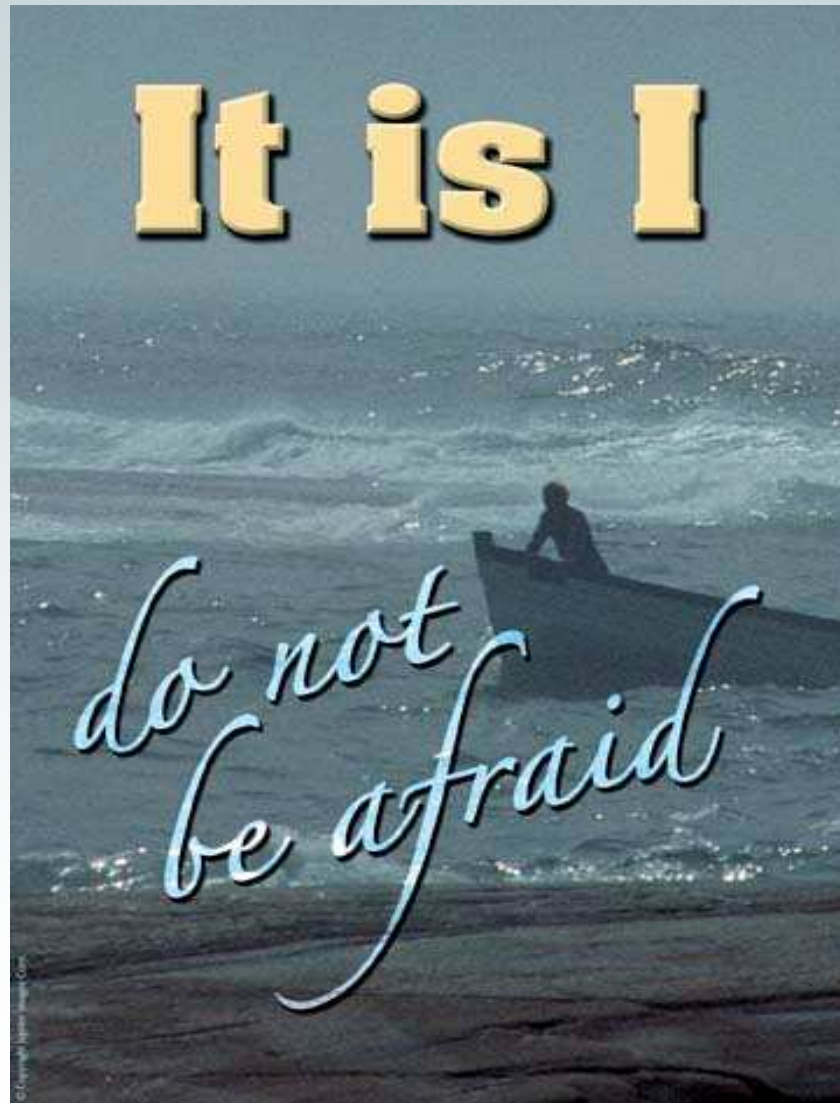


Saint Matthew Catholic Church



**Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2008**

1001 East Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194

PARISH INFORMATION

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Deacon Lawrence J. (Larry) Smith

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Pastoral Associate: Lawrence J. (Larry) Smith

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Charlene Bryeans-Junior High, Bible Camp
Betsy Basden -K-6, GIFT, Called To Belong
Linda Weislo -Confirmation
Rhiannon Torres -Youth Ministry
Dennis Basden -RCIA

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Ann Burski Linda Kasinger
Marc Costanza Sharon Moore
Tom Hayes Dick Murphy
Larry Houle Nancy Peterson

FINANCE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

William Bloom Angel Villaluz
Rob Denkewalter Kelly Womack

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 7:45AM, 9:15AM, 10:45AM, 12:15PM
Weekdays: 8:00AM Monday thru Friday
Holy Day Schedule: Feast of the Assumption of Mary
6:30 AM; 8:00 AM; 12:00 NN and 7:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:30PM -Church

MORNING PRAYER

Monday thru Friday 7:30AM in the Chapel

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF

PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday morning after the 8:00AM Mass in the Chapel
Wednesday evening at 7:00PM -Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 8:45AM to 6:30PM -Chapel

BAPTISMS Parents are expected to attend a Baptism Preparation Class held on the First Wednesday evening of each month in the Hughes Center. Please call the Rectory Office for further information.

