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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (July: 9 AM - 3 PM)

Sundays: 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 PM in the Reconciliation Room or anytime by appointment.

INFANT BAPTISM: Please call the parish office at least three months prior to the expected date of the baptism.

MARRIAGE: Please contact Fr. Paul or Aaron Haag at least six months prior to the desired date of marriage.

VISITS AND COUNSELING: The parish ministers to the sick, elderly, and those in need of spiritual counseling. Please call the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION: The parish welcomes new members. Please call the parish office to register.

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Saturday Anticipation: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM

COMMUNION SERVICES:

Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM

Monday and Saturday: 8:30 AM

MISSION STATEMENT: St. Matthew Catholic Parish is an enthusiastic, welcoming and dedicated community called to oneness and growth in personal holiness through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We are sent forth by the Word of God to bring others to Christ through our prayer and acts of charity. We strive to share our Roman Catholic faith, enjoy fellowship as a parish family, educate, serve others and be good stewards of the many resources given to us by God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1

8:30 am + Communion Service

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 am + Dick McCalley

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 am + Ralph Hurkenrider

6:00 pm + Bob Alerding

Thursday, April 4

8:30 am + Mildred Coglianese

Friday, April 5

8:30 am + Mildred Coglianese

Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm + Pat Fisher

Sunday, April 7

7:30 am + Parishioners

9:00 am + Maxine Dean

11:30 am + Rahendra

Minister Schedule: April 6&7

5:00 pm: Mass Coordinator –Cora Einterz

Servers – Caige Harris, Alison Matheny

Proclaimers – Fran Gale (1st) Rob Gauss (2nd)

Eucharistic Ministers – *Jeff Linehan, Amy Stimpson, Tom Williams, Gerald Stawick, Eileen Jones, Katharine Otolski

7:30 am: Mass Coordinator-Charlotte Carlley

Servers – Mary Stemky, Natalie Worrell

Proclaimer – Gerald Stempky

Eucharistic Ministers – * Mark Worrell, Leslie Kerr, Sandra Patel, Dot Ryan, Beth Brogan, Mary McNulty

9:00 am: Mass Coordinator –Pat Witt

Servers – Bailey Murphy, Colin Murphy

Proclaimers – Leslie Kelly (1st) Judy Hipskind (2nd)

Eucharistic Ministers – * Barry Murphy, Martha McCurdy, Jason Keasey, Bob Kowal, Kitty Fischer, Julie Bower

11:30 am: Mass Coordinator – Tim Tully

Servers – Garrett Heraly, sub

Proclaimers – Laura Heraly(1st) Jeff Blackwell(2nd)

Eucharistic Ministers – *Katie Straley, Ann Tully, Aaron Rarick, Denise Fry, Josh Fry, Mary Batrich

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to the many parishioners who helped make our North Deanery Easter Basket drive a HUGE success. Saint Matthew Parish exceeded the goal in every category. A special thank you to those who braved the cold, harsh weather Monday evening during distribution. Your generous hearts abound.

Generous Hearts Thought: Jesus, in His Life, Death and Resurrection, challenges us to break open our lives, share them with others and build His Kingdom. In our stewardship, we are Eucharistic people called to His service, not just at Easter, but every day.

Question of the Week Adults: In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life? Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year? Children: What is good and new in your life?

For those who need prayer: Jerome Benkert, Gerrod Bright, Joe Broecker, Lou Ella Brunette, Kent Carson, Mary Conway, Gabe Duplechan, Jack Freshley, Jeanne Gabriel, Lee Ann Gray, Fred Greve, Gregg Hart, Mickey Maroni, Madison Mascus, Brad Menker, Dominic Newtz, Bill Robinson, Ric Roth, Jerry Sherba, Susan Shultz, Agnes Tokarek, Vicki Traub, Helen Tully, and Joe Weise

Please pray for our military: Josh Behney, Matt Black, Joe Deitchman, Lee Fine, Michael Gallagher, Erik Goertemiller, Jenny Guimont, Ryan Hogan, George Holland, Tim Hughes, Pat Kavanagh, Matt Kirk, Russ LeMay, Bill Mathis, Chris Pelton, Ben Richman, Tyler Robarge, Neil Sexton, Anthony Stout, David & Lex Vogelgesang, Sean Wyler.

FAITH FORMATION

Making Faith Fun. Remember that the Easter Season is fifty days. Choose a candle to be your family paschal candle and light it every day. It will be a wonderful reminder that we are heaven-bound with Jesus. And that's something to celebrate long after Easter! Treat yourself, your family and Jesus to some loving, joyous feasting and merriment over the next month.

Vacation Bible School will hold an adult leader meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7p.m. If you are interested in helping, contact Jackie Noll or attend this meeting in room 204.

Vacation Bible School will take place June 10-14th from 9:00-11:30a.m. Mark your calendars now. Registration will begin in May. Our theme this year is "Kingdom Rock...Where kids stand strong for God"!

Dip Into Prayer will be an intergenerational WinGS event where many prayer experiences will be offered! This will take place in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer on May 2nd. We are looking for people to help with this wonderful experience or contact Jackie Noll.

