



St. Matthew's Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays (M, T, W, & F)	7:30 AM
Holy Days	As Announced
Rosary & Novena	6:30 PM on Mondays (September – May)

Prayer Chain – Call the Parish Office to initiate our parish Prayer Chain for any special intentions you may have.

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage – Please call the office for information on baptismal preparation classes. For marriages, call Father Tom, at least 6 months prior to the wedding date, to arrange.

Hospital or Home Visits – Please contact the parish office when serious illness and/or hospitalization occur. Many area hospitals no longer list patients by parish, so we rely on your timely notification to arrange a visit or the Anointing of the Sick.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – Those who are interested in finding out more about joining the Catholic Church are asked to please call Deacon Paul. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Parish Membership – A heartfelt welcome to all new parishioners. We invite each family or individual to please register with us by calling or stopping by the parish office. Registration places you on our mailing list and ensures you receive up-to-date information on parish happenings.



August 24, 2008

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 23

5:00 PM: Linda Lynch
 req. by: Anne & Bob Pennock

Sunday, August 24

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM: John E. Hickey, Sr.
 req. by: Gail Michalak

10:30 AM: Shirley Wilkins

req. by: Madge & Terry Devine

Monday, August 25

7:30 AM:

Tuesday, August 26

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 27

7:30 AM: Garry Petre
 req. by: Clare Hemmett

Thursday, August 28

NO MASS

Friday, August 29

7:30 AM:

Saturday, August 30

5:00 PM: Rhonda Irvin 1st Anniversary
 req. by: Mom & her five sisters

Sunday, August 31

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM:

req. by:

10:30 AM: Rosemarie Angermeier

req. by: Ellie & Tom Dorn

and for: Kelly Kirby

req. by: Janice & Larry Dedrick

**Saturday, August 23**

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Scripture Readings

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2
/Mt 16:21-27

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Mt 16:19-20

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH**STATUE OF SAINT MATTHEW**

Many people have commented on how much they like the repainted and more comfortable feeling of the parish lobby. It has been suggested that an image of Saint Matthew would be a wonderful addition to the "burgundy wall" as you enter the area. What a great suggestion that is and we would like to have a statue of our patron saint on that wall if anyone would like to contribute to that goal, perhaps in memory of someone, please contact Father Tom. It would be a wonderful addition to put in place as part of our Saint Matthew's Feast Day Celebration in September if that were possible.

**NEW BOOK RACK AND SOME NEW BOOKS**

Many Thanks to Gerry Langhauser for once again sharing his carpentry talents with our parish. Gerry has created an additional book rack for us so we might consolidate and expand our offerings of printed literature. This offering of his talent is a great example of Christian Stewardship for which we are grateful.

The new bookrack has joined its mate in the lobby of the parish center just beyond the parish office on the way to the classrooms. Together they offer a variety of materials for the whole family, some free and some for a donation. Among the newest offerings are:

Two books by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk on the Sunday readings:

When God Speaks and *Live Letters*

Some other titles include: *Vatican II Today*,

Thomas Merton's *Paradise Journey, Priests, Prophets and Sages* and *Everyday Prayers for Children*.

Take some time occasionally and check out some of what is available and maybe helpful in developing your faith as we all seek to do.

BLESSING OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Christians have always believed that God would be present to them in whatever situation they found themselves. We reminded ourselves of that truth with ritual blessings to mark an infinite list of life experiences. At this time of year, many young people are preparing to set off from home to attend college, one of modern life's new adventures. In order to remind those young people of Saint Matthew's that God will indeed be with them in this experience, our parish would like to offer a Parish Blessing as they leave for college.



During the next couple of weekends, any parish members who will be leaving for college are asked to identify themselves in the sacristy before liturgy begins so they can be included in a Blessing Ritual at the end of mass. We hope that this Blessing will be a source of peace both for the students who are leaving, and for the families that see them go.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

In today's second reading St. Paul reminds the Roman's, and us, that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are."

Thanks to all our parishioners and friends who have recognized God's generosity to them and have extended that generosity through their sharing of time, talent and treasure with our parish. Thanks to those who have contributed \$5233.50 through last weekend's collection to support parish life here at St. Matthew's.

