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January 22, 2012

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

THE EUCHARISTIC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHEW LOVES CHRIST ABOVE ALL THINGS AND OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES. IN OUR FAITH JOURNEY, OUR PARISH FAMILY WILL BE ENGAGED AND SPIRITUALLY COMMITTED; FULFILLING OUR VISION THROUGH SHARED GOSPEL VALUES, PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND TEACHING.

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. John J. McSweeney

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Also 5:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Episcopal

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.,
10:45 a.m. (Gym), 12:30 p.m.,
5:30 p.m. (Life Teen)

9 a.m. Mass is signed for the hearing
impaired. Nursery for children ages 0 to 2
at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday** 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Wednesday 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 7:30
p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.

Holy Day Masses Vigil: 7:30 p.m.
Holy Day: 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
or by request.

Anointing of the Sick

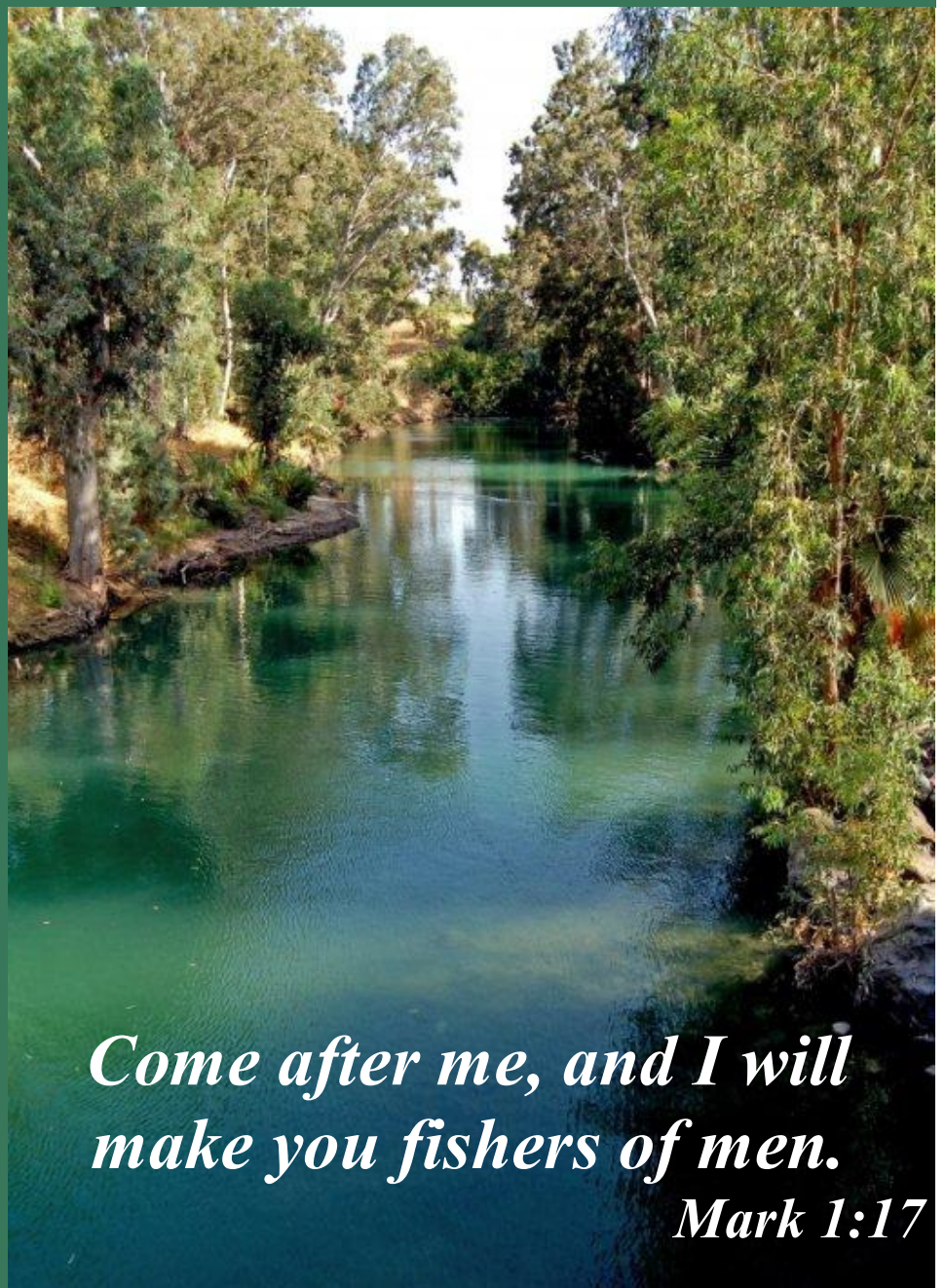
Takes place on the first Saturday of each
quarter at the 9 a.m. Mass or contact a
priest.

