus and others by using stories.

There is the story in Mark’s Gospel of Jesus’ mother and relatives becoming concerned about what they hear of him. They make a trip to see him, and want to bring him home. They are worried about him, they are distressed that he seems “out of control”, that he is becoming controversial. They fear for his safety. Jesus does not want their interference; he dismisses them.

Family enhances and stifles, strengthens and weakens. Who my family is, is both a limitation and an opportunity.

So, Jesus is a family member — for better or worse. One of the limitations God embraces in becoming like us is that he willingly becomes a member of a family — a nuclear as well as a tribal and extended family. Jesus is “known” by his family — “Is this not the carpenter’s son; are not his relatives our neighbors?”

One of the challenges of Church communities is to partner with families — families of all shapes and sizes; one of the duties of church communities is to advocate for families; one of the blessings of church communities is that we are nothing more than a “gathering” of families.

Saint Matthew’s seeks to do just that. Families of all colors and shapes and sizes and distinctions are welcome; children are always welcome. Our families, messy and uncontrollable as they may be, are our lifeblood.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

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Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30am-7:30 pm;  
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(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.