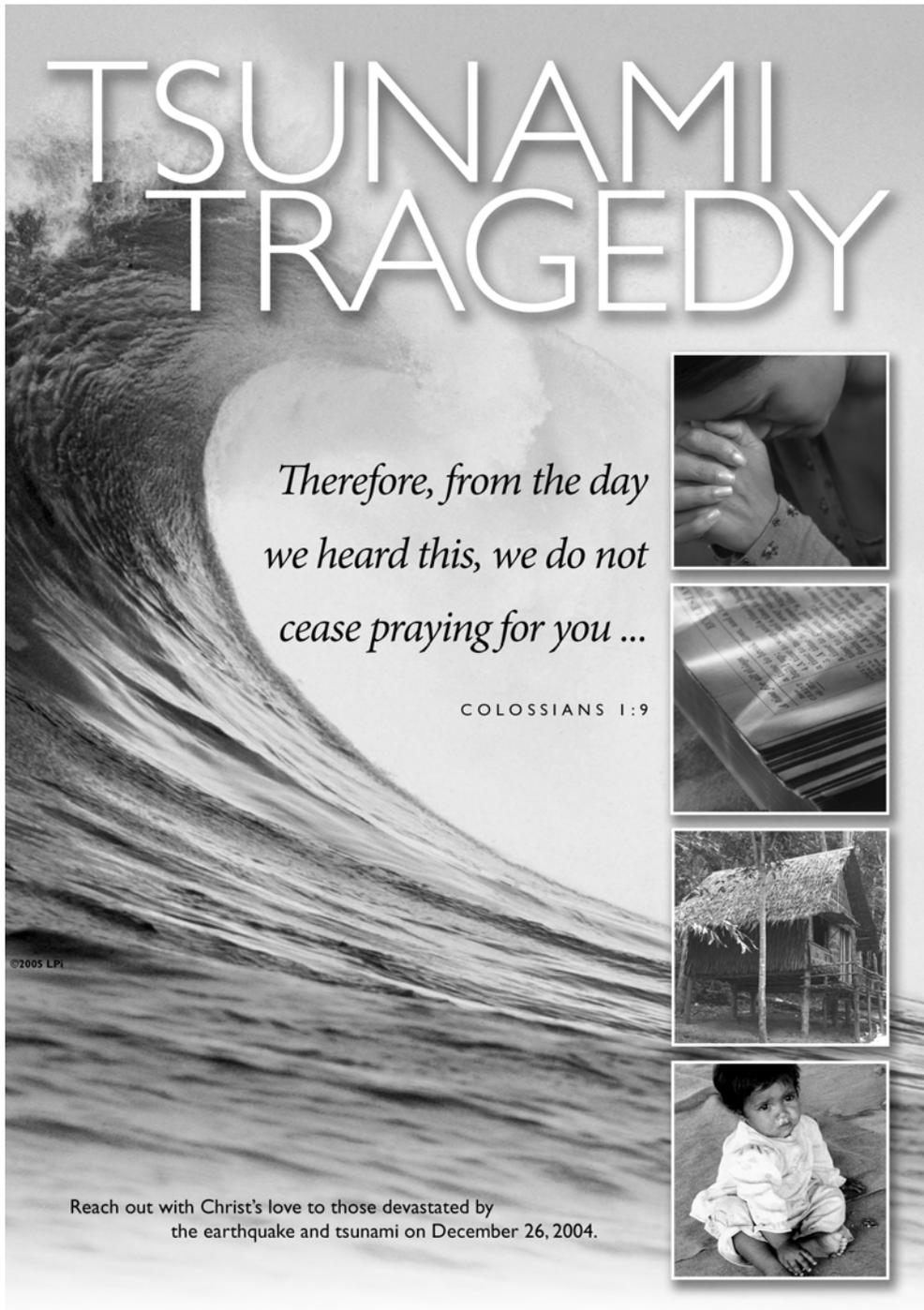


The Community of St. Matthew

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



TSUNAMI
TRAGEDY

*Therefore, from the day
we heard this, we do not
cease praying for you ...*

COLOSSIANS 1:9

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Reach out with Christ's love to those devastated by
the earthquake and tsunami on December 26, 2004.



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus; we celebrate that event and moment in the life of Jesus when He receives his destiny. As Jesus came out of the waters of the Jordan River, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God rushed upon him and a voice was heard – “this is my Son, my beloved....”

It is the inaugural moment in the public life of Jesus. He is immediately thrust into the desert; and we are told that there he fasted for forty days, only to emerge and announce to all – “The kingdom of God is among you...”

The moment of our baptism is a like event. We enter into a public living of discipleship, we are called to promote and proclaim the kingdom of God, and we receive our destiny as “children of God “and” brother or sister of the Lord”.

For the vast majority of us this event occurs in infancy. We are brought; we do not come on our own, to the waters of baptism. Parents and family make this act of faith. Yet, even though I am unaware of what is occurring within myself, the effect is dynamic and life changing. I am called into a unique relationship with God and I am called and destined to live as a disciple of the Lord.

The challenge of living is to remain faithful to my destiny, to obey the law of my nature, to live the fullness of my life.

Do you have a copy of your baptism certificate, a record of the event? If not, simply call the church in which you were baptized and ask them to send you a copy of your baptism record. Keep that paper as a book mark in your Bible or prayerbook, keep it as a way of remembering the moment and event in which the heavens opened for you and the Spirit of God rushed upon you. We all need to be reminded of our destiny.

Each year I try to make a “pilgrimage” to the Church of Saint Luke on or about May 3rd to touch the spot where that occurred in my life some 63 years ago.