WEDDINGS Please call Deacon Lawrence J. (Larry) Smith at the Rectory Office to register.

WEB SITE:WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.ORG

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by” (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, he said to the disciples, “Do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:22-33).

The Notre Dame Alumni Club of Lake County
and
St. Martin de Porres High School, Waukegan

Presents

The 2008 Hesburgh Lecture Series

Sunday, August 24th

2:00PM

St. Martin de Porres High School Auditorium

501 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Waukegan

Albert Brown-Gort

Associate Director of the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame
will lead a discussion on:

Catholic Social Teaching and Immigration

The Economics of Immigration

Current Immigration Debate in Our Country

Also included in this free program will be:

A Video Presentation from the University of Notre Dame Forum on Immigration held in October, 2007

An Audience Participation Question and Answer Period

Refreshments



MEMBER OF THE
CRISTÓBAL REY NETWORK

All Are Welcome!



Directions:

41 or 94 north to the 120E exit (Belvidere Rd.)

Take Belvidere Road east (toward the lake) to Oak St.

(one street after Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.)

Turn right on Oak St. Campus parking lot is two blocks down on the left.



ST. MATTHEW “JOB SEARCH MINISTRY”

Job Search Ministry invites parishioners, family and friends to participate in the following job search meetings. It’s free and non-denominational, open to all job seekers.

**Monday, Aug 11, St. Hubert Ministry Center
7:00 –9:15 PM**

Topic: How to Gain Competitive Edge

Steve Fredrick will offer a look at how to make oneself more competitive in the interview process. Steve owns his own career consulting firm and has worked in the field of career counseling for over 30 years. His methods and experience with the subject are in depth and he has successfully coached hundreds of others with his advice and counsel.

**Saturday, Aug 16, St. Matthew Hughes Ctr.
8:45-10:30 AM**

Topic: Resume Preparation/Edit/Review

Review your resume. An interactive session includes creating, editing and reviewing a resume. Discussion of purpose, types, length, etc, included
10:30-11:00 AM: **Informal Networking**

**Saturday, Aug 16th, Church of the Holy Spirit,
1451 Bode Road, Schaumburg
9:00 AM-12:00PM**

A Hispanic Program- “Employment Application Workshop”

This program will be conducted in Spanish and will prepare the attendees to understand how to fill out an employment application form. Each attendee will take home a completed application form with their information-to use as a guide when filling out other employment applications. The program will be conducted by “HOLA” and St. Hubert team members, Ethel Alba and Leah Munoz, and will have five Spanish speaking volunteers working with attendees on a one-on-one basis. Please attend and pass this along to your Spanish speaking friends who may need this assistance. Call Greg Harnyak 847-884-6523 for additional information or to register for sessions.

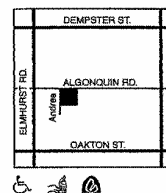
Note: “HOLA”-Hispanic Organization for Leadership Assistance is the Hispanic arm of the St. Hubert Job and Networking Community Outreach.



Minister of Care Training 2008

St. Matthew Parishioners, who would like to minister and serve as Minister of Care, please register with Deacon Larry Smith for the training. Call the rectory office 847-891-1220, Monday thru Friday. Registration closes September 4, 2008.

Training will begin Tuesday evening, September 9, 2008 and each following Tuesday evening through October 14, 2008 beginning at 7:30 pm at St. Zachary Church –Parish Life Center, 567 W. Algonquin Rd. Des Plaines, IL (enter thru the school doors)



**Every so often,
a great opportunity just
falls into your lap
attention Moms, Dads,
Grandparents, Young Adults!**

If you love children and love your faith, you are qualified to teach in our parish religious education program. We currently have openings for Grades 5 & 6. Classes meet on Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:15 am and from 10:45 - noon in the Church. Also, the Confirmation Program is in need of a few good people and we meet from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm one Sunday per month. All classes are from September to April. So come join us and see how rewarding this ministry can be. Please call [Betsy Basden K-6 Religious Education Coordinator](tel:847-891-8408) or [Linda Weislo Confirmation Coordinator](tel:847-891-8408), at 847-891-8408 for further information.