PARISH, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

LifeTouch Parish Pictorial Directory: Beginning in May, we will begin taking complimentary photos for a new pictorial directory. Each family who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10. Sign up in the Narthex for your times today! You can also sign up online. A link to the sign up page can be found on our homepage. If you have questions or trouble signing up, contact Aaron Haag at ahaag@saintmatt.org or 317-257-4297 x 1004.

PARISH, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Catholicism 101: *This is the night ...* Holy Saturday begins in the late evening with the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil begins with fire, procession, and song that celebrate the presence of God throughout the history of Israel and in the final victory of Christ over death. *Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!* The Easter Vigil celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation for the men and women who have been preparing many months to join the Catholic Church and the faith community of St. Matthew. The Easter Vigil is also very unique in its liturgical celebration – it travels from the darkness into the light. The service begins outside with all gathered around a bonfire. The fire is blessed and the Easter candle is lit from the flames of the blessed fire. Each person present will also carry a candle, which is lit from the flame of the Easter candle. The flame is passed from person to person until all the candles are lit. All gathered now process into the darkness of the church that is quickly transformed into a sea of candlelight. We symbolize the light of Christ. We hear the Word of God from Genesis, Exodus, and the voices of the prophets that tell our history – the history of God’s presence and care from creation, redemption from slavery, Abraham, and finally in the presence of Jesus Christ on earth. In the Gospel, Matthew tells us the story of Mary Magdalene’s discovery of the empty tomb ... and her mission, which continues with us today!

Please pray for the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion as they share in their special “Blessing Cup Meal” next Sunday, April 7th. Their families and catechists have played a special role in preparing them for the important Sacrament they will be receiving on April 27th.

Seussical Jr. Tickets for this year’s 8th Grade Musical are now available to the Community. The 8th Grade will present Seussical Jr., on Friday, April 12 at 7pm in the Gym. It is first come, first serve – so be sure to place your order now! All tickets include dessert and drink: Tickets are \$5/person, \$35 for a table of 8, or \$3 for a bleacher seat. Doors open at 6pm; please plan to be seated before the musical begins promptly at 7. All proceeds contribute to the cost of the musical – thank you for your generous support! Stop by the school office to place your order and tickets will be waiting on you at the door.

Financial Peace University with Dave Ramsey is coming back for a second session. Over 30 participants from St. Matthew went through the 9 week course last fall, and a group of them are excited to offer the class again. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. Look in upcoming bulletins and parish e-newsletters for more information!

50/50 Raffle

The number drawn for Sunday, March 17th was 182 and last Sunday, March 24th the number drawn was 397. Neither of the families played so there were no winners.

Attention 50/50 players: The pot is now over \$8500 and quickly approaching our \$10,000 maximum! We will draw numbers until there is a winner next Monday, April 8th.

STEWARDSHIP

A Stewardship Moment, a Reflection on Today’s Readings: Alive in Christ! That’s what we are. Among the many readings of Easter, Saint Paul reflects on this “newness of life” in his letter to the Romans. The Christian life is a resurrected life. It is new life, one of truth, inner joy and genuine fulfillment. God has transformed our lives for all eternity, and that transformation is what it means to be a Christian. Do you know the resurrected life? Have you genuinely experienced it? Good stewards have; and in their commitment to the Lord, they know what it means to be alive in Christ. It is time to rejoice. He is risen! Alleluia!


It is not too late to turn in your “Give from the Heart” Stewardship Renewal Campaign intention card! They can be turned in to the parish office or placed in the offertory basket. More intention cards are available in the gathering space. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all members who have turned in intention cards! Many new inquiries have been made to serve in a new ministry. This is wonderful! A representative from the ministries should be contacting you soon.

Want to find your top 5 Strengths??? Living Your Strengths Books are still available for purchase in the parish office. The books are \$15.

Thank you to the 17 parishioners who participated in St Matthew’s very first "Living your strengths" discussion group. Your lively discussion and insight were most appreciated. If you haven’t taken the StrengthsFinder assessment yet we encourage you to do so, as additional dates for discussion groups will be scheduled in the future. If you belong to a small group and would like to use the strengths program with your group, or if you have any questions, please contact the parish office or Amy Stimpson at stimpsonab@aol.com.

Consider this. Have you ever thought of volunteering on one of St. Matthew’s Saint Vincent DePaul Sundays either at the food pantry or the distribution center, but weren’t sure what it is like? Do you not know what those things are? Join us for a tour of the distribution center and food pantry on Saturday April 6, 2013. We will gather at St. Matthew at 9:45 and form a carpool. Ages high school and above are welcome. In order to keep from interfering with operations, we will limit the tour to 20 people. Please RSVP to Aaron Haag at ahaag@saintmatt.org or 317-257-4297 x. 1004.

Thank you to the children of the Parish for their examples of stewardship: “I helped my dad feel better because he’s sick.”, “I gave away my toys and made someone happy.”, “I apologized when I was wrong”, “I taught my Grandma how to play chess”, “ate my vegetables without arguing”, “helped pick up the trains”. The treasure was \$68.65. Thank you for your generous hearts.



Parish Support

	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Weekend of 3/24/2013	\$17,820	\$18,000
Year to Date 3/24/2013	\$946,760	\$950,000
Over (Under) Budget	(\$3,240)	

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