How many times did Jesus recall the event that took him by storm in the waters of the Jordan? How many times in the midst of failure and success, suffering and glory, brightness and darkness did he recall that inaugural moment in which he was set upon his life’s work?

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATIONAL MEETING, JANUARY 11

Join parents and parishioners and members of the Cristo Rey High School formation committee on January 11 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Take the opportunity to learn about this innovative high school, ask questions and provide feedback to the committee. Bring along a friend or two.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS, COMMUNION

MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, GIFT BEARERS AND USHERS/GREETERS!

We're gearing up for another Liturgical Ministry Schedule. This one will cover February 12 through May 15. Please contact Ginny no later than January 12th with any scheduling requests or conflicts. E-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com or leave her a message at 651-222-2867.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who spent extra time during a very busy season to make our Christmas liturgies special in music and environment. Hopefully, the following list hasn't missed anyone -- if your name was skipped, please know that your work was much appreciated and essential, even if your name was buried in the mess that sits atop Dana's desk. Thank You to our Adult Singers, Ringers & Musicians: Carol, Mary, Jaentra, Edith, Theresa S., Rachel, Linda, Arlyn, Maureen, Dana D., Andy, Jack, Ralph, Mike L., Dennis, Rick, Larry, Hugh, Rich, Anthony, Lori, Lynn, Paul, Mike R., Chris, Mary Rose, Judy, Michelle, Beth, Theresa B., Bob, Liza, Eunice, Kelsey, Pat, Kevin, Nicole, Joanne, Bernie and Jackie. Thank You to our Guitar Group: Michelle, Beth, Dan, Mark & John. Thank You to our Hummm-Dingers: Christine, Karena, Bridget, Becca, D.J., Anne, Julianna, Tristan, Donelle, Maya, Tiana, Andrea, Samantha. Thank You to our "Environmentalists": Tom & Sheila, Ron & Lu, Peter, Jan, Samantha & Holly, Anne, Mary Ann, Joanne & Gerry & their grandkids, Larry, Tony, Bob, Hugh, and Christine & Tony. Thank You also to everyone who helped assemble our Worship Aid for the season: Lu, Anne, Sr. Bridgid, Samantha, Eileen & Gerry. Rejoice! We have 11 whole months to recuperate before the next Christmas Rush!!!

FLOAT MY BOAT!
TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORT

The second collection this weekend will go to assist the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in south Asia. Billions of dollars have been pledged by governments and individuals to meet the immediate needs of medical care, food, shelter, etc.

Our collection will be sent to the American Refugee Committee for the purpose of building two person fishing boats and giving them to the fishers who lost the means of their livelihood because of the disaster.

Tens of thousands of these small boats were destroyed. Coastal families are fishing families; the boats are necessary for people to once again establish some base and opportunity to support themselves and their families.

Our contributions will be sent to the American Refugee Committee. They will take the money to south Asia. They will oversee the building of the boats and the giving of the boats to local fishers. The cost of one boat is about \$500.

Should you wish to undertake a larger project; the cost of restoring a fresh water system in a coastal village is about \$30,000.

Often we are so good at the immediate response – health care, food, clothing and shelter. Where we sometimes fall down is in the long term stabilization of a society and the assisting in rebuilding the economic infra structure so that once again a people can be free and relatively self sufficient.

Checks can be written to Saint Matthew. Funds will be transmitted to the American Refugee Committee.

You can also make direct contributions to the American Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services or Doctors Without Borders.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME COLLECTION

Next weekend, January 15 and 16, 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 its terminally ill patients. Small individual size puddings, cream soups, non-acid fruit juices, canned goods, dry staples, paper products: toilet tissue, kleenex, 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."

LEISURE CLUB

There will be no meeting of the St. Matthew's Leisure Club during the month of January. The next meeting will be on February 9, watch the bulletin for further information.

ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Celebrate with your neighbors and friends. Enjoy a free, hot breakfast and watch the broadcast of the General Mills MLK Celebration from the Minneapolis Convention Center. Hear senior correspondent for National Public Radio and prize-winning author, Juan Williams, deliver the keynote address in honor of Dr. King. Reservations required. Space limited. Register at www.spaac.org or (651)646-8805, ext. 56. Reservations must be made by January 11. Children are more than welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Date: Monday, January 17, 2005; Schedule: Breakfast: 7:00-7:45 AM, Program: 7:30-9:30 AM. Place: Augustana Lutheran Church, 1400 S. Robert St., W. St. Paul, MN 55118.

THIS WEEK AT
S A I N T M A T T H E W

Sunday	January 9
3:30 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
5:45 PM, SH	Confirmation Dinner
Monday	January 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 11
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SH	Cristo Rey High School Informational Meeting
Wednesday	January 12
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, SH	Men's Club
Thursday	January 13
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	January 14
Saturday	January 15
Sunday	January 16
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	January 17
7:00-9:30 AM	Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and program
Augustana Lutheran Church	

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,706.35
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$5.50
School Fund	\$381.00
Holy Day	\$2,198.25
Initial Collection	\$274.00

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.
s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners 5:00 PM Confirmation Candidates
Monday, January 10	World Peace
Tuesday, January 11	Parishioners
Wednesday, January 12	World Peace
Thursday, January 13	Parishioners
Friday, January 14	
Saturday, January 15	Tim Jack
Sunday, January 16	8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr. Larry Simmons Dorene George 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2005

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/ Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/ Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/ Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/ Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Join the students, faculty, staff and families of St. Matthew's School on Sunday, January 23 as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a lunch in the social hall beginning after the 10:30 AM Mass. Then take the opportunity to tour our classrooms and attend the 7th Grade play "Joseph and His Brothers" at 1:15 PM in the gym. Come celebrate almost 120 years of Catholic education on the West Side!!

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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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Larry Sachi	Connie Aligada

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