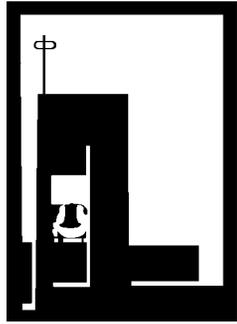
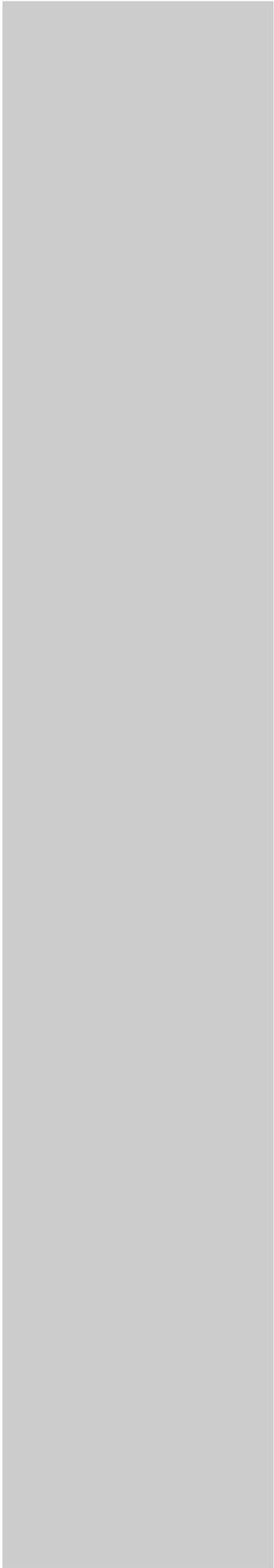


The Community of St. Matthew



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





Since 1886

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Wednesday of this week, June 22nd, is the 33rd anniversary of the death of Msgr. James J. Cecka -- pastor of Saint Matthew and seminary teacher.

Jim Cecka was a bright and talented man, he was the consummate teacher. The man possessed a photographic memory and a capacity to read constantly. He spent most of his time in ministry doing two or three jobs simultaneously.

I met Msgr. Cecka for the first time as a young high school student. He taught me American History in junior year. In fact he taught the entire course four times throughout the year. The first quarter of the year he taught the course as it was laid out in the 600 page text book. We went from the landing on Plymouth Rock to Sputnik circling the globe. He then invited us to select three more ways to study the history of our country, one for each succeeding quarter of the year. He suggested we could study it according to the lives of the presidents, or according to the lives of the Supreme Court Chief Justices, or according to the decisions of the Supreme Court, or according to the story of expansion and immigration, or according to fashion or architecture or music. The man was a virtual store house of knowledge.

He also taught the Social Teaching of the Church to me as a college student. He used a small red booklet titled "The Five Great Encyclicals", a book that came to be well read and studied by all in the class. He warned us that these teachings of the Church were not to be taken lightly, that they were of great significance for what it means to be a Catholic and certainly for what it means to be a

priest. At one point he told us, "Gentlemen, if you do not understand and believe these teachings you have absolutely no right to be a student for the Catholic priesthood."

In the middle 60's he became pastor of Saint Matthew's and was pastor at the time of the fire which burned the old church. His health suffered greatly and he became pastor emeritus at the time of the rebuilding of the church. Father Bill Whittier became the administrator of the parish.

Jim Cecka was famous for his "quick Sunday Mass" -- reverent, but rapid. He was committed to young people and the teaching of the young. He delighted in students -- grade school, high school and college students. He was a man of hope and promise. He knew the history of the country and the church well enough to not be discouraged by the blips and turns of events. He took a long view of life, and encourage others to do the same. He trusted deeply in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

He was also the world's worst administrator -- he had little time or interest in the details of administration.

All in all, Jim Cecka was a blessing and gift to generations of seminary students and to the families of Saint Matthew.

I invite you to remember him in prayer this week.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FESTIVAL

The Festival will be Sunday June 26th from 12:00—6:00 pm. Experience delicious food, cold beverages, excellent entertainment, a raffle drawing with great prizes, and games for the children. Fun for the entire family!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SUMMER FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

Come enjoy the festivities on June 25 and 26, from 12:00—6:00 pm. There will be a spaghetti dinner (\$8 adults; \$6 children) served all day, pull tabs, crafts, children's games, garage sale, silent auction, bake sale, and refreshments! If you have any questions, call 651-227-0336.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During June, the school will be open
9:00 AM -2:00 PM Monday -Thursday;

You may purchase Scrip on weekdays during these office hours.

The school will be closed for the month of July.

Messages will be checked daily and in case of an emergency please call the Parish Center (651-224-9793) and they will get in touch with the appropriate party.

The school office will be open beginning August 1 from
9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council will meet on Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Remember, you can e-mail your comments or ideas to the Council at parishcouncil@st-matts.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—AUGUST 1-5

Can you help out a few hours on a day? Are you interested in volunteering for the entire week? We can use your help in many areas—no building experience required! **Please sign up in the back of church and join our crew** (along with fellow workers from other parishes)! If you have any questions, you may call Ginny at 222-2867.

SCRIP IS BLOOMING ALL SUMMER!

Remember to purchase your SCRIP after masses, or at the school office. Each \$50 in purchase earns you a raffle ticket. Prizes will be awarded over the 12 weeks of summer.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY CELEBRATION JUNE 26

Mark your calendars for this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Celebration, June 26, 2005. It begins at 1:30 PM and includes the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Sunday with Archbishop Flynn presiding, a blessing of crops and land, and essay and poster contest awards. This year's family fun event is sponsored by the parishes of Holy Trinity (Goodhue), St. Columbkil (Bellecreek) and St. Mary's (Bellechester), and is being held at the Dave and Ann Buck family farm. There will be a hog roast and trimmings (free will offering accepted), music, entertainment, farm tour, a petting zoo and games and activities for children. Please bring a camera for photo opportunities, and blankets and lawn chairs. All are welcome.

Call the Rural Life Office at (507)364-7323 for directions.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 19, 2005
12:00, CH	Happy Father's Day! Baptism
Monday	June 20, 2005
3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	June 21, 2005
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes First Day of Summer!
Wednesday	June 22, 2005
12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	June 23, 2005
12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Parish Council Mtg.
Friday	June 24, 2005
Saturday	June 25, 2005
Sunday	June 26, 2005
	Little Sisters of the Poor Festival Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival

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 JUNE 19 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate \$6996.33
 School Fund 138.00

If you are going to be on vacation, you can drop off contribution envelopes in the Parish Office.

*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, June 19 8:00 AM Ed Maher
 John Bandholz (Ann’y)
 10:30 AM Parishioners
 Bernard Bukowski
 Monday, June 20 Leonard Lang (Ann’y)
 Tuesday, June 21 World Peace
 Wednesday, June 22 Ray Mosberger
 Thursday, June 23 World Peace
 Friday, June 24
 Saturday, June 25 5:00 PM Alice Marthaler
 Tim Jack
 Ignatius & Marie Marsollek
 Sunday, June 26 8:00 AM Daniel Patton
 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 19, 2005
 Sunday, June 19: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15;
 Mt 10:26-33
 Monday, June 20: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday, June 21: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday, June 22: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18;
 Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday, June 23: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16;
 Mt 7:21-29
 Friday, June 24: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;
 Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Saturday, June 25: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday, June 26: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a;
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11;
 Mt 10:37-42

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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

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Linda Sellars Becky Montgomery
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 Suzanne Clarke Doug Kennedy
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