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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.



February 22, 2009

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 21

5:00 PM: Kenneth Guyer
 req. by: Sue & Matthew Burns
 and for: **The Marcox Family**
 req. by: The Csiza Family

Sunday, February 22

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Joseph Cillis
 req. by: John & Rosemary Zongrone
 and for: **Nellie Roberts**
 req. by: Tillie Relyea

10:30 AM: Healing Mass for the family of Joseph Cillis

req. by: Mark & Megan Brown
 and for: **John & Claire Prisolo**
 req. by: The Wilson Family

Monday, February 23
NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, February 24
7:30 AM:

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 25
7:30 AM: Jodi Decker – Royce
 req. by: **The Hammond Family**

7:00 PM:

Thursday, February 26
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, February 27
7:30 AM:

Saturday, February 28
5:00 PM: John & Claire Prisolo
 req. by: The Wilson Family
 and for: **Frank J. Tommell**
 req. by: The Kundel Family

Sunday, March 1
1st Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM: Donald Johnston
 req. by: The McArdle Family

10:30 AM: Ken Guyer
 req. by: Ed & Joanne Donohue
 and for: **Patrick Dewane**
 req. by: Father Tom & St. Matthew's Parish community



Saturday, February 21
Baptism 5:00 PM Mass

Monday, February 23
Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM
Confirmation Session #4 7:00 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 25
Masses at 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Simple Soup Supper 6:15 PM
Music Ministry 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 28
Family Faith Day
Grades 2-5 2:00 PM

Sunday, March 1
Pre K – 1 10:30 AM
Grades 6 – 8 4:30 PM

Scripture Readings

Sunday: 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/
2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/
2 Cor 5:20---6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/
1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15



OUR PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION OF OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY IN THE ARMED FORCES

Richard Bailey, Evan Craig,
Austin Freeman, Adam Kodra,
CDR Dennis P. McKenna

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH



St. Matthew's Question of the Week:

As we hear the Paralytic who was brought to
Jesus for healing, ask yourself;

What paralyzes me and keeps me from going to Jesus?

Who in my life has carried me to Jesus for healing?



SILENCE OF LITURGY

During the course of the current economic downturn, many commentators have described our economic system as being something like a three – legged stool that needs to be properly balanced. The economic “legs” seem to be; the housing market, the banking system and sound credit.

Liturgists have long used the same image to describe Catholic liturgy. The 3 – legs of liturgy that need to be balanced however are: the spoken word; music and song and silence. Here at St. Matthew's our liturgical ministers have worked long and hard on the first two legs. Our lectors proclaim the scriptures well and with conviction, and our music ministry expresses and nourishes our faith. During the coming weeks of lent, we hope to grow more accustomed to the “third leg” of our common prayer by increasing our use of liturgical silence which is of course the time we allow God's presence to touch our heart.

So during the weeks of lent, if liturgy moves a little more slowly, or with less musical background don't think that someone has forgotten their job, but rather allow the God who calls us to prayer to speak to your heart.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT WEEKEND

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent all those members of our parish who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of initiation at Easter are invited to take part in a Rite of Enrollment. By entering their names in the Book of the Elect those asking for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation signal their intention to live the Christian Life as a part of the Body of Christ and of St. Matthew's parish. By accepting those names our parish promises our prayerful support for those parish members during those final weeks of preparation. Next weekend, be sure to congratulate these Christians on the commitment they are making and remember to keep them in your Lenten prayers.

ASH WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten Journey, which is the season of preparation for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During this time we repent, show sorrow for our sins and prepare to follow the ways of Jesus. To mark the beginning of our Lenten journey, we invite all parishioners to join with us on **Wednesday, February 25th** at 6:15 in **St. Matthew's Parish Social Hall** for our **Annual Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Supper**. In order to prepare for this event, we invite you to sign the Reservation Forms located at both entrances of the church.



SUPPORT THE U.S. BLACK, INDIAN, AND ALEUTE MISSIONS

The Church's National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States will be taken at all masses next weekend, February 28th and March 1st. Because of the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S., last year, aid is given to some of the neediest people across the country. If we all give a little – a lot will be accomplished.

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who contributed \$5034.60 to the support of St. Matthew's last weekend. Their stewardship's allowed us to make a \$2,230.00 payment to the Lay Employee's Pension Fund and a \$684.00 payment to the cost of parishioner subscriptions to The Evangelist. (If you would like to receive a copy of the Diocesan Catholic newspaper, please let us know at the office).

CHRISTIAN PARENTING: 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**. We have introduced a new format where both you and your children can 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 storybooks, 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, March 8, 2009, 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents wishing to celebrate the Baptism of their children are reminded that the next cycle of preparation sessions begin on Monday, March 9, 2009. If you would like to be included in these next sessions, or would like a complete schedule on 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**.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION**JIM MACDONOUGH AWARD & COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the St. Matthew's Men's Association college scholarship can be found at the church entrances. All applications should be filled out and placed in the envelope on the Men's Association Bulletin Board in rear entry of the church or via email as instructed at the bottom of the application by Sunday, February 22nd.

If you wish to nominate one or more persons for the 2009 Jim Mac Donough Award, please fill out a nomination form, found at the church entrances. Or you may Email your nomination to sgoss1@gmail.com no later than Sunday February 22, 2009. Please include a brief reason for your nomination. Men's Association members will vote on the nominations received. The winner(s) will be announced in late March, and be presented with a plaque at the Men's Association Communion Breakfast in April.

COME JOIN US IN SERVICE! Check your calendar to see if you can join us for the following service event --- **Please call Tom Dorn at 765-3304**

Ronald McDonald House – Saturday, February 21st
Capital City Rescue Mission – Saturday, April 25th

THOSE WHO ARE ILL...

Donna Amato, Glori 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, Doris Doyle, James Finnessey, Bobby Flagler, Richard Frank, Elizabeth Gaimari, Amanda Gibbs, Lynn Giudici-Reynolds, Christine Gwaldis, Ricky Haggerty, Richard Harrington, Ricky Hoffman, Lorraine Holland, Catherine Johnston, Brett Lee, Jean LeCarl, Bob LeClair, Melissa Lee, Joe Markel, 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, , Jeannie Mormile, Kathy Jornov, Aggie Tucker, Payton Gordinier, Donna DeVellis, Bernie Pafunda, Richard Arthur, Claire Broderick, Tim Finnigan, Bertha Meservey, Marie Cullen, Joseph Long, Katie Traudt, Maureen Daugherty, Eric Dagner, Marilyn Farrell, Donald Lee, Evelyn Lobato, Nellie Ciupek

We are a Roman Catholic Community called by Jesus Christ to proclaim the Kingdom of God through sacramental lives of prayer and ministry. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to give witness to the Gospel by serving God and others.
 Our Parish Mission Statement