

The Community of St. Matthew

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The debate surrounding stem cell research has so polarized the population that few listen to each other and fewer still strive to find a way out of the quagmire. Lacking finding a way, the only choice we have is to “make a way out”. In a research laboratory in Kyoto, Japan one M.D. turned research scientist spent 14-16 hour days in the search to “make another way”. Below find selections from the December 11th article by Martin Fackler in The New York Times about the work of Dr. Shinya Yamanaka.



Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

SCIENTIST AT WORK | SHINYA YAMANAKA Risk Taking Is in His Genes

By MARTIN FACKLER

KYOTO, Japan — Inspiration can appear in unexpected places. Dr. Shinya Yamanaka found it while looking through a microscope at a friend’s fertility clinic.

Dr. Yamanaka was an assistant professor of pharmacology doing research involving embryonic stem cells when he made the social call to the clinic about eight years ago. At the friend’s invitation, he looked down the microscope at one of the human embryos stored at the clinic. The glimpse changed his scientific career.

“When I saw the embryo, I suddenly realized there was such a small difference between it and my daughters,” said Dr. Yamanaka, 45, a father of two and now a professor at the Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences at Kyoto University. “I thought, we can’t keep destroying embryos for our research. There must be another way.”

After years of searching, and at times almost giving up in despair, Dr. Yamanaka may have found that alternative. Last month, his was one of two groups of researchers that independently announced they had successfully turned adult skin cells into the equivalent of human embryonic stem cells without using an actual embryo. The other group was led by James A. Thomson at the University of Wisconsin, one of the first scientists to isolate human embryonic stem cells.

Dr. Yamanaka is widely credited with being the first to hit on the idea of reprogramming adult cells to behave as stem cells. The crux of his idea was to add genes called master regulators to the skin cells’ chromosomes. These genes can change the cell’s behavior by turning other genes on and off.

When asked the source of his success, Dr. Yamanaka said it was his willingness to take risks. His career has in fact been unorthodox by Japanese standards. While many scientists here spend entire careers in the rigid academic world, Dr. Yamanaka began his professional life in medical school, where he trained to become an orthopedic surgeon.

“I like the freedom of research,” he said. “Plus, if I fail in science, I know I can always survive because I have an M. D. This has been my insurance policy.”

PARISH EVENTS

LITURGY SCHEDULE

It is once again time to compile the next liturgy schedule. All lectors, communion ministers, altar servers, ushers and gift bearers need to get their scheduling requests in to Ginny [651-222-2867 or gbd1252@comcast.net] no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday January 16. This schedule will cover from February 9 through May 25th 2008. This does cover Easter so if you are unavailable at your regular times be sure to let us know. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries please leave your information with Ginny and we will get back to you.

GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME COLLETION

Next weekend, January 12 and 13, is the annual collection for Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. This collection is sponsored by St. Matthew’s Rosary Society/CCW. The home is run entirely by donations and at no charge to any of it’s terminally ill patients. Small individual size puddings, cream soups, non-acid fruit juices, canned goods, dry staples, paper products (toilet tissue, Kleenex, etc.), small tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes are all much needed items. Donated goods may be left in the side room at the front entrance of the Church. Rosary Society members will be at the doors of the Church after all masses next weekend to accept monetary donations. Checks may be made out directly to Good Counsel Cancer Home.

ANYONE NEED?

Hospital bed, 3 way adjustable, single size, operated with hand crank—not electric. Free. Call the Church office 651-224-9793.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Pete Steinke and Jeanne Zimmer – Thanks. Come on down to the Social Hall and welcome in 2008 with a hot cup of coffee (now featuring Honduran, high altitude, shade grown beans) good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

SCRIP UPDATE

Wal-Mart / Sam's gift cards in \$25 or \$100 denominations, Ticketmaster in \$50 denominations are now available from Scrip.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Three of the appliances in the kitchen--the convection oven, the dishwasher and the 10 burner stove--need to be replaced. Men's Club members have secured very good prices for the equipment and they are soliciting some underwriting from local civic and service groups. Additionally, each church and organization that has a serving team here will be asked to fundraise "at home." Saint Matthew's has a serving team; a collection will be taken on January 19 & 20.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel, there will be First Reconciliation class. This is the make up class for December.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793.

2008 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST

Come celebrate the life and legacy of the man and movement that not only changed civil rights laws for all Americans, but set in motion the drive for human rights reform world wide. Enjoy a free hot breakfast and watch the live broadcast of the General Mills Convention Center event. This year's keynote speaker is Tavis Smiley, Public Television talk show host and author. Reservations are required. Space is limited. Reservations will be taken now through January 15. Register online at www.spacc.org or by phone at 651-789-3877. Make sure you register for the West Side/West St. Paul Breakfast. This year the breakfast will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church, 1400 South Robert St., West St. Paul.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 6
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	January 7 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	January 8 Loaves and Fishes Home & School mtg.
Wednesday 9:00 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC 8:00 PM, SH	January 9 School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes HummDingers Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir Men's Club mtg.
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	January 10 Loaves and Fishes Cubstruction
Friday	January 11
Saturday	January 12
Sunday 4:00 PM, MC	January 13 Confirmation Class

Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church
CH – Chapel
PC – Parish Center
SH – Social Hall
SC – School
CC – Child Care
XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time in prayer, our service to others, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in God’s sight.

An invitation to greater testimony.

The Magi brought their gifts proudly and “publicly.” How can we do that with our stewardship?

Every household receives envelopes that can be used weekly. Some weeks those envelopes might not be used for money [because we give monthly, or give electronically, etc]. However, there is a place for the record of time that we have spent in prayer [giving back to the Lord some of the time that has been given to us] and the talent and service that we have given to others [all of which are first a gift to us].

Recording these is witness and testimony to the community. And MAYBE we will just bring the envelope with nothing in or recorded—again as a witness that we are called to be stewards and have thought about that relationship during the past week.

Sharing: As this bulletin is published, the collection from 1/1 has not been counted. During the previous 10 days these gifts have been received: \$15,756 in Sunday envelopes; \$2,762 in the plate on Dec. 23 and 30. As well, \$9,502 was given in Christmas envelopes and \$2,436 was given in the plate on Dec. 25. Thanks to each person, old and young, and each household who shared some financial gifts during these holidays.

There were other monies given, too: Religious Retirement: \$140, Loaves and Fishes: \$100 and some small sundry amounts to fuel, communications campaign, propagation of faith, food shelf. Thank you.

Children and youth envelopes: Please take a box [sign your name next to the box number] and begin using them. The call to stewardship is given to each person; young people can begin good habits now. Thank you.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM
 1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Tuesday..... 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 six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

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