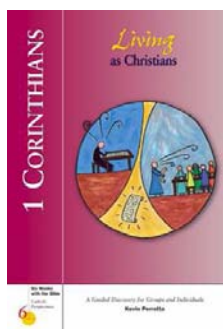
Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who donated to the Food Drive. We were truly overwhelmed by the Parish's generosity. We believe a new donation record was set this year - we received enough donations to pack over 130 boxes and fill an additional 20 shopping bags worth of food. Our 20 ft truck was completely filled and stacked 2-3 boxes high! The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry desperately needed this donation. A big thank you to all the adult volunteers, confirmation students, and Peer Ministers who helped on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. A special thanks goes to Nancy Retner of Jewel-Osco on Roselle Road for donating the brown paper bags and to Parishioner Diane Jelen who donated the Penske truck for our use.



THANKS TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS



TRUCK LOADED AND READY
TO GO



FALL 2008 ADULT BIBLE STUDY *1 Corinthians-Living as Christians*

Pope Benedict XVI officially announced that the Church will dedicate “a special jubilee year to the Apostle Paul from June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009, for the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth, which historians place between 7 and 10 AD.” To participate in this Jubilee Year, the Fall 2008 Bible study Program will delve into St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians. In this letter, he writes to the Christians in Corinth who are having problems maintaining their initial enthusiasm for their faith in Jesus. He also speaks to us and Christians of every age who strive to follow Christ in a world that continues to challenge our faith.

The Fall Bible Study will begin on September 18th and will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:45 pm in the Chapel Building. There is a \$15.00 fee for the study materials; checks should be made to St. Matthew Parish. Please send the fee and form below to Therese Kotowski, 1005 E. Schaumburg Rd. Schaumburg, IL. 60194 **by September 15th.**

FALL 2008 BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

Are you seeking to become a Catholic?

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Since 1988 the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* or RCIA has been mandated as the ordinary way adults, 18 years and older, are brought into full Communion with the Catholic faith, whether from another Christian denomination or through Baptism. The RCIA is designed to be a progressive journey of faith and a recurrent experience of conversion, not only for the searcher but also for the whole Catholic community of faith.

At St. Matthew the RCIA program meets once a week, usually on Wednesday evenings, from September through Easter. This process is intended to help people to grow in relationship with God and to become more familiar with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

If you have never been baptized or have been baptized in another Christian Church.....

We invite you to Journey With Us

If you have been baptized Catholic but have had little or nor religious formation.....

We invite you to Journey With Us

If you are Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Confirmation.....

We invite you to Journey With Us

Our gatherings include presentations, witnessing, praying together, studying Scripture, sharing liturgical celebrations, and building community.

Call Dennis Basden 847-882-5167 for information or to register.



- Michael Antonsen
- Samanatha Antonsen
- Michael Bader
- Sean Bond
- Dane Christensen
- Jerry Christensen
- Amber Chrobak
- Anthony Chrobak
- Matthew Chrobak
- Patrick Collins
- Philip Collins
- Katherine Cuedek
- David Freston
- James Guarino
- Jay Hanson
- Jennifer Jacobs
- Kurt Krause
- Brian Lacey
- Michael Lejman
- Michael Linkowski
- Kevin Manusos
- Matthew McCormack
- Justin McDermott
- Michael Nizzi
- Jacob Radar
- David Salgado
- Rose Sengenberger
- Scott Sengenberger
- Justin Sher
- Kayla Tawoda
- David Trester
- Michael A. Wallace



A HUGE THANK YOU.....

To Kris Scherer, our Bible Camp Director, (and her family), for sharing so much time and talent to help make this year's Bible Camp a huge success.



Congratulations to the following members of St. Matthew Church who were recently named to the Honor roll for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year at Guerin Prep High School.

Second Honors: Mark Holmes
Jason Holmes

Contemplative & Centering Prayer

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46: 10

Contemplative prayer is the prayer of the child of God, of the forgiven sinner who agrees to welcome the love by which he is loved and who wants to respond to it by loving even more. But he knows that the love he is returning is poured out by the Spirit in his heart, for everything is grace from God. Contemplative prayer is the poor and humble surrender to the loving will of the Father in ever deeper union with his beloved Son.

