



# St. Matthew's Church

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**STAFF**

Ellie Dorn.....	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Suzanne Schultz.....	Coordinator of Faith Formation
Paul Davignon.....	Deacon
Andrea Freeman.....	Parish Secretary
Rebecca Kiegle.....	Parish Secretary
Madge Devine.....	Director of Music Ministry
Jack Stevens.....	Building Maintenance
Bill Rogers.....	Building Maintenance
Bill Kelly.....	Trustee
Mary McGinty.....	Trustee

**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.



**March 1, 2009**

*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week*

**Saturday, February 28**

**5:00 PM: Frank J. Tommell**  
 req. by: The Kundel Family

**Sunday, March 1**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Monday, March 2**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Tuesday, March 3**

**7:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, March 4**

**7:30 AM: Robert Grant**  
 req. by: Collette Csiza

**Thursday, March 5**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Friday, March 6**

**7:30 AM:**

**Saturday, March 7**

**5:00 PM: Ken Guyer**  
 req. by: Rick & Nora Vilar  
 and for: **Lenore House**  
 req. by: Jim & Rebecca Kiegle

**Sunday, March 8**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 AM: Joseph J. Cillis**  
 req. by: Jim & Claire Kiegle  
 and for: **Florence Langhauser**  
 req. by: Father Tom & St. Matthew's  
 Parish community

**10:30 AM: Patrick Dewane**

req. by: Bill & Maryellen Rogers  
 and for: **Ellen Piccini**  
 req. by: John & Pat Carmody

**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

**Monday, March 2**

Rosary & Novena 6:30 PM  
Lenten Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 3**

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM

**Wednesday, March 4**

Grades 2-5 3:15 PM  
Music Ministry 7:00 PM

**Sunday, March 8**

Pre K – 1 10:30 AM  
Christian Parenting: Story Telling  
11:30 AM with Deacon Paul  
Grade 9 1:00 PM  
Men's Association Anniversary  
Planning Meeting 7:00 PM

**Scripture Readings**

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

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a,  
10-13, 15-18/  
Rom 8:31b-34/  
Mk 9:2-10



**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:**

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus was tempted  
by Satan but ministered to by angels.


*How have you known Satan's temptations and  
the care of angels in your life?*

**SILENCE OF LITURGY**

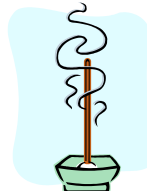
During the course of the current economic downturn, many commentators have described our economic system as being something like a three – legged stool that needs to be properly balanced. The economic “legs” seem to be; the housing market, the banking system and sound credit.

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.



During our Lenten Journey  
join us for  
**Monday Evening Prayer**  
7:00 PM



March 2, The First Week of Lent  
March 9, The Second Week of Lent  
March 16, The Third Week of Lent  
March 23, The Fourth Week of Lent

**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](http://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.**

Sacrificial Giving To Our Parish

This week as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter together, we are again reminded that self – sacrifice is an essential part of Christian living. Every weekend of the year however we would be wise to remember that our parish exists only because of the self sacrifice of those parishioners and friends who consistently support it. Last weekend those contributions amounted to \$5884.11 and they allowed us to make yet one more repair to our aging heating system in the church (among other things) and we are grateful for this faithful stewardship.

Thank you

**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.

**ATTEND A CURSILLO**

A Cursillo is a retreat experience for active Catholics who want a closer relationship with God and want to enrich their faith. The Cursillo for women is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and the weekend for men is scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please call Peg & Tom O'Connor at 765-4959.

**THANK YOU CASAMIA**

St. Matthew's would like to thank Joe & Laura from Casa Mia's of East Berne for their catering service, generosity and for the delicious soup they prepared for our Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Supper.



On Saturday, February 21, 2009

St. Matthew's welcomed into the Church through the saving waters of Baptism:

**Caroline Gail Cillis**

daughter of

Matthew and Elizabeth Cillis

**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

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee will meet Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Lounge. All Association members interested in helping are urged to attend.