We especially appreciate those who make the extra effort of maintaining their stewardship of our parish even when they are away.

Thank you.

SAINT MATTHEW'S DAY IS COMING!!!

Save the Day...September 21, 2008!

Volunteers needed for...Food setup, serving, raffle coordination and sales. Please call the parish office if you can help!



BLESSING OF PREGNANCY

Parents-to-be are invited to celebrate **the Blessing of Pregnancy during both masses on Sunday, September 7th**. If you would like to be a part of this special ceremony or know of some one who would, please call the parish office at 765-2805 to register.

RITE OF ENROLLEMENT

On Sunday, September 7th, during the 10:30 am mass, one family will present their child to our parish as a Baptismal Candidate. This ceremony is part of the child's first initiation into the Church. The child will receive the Church's First Blessing, along with his name being entered into the "Book of The Elect", signifying his future commitment to living a Catholic Christian life. We invite all parishioners to join in this special spiritual celebration.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on **Monday, September 15, 2008**, with the Rite of Enrollment scheduled to be celebrated during the October 18th, liturgy. If you would like to be included in these next sessions, or would like a complete schedule of upcoming sessions, please call the office or Peggy McQuade, our Baptismal Team Coordinator at 872-9035. For your convenience, you may also view a copy of the Baptismal schedule, posted on the lobby entrance bulletin board and on our website:

www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.org

Although required for parents seeking the Baptism of their children, Godparents, Grandparents and interested parishioners may also join in. Expectant parents are also welcomed and encouraged to attend, which would allow time to celebrate the Church's **Blessing of Pregnancy**.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING SESSIONS: "STORY TELLING"

St. Matthew's is offering a new exciting series of four **Christian Parenting Sessions** to help families teach and nurture the love of God to their children. The next session in the series is entitled: "**Story Telling**". Come, listen and participate with your imagination as Deacon Paul Davignon guides you through this marvelous journey. While viewing a unique collection of children's books, you will experience the magical art of **Story Telling**, which is a fun and fascinating way to interact with your children and provide them with invaluable lessons of God's precious love.

This session will be held at **St. Matthew's on Sunday, September 14, 2008, after the 10:30 mass**. The Christian Parenting Sessions offer guidance to parents between the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, providing a good stepping-stone for teaching your children, tangible ways about God. All Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office at **765-2805**. We look forward to sharing in this adventure with you. In addition, this will fulfill a preparation requirement for parents seeking baptism for a second child at St. Matthew's within a three-year period.

FAITH FORMATION

REMINDER.... Deadline for Faith Formation Registration is the end of August. A late fee will be charged for your registration after August 29th.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE!

Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event:
September 12 – Capital City Rescue Mission
Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Gloria Bogart, Haysha Acebal, Raymond Banuls, Bill Boyd, Brendan Burke, Diana Burns, Carly Carey, Connie Castellana, Mary Charron, Susan Coffey, Tim Colchin, Joan Conway, Joseph Coury, Mildred Coury, Philip Davis, Robert Dorn, Doris Doyle, James Finnessey, Bobby Flagler, Richard Frank, Elizabeth Gaimari, Amanda Gibbs, Lynn Giudici-Reynolds, Christine Gwaldis, Meg Haff, Ricky Haggerty, Richard Harrington, Ricky Hoffman, Lorraine Holland, Catherine Johnston, Brett Lee, Jean LeCarl, Bob LeClair, Melissa Lee, Joe Markel, Helen McGinty, Mary Ann Morrison, Maureen Palumbo, Bryan Pettit, Nicole Retajczyk, Mike Ricci, Tina Rosen, Kathy Sansone, William Skicki, Allison Thomas, Mary Walas, Angie Jean Wimpperman, John Withkowski, Anna Davis, Ruth Ulion, Walter Greene, Patrick DeWane, Jeannie Mormile, Kathy Jornov, Amanda Cole, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna DeVellis Vincent Farney Bernie Pafunda, Lois Parmelee, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick and Tim Finnegan.

Our **BULLETIN DEADLINE** is by **9:00 AM** on **Wednesday**. If it is a holiday week the deadline is **Monday** at **9:00 AM**.