Contemplative prayer is the simplest expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gift, a grace; it can be accepted only in humility and poverty. Contemplative prayer is a covenant relationship established by God within our hearts. Contemplative prayer is a communion in which the Holy Trinity conforms man, the image of God, "to his likeness."

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2712-2713)

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It is an attempt to present the teaching of earlier times in an updated form. It is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on other kinds of prayer. It is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. The desire for God is God's gift to us.

The Centering Prayer Community of Friendship Village will be hosting **A Seven Session Introduction to the Centering Prayer** starting the weekend of September 6 and 7th at Friendship Village. Parishioners of St. Matthew Parish are invited to participate in this event. Watch the bulletin for more information.

If you are interested but not quite sure if Centering Prayer is for you, please come to a **Taste of Silence** in the St. Matthew Parish Chapel Building on Wednesday morning, August 13th, from 9:00-10:30am or on Wednesday evening, August 13th, from 7:00-8:30pm.

Contact Ed Tummillo at 847-895-3758 or aeterra@gmail.com to for more information about Centering Prayer or to register for a Taste of Silence.

“Taste the Big Easy & Help Rebuild New Orleans”

Join Bill Kramer of St. Marcelline Parish in Schaumburg and other volunteers from the northwest suburbs as they travel to New Orleans on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH, 2008** to aid Catholic Charities of New Orleans in their efforts to rebuild New Orleans one home at a time.

Bill Kramer is seeking **8 to 25 volunteers** (ages 21 and over) from any faith, to work with him & Catholic Charities of New Orleans from Monday, October 13th through Friday, October 17, 2008. He is especially in need of a few volunteers with **Construction Experience** in order to steer the groups' onsite efforts in New Orleans.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans has established the “Operation Helping Hands” program. They have gutted 1,100 homes and more than 800 apartments for elderly citizens. They are rebuilding the homes of those most in need.

If you are interested in more information and possibly participating, please call Bill at (H) 847-352-0092, (W) 773-278-2000 ex 4635, and/or e-mail him at wmfkramer@comcast.net. He can provide you much more information. Thank you for remembering those in need in our world!

(Catholic Charities is an organization that serves people of all faiths)



MINISTERS OF CARE COOK-OUT

It's that time of year again, when our St. Matthew Ministers of Care take time out to relax and share their stories at our Annual Cook Out.

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2008

Time: 11:00 am

Where: Hughes Center & Picnic Area

Bring a dish to share, see you then.

Deacon Larry Smith



WEEKLY FINANCES

August 3, 2008

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| Ken Angelino | Barb Guffey | Elaine Prignano |
| Patricia Arias | Fr. Phil Henseler | Jeanne Reichelt |
| Paul Baites | August Herschede | Alicia Ricciardi |
| Joseph Bak | Lawrence Horwath | Katherine Ricciardi |
| Tony Barone | Patti Hutchens | Paul Ricciardi |
| James Bavaro | Eileen Haynes | Kathy Rice |
| Laura Benhart | John Iovinelli | Tom Riley |
| Bernadine Blake | Rhonda Jackson | Dorothy Rose |
| Bennett Blizuella | Jim Kirchman | Steve Rylander |
| Elsie Boffey | John Knudsen | Ariel Scholfield |
| Charles Bonham | Doris Knutsen | Pat Scutella |
| Marjorie Boone | Helen Kolbuk | Lena Sena |
| George Braune | Paul Komacki | Brad Serna |
| Carol Brennan | Molly Komon | Dolores Smith |
| Jo Anne Bricketto | Fred Kowalik | Jim Smith |
| Derek Brinkley | Erika Krause | Mark Sobieski |
| Carla Campobaso | Laura Kroman | Marge Solto |
| Donna Canchola | Jeff Laine | Zofia Sperka |
| James Crosby, Jr. | Vera Lenahan | Jerry Stanisz |
| Noah Currier | Richard Lowthorp | Theresa Stokes |
| Kevin Dalton | Eileen Manusos | Danielle Sullivan |
| Bill Damore | Ken Marcotte | Stanley Szmarek |
| Teresa DeCarlo | Michael Mariani | Scott Tepe |
| Loretta DiPillo | Jim McCaffrey | Kathy Viti |
| Regina Dunn | Daniel McDonald | Pat Wakup |
| Joy Duszynski | Rizalino Miguel | Matt Wcislo |
| Tom Duszynski | Donald Monaco | Daniele Wilson |
| Valerie Eikenberger | Sharon Moore | Thomas Wilson |
| Gloria Fidler | Jean Murphy | Steve Yelich |
| Charles Fret | Brittani Navarre | Crickette Ziols |
| Ernest Fret | Shawn Navarre | |
| Ann Gerald | Paul J. Nelson | |
| Ann Gioiosa | Angela Ortiz | |
| Gary Grajek | Leonard Pagsanjan | |
| Raymond Groell | James Palumbo | |

Actual Sunday Gifts	\$19,498
Budgeted Sunday Gifts	\$19,900
Over (Under)	(\$402)

Year-to-date Sunday Offertory

Actual YTD Sunday Gifts	\$ 90,100
Budgeted YTD Sunday Gifts	\$ 99,500
Difference:	(\$ 9,400)

Debt Reduction Offertory

Actual Debt Gift	\$ 475
Budgeted	\$ 1,800

Year-to-date Debt Reduction Offertory

Actual YTD	\$ 200,491
Budgeted YTD	\$ 9,000

Total Debt as of 7/31/2008	\$ 772,169
Children's Contribution	\$1.00

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SACRIFICES
FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

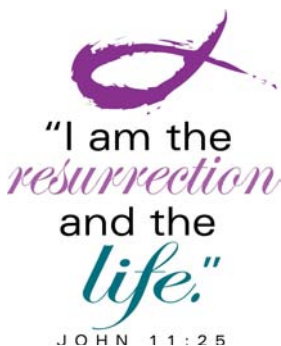
- Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Clare
- Wednesday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
- Thursday: St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe
- Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary; Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR THE DEAD



Pray for the members of our Parish and their families who died in the months of June and July.

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| June 2nd | Catrina Scola |
| June 3rd | Violet Harrer |
| June 19th | Maureen Pluta |
| June 26th | Rosalie Webster |





**Masses
for the week**

August 9th thru August 17th, 2008

SATURDAY:

5:00 PM +Lawrence S. Smith, +James K. Kriegsmann

SUNDAY:

7:45 AM For the People of St. Matthew Parish
 9:15 AM +Fr. Kenneth Bratko, CR, +Michael & +Valerie Sagan
 10:45 AM +Myrna Optina, +Rose Cassillo
 12:15 PM +Suzanne Harrington

MONDAY:

8:00 AM +Margeuite Lee, +Jennie Arko, +Fernando Sarmiento

TUESDAY:

8:00 AM +Consue Lo Nagtalon

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 AM +Adnis Dsa

THURSDAY:

8:00 AM +John & +June Mucci, +Mary Grodesky

FRIDAY:

6:30 AM +Helen Pacula, +Ulman & +Pacula Families
 8:00 AM +Leon, +Mary & +Henry Glab
 12:00 NN
 7:30 PM +Justin Jankiewicz

SATURDAY:

5:00 PM +Edward & + Kathleen Brokamp

SUNDAY:

7:45 AM +Albert Wilcek, +Jean Pabst
 9:15 AM For the People of St. Matthew Parish
 10:45 AM +Arthur Kozlowski
 12:15 PM +Margaret Hamill

Masses on August 15th Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day, will be at 6:30 AM; 8:00 AM; 12:00 NN and 7:30 PM

**ASSIGNMENTS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR
THE WEEKEND OF:
August 16th & 17th, 2008**



**Lectors
Commentators**

SATURDAY:

5:00 PM Vicki Mirshak, Matt Steward

SUNDAY:

7:45 AM Greg Bertagna, Judi Tarzon
 9:15 AM Terri Collins, Linda Wcislo
 10:45 AM John Ray, Linda Kasinger
 12:15 PM Kevin Hlousek, Liz Johnson



**Eucharistic
Ministers**

SATURDAY:

5:00 PM Marge Majka, Joyce Weltzien, Barbara Reineking,
 *Ted Reineking, *Pat Campbell, Bob VanDeven,
 Rob Hager

SUNDAY:

7:45 AM Custodio Dias, Andy Strelec, Pat Strelec, Darlene Gruszka, Eileen Burcham, *Elaine Prowicz, *Eileen Norman
 9:15 AM *Maureen Gilhooly, Natalie Jankiewicz, Gene Hale, Nancy Sieh, *Julie Albert, Linda Wcislo, Jim Collins
 10:45 AM Greg Michaels, Alice Hunt, *Colette Majchrowski, *Ron Majchrowski, John ray, Bill Davies, Alex Cafferini
 12:15 PM *Roberta Chrobak, Fe Velasco, Bill Koch, Susan Tatman, Diane Szerszen, *Marina Pagsanjan, Jim Sengenberger



**Altar
Servers**

SATURDAY:

5:00 PM Grace Saban, Emily Saban, Sarah Schmidt

SUNDAY:

7:45 AM Mike Viverito, Patrick Ward
 9:15 AM Joe Lozar, Maggie Schroeder, Mollie Schroeder
 10:45 AM Matthew Nagorzanski, Brennan Nagorzanski,
 Megan Nagorzanski



USHERS

SATURDAY:

5:00 PM Bob Collins, Dan Gorey, Ron Kolba, Mark Lazare

SUNDAY:

7:45 AM Angel Villaluz, Tim Gerhardt, Stan Kaminski, John McDonough
 9:15 AM Phil Skultety, Joe Krist, Marian Rathunde, Gene Niewiadomski
 10:45 AM Audrey Mariani, Chet Avers, Nick Breheny, Kristen Cullen
 12:15 PM Barbara Barry, Pat Stanisz, Barbara Tutt

Greeters

SATURDAY:

5:00PM Grace Burger

SUNDAY:

7:45 AM Sue Denys
 9:15 AM Mary Cepla
 10:45 AM Angie Cullen
 12:15 PM Beverly Hochfelder



**Childrens Liturgy
Of the Word**

SATURDAY:

5:00 PM

SUNDAY:

9:15 AM
 10:45 AM

**C.L.O.W.
WILL CONTINUE
IN SEPTEMBER**



**1ST PUBLICATION:
Elizabeth E. Fifield, & Clinton E. Jeter**

**2ND PUBLICATION:
Aneta M. Wojnar & Justin R. Koepfel
Sara M. Strebel & Matthew W. Kumerow**

PARISH MEETINGS, CLASSES & EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16
Baptisms Church 1:30 PM	New Beginnings HC 7:00-9:30 PM	CRHP Team # 25 Chapel-B 7:00-9:00 PM Garden of Eden Chapel-D 7:00-9:00 PM Centering Prayer Chapel-C 7:15-9:00 PM Chapel 7:30-8:00 Pm	Centering Prayer Taste of Silence Chapel-C 9:00-10:30 AM Centering Prayer Taste of Silence Chapel C 7:00-8:30 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Chapel 7:00 PM 10:45 Choir Church 7:30 PM	Eucharist Adoration Chapel 8:45 AM-6:30 PM MMP Chapel 9:30-10:30AM 9:15 Choir Church 7:00 PM Peace & Justice Chapel-C 7:00-9:00 PM Rosary Chapel 7:00 PM WCRHP Team Formation Knights of Columbus HC 7:30 PM AA Church 6,7 8:00 PM	New Jerusalem Group Chapel & D 7:00-9:30 PM	Jobs Ministry HC 8:45-11:00 AM Kairos Prison Formation Mtg Chapel-D 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
CH-Church		HC-Hughes Center	C-Chapel	LLR-Lower Level Rectory		

FINANCES FOR NEEDY FAMILY FUND

St. Matthew Parish for years has worked with Catholic Charities to provide Parish Emergency Assistance to local families. In fiscal year 2006 to 2007 St. Matthew provided \$7,959.18 in assistance, and in fiscal year 2007 to 2008 \$10,106.52.

St. Matthew is able to provide this assistance through the generous donations of our parishioners and we thank you for your donations. We would like to continue to assist others in their needs, but the money in our Needy family fund is running very low.

As many of you struggle with your own household budgets, more and more people are looking to charitable organizations for assistance. Many more families than usual are calling or just showing up at St. Matthew doorstep looking for shelter and food. Payments for utility bills are also requested because they are shut off or are in the process of being shut off.

On August 16th & 17th we will have a special second collection to replenish the St. Matthew Needy Family fund and your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Deacon Larry Smith