Eucharistic Adoration

Commences in the Chapel Friday after
the 9 a.m. Mass and ends Saturday at the
9 a.m. Mass.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
704-543-7677



*Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men.*

Mark 1:17

PARISH DIRECTORY

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PASTORAL STAFF

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 Pastor, x 1032 or 1049
Rev. Patrick Toole
 Parochial Vicar, x 1051
Rev. Robert Conway
 Parochial Vicar, x 1185
Rectory
 Emergency only, 704-846-6311

Sr. Jeanne Marie Kienast, RSM
 Pastoral Associate, x 1043

Sr. Eileen McLoughlin, MSBT
 Pastoral Associate, x 1057

Sr. Marie Frechette, MSBT
 Pastoral Associate, x 1073

Deacon James Hamrlik x 1040

Deacon Paul Herman x 1040

Deacon Bill Griffin x 1040

Deacon Mark King x 1040

Deacon Daren Bitter x 1040

Facilities Director

Antoinette Usher, x 1025

Director of Liturgical Ministries (including wedding music)

Kathy Bartlett, x 1015 or 704-400-2213

Chief Financial Officer

Jane Balbirnie, x 1046

Communications Coordinator

Jenny Cox, x 1030

Volunteer Coordinator

Pat White, x 1039

Bereavement

Rita Brennan, x 1007

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 2 p.m. except the fifth Sunday of the month.

Baptism Preparation Class for

Parents: Select Sundays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the New Life Center. Contact Pat McGuire (x 1026) in the Church Office to schedule Baptism or class attendance.

Marriages: Couples must contact one of the priests or deacons at least six months prior to the desired date of the wedding. To initiate the marriage preparation process or if you have questions, contact Michele Gauvin (x 1049) for weddings taking place at St. Matthew. Contact Deacon Jim (x 1040) for Catholic weddings outside of St. Matthew.

FAITH FORMATION

Office Phone: 704-541-8362

Coordinator: Pat Tomlinson, x 2

Administrative Assistant

Carmen Dominguez, x 1

Life Teen

Katie Dunne, x 6

Adult Faith Formation (SMYou)

Michael Burck, x 4

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Tom Lindemuth, 704-543-7677 x 1063

SPRED (Developmentally Disabled)

Jan Clemens, 704-246-7102

Welcome Home for Returning

Catholics (For Catholics returning to the Church after an absence) Julie Jahn, 704-560-9202

PARISH LEADERSHIP**Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Mark Schuler, 704-540-7882

Finance Council Chairperson

Kevin O'Hara, 704-554-6406

COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling Center: Parishioners in need of professional counseling may contact one of the priests or Sr. Eileen McLoughlin at 704-543-7677 x 1057 for information and for counselor referrals.

Social Work Ministry: Sharon Davis of Catholic Social Services is here as part of our Family Assist Ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 - 5 p.m. Contact 704-543-7677 x 1018 or swdavis@charlottediocese.org.

St. Matthew Columbarium and

Prayer Garden: Call 704-543-7677 x 1025.

Parish Registration

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Registration forms and a welcome packet are available in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three months before a certificate is provided or MACS voucher is approved.

SUPPORT GROUPS AT ST. MATTHEW**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Monday - Friday, noon - 1 p.m., Parish Center Family Room; Tuesday and Thursday, 7 - 8 p.m., NLC 239/241.

Al-Anon: Mondays, noon - 1 p.m., NLC132/125 (except on national holidays PC 104); Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., NLC 202; Thursdays, 8 - 9 p.m., NLC 204; Saturdays, 2 - 3 p.m., NLC 204.

Alateen: Thursdays, 8 - 9 p.m., NLC 234/235.

Cancer Support: First Thursday of the month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. in NLC 208. Marilyn Borrelli, 803-547-6181.

Caring for Caregivers: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - noon, NLC 206. Sr. Marie Frechette, 704-543-7677 x 1073.

Christians in Career Transition:

Supports people in career crisis. First and third Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m., NLC. Jack Rueckel, 704-609-1492.

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA)

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., NLC 206.

Compassionate Friends: For parents who have lost a child. Third Tuesday, 7 p.m., NLC 234/235. Donna Goodrich, 704-882-4503.

Depression/Mood Disorders

Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m., NLC 202.

Elizabeth Ministry: Support for parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death. Rita Brennan, 704-543-7677 x 1007.

Food Addicts in Recovery (FA)

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m., NLC 202.

Healing Hearts: Support group for widowed persons, second Monday, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., NLC 102. Sr. Marie Frechette, x 1073.

Men's Bereavement Group

For all men suffering a loss. First and third Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m., NLC 119. Frank Pennachio, 704-243-6132.

Narcotics Anonymous

Fridays, 7 - 8 p.m., NLC 132.

Post-Abortion Ministry (PAM)

Confidential. Andrea Hines, 704-996-4597; Christy Annison, 704-293-6602.

SAA: An anonymous support group for men and women dealing with addictive sexual behavior. Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8 p.m., NLC 204; Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., NLC 204. For more information, visit charlottesaa.org or call 704-266-0722.

TGIF: Support group for separated/divorced. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., NLC 202. Bonnie Motuz, 704-543-8998, afternoon calls only.

TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK
JANUARY 21 TO 29

SATURDAY	9 a.m.	+ Anthony Argenas <i>By The SPRED Community</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ Mary Driscoll <i>By Al & Family</i>
	5:30 p.m. (SMEC)	+ Steve Trimble <i>By Father Patrick Toole</i>
SUNDAY	7:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
	9 a.m.	+ Bette Brennan <i>By Rita & Jim Brennan</i>
	10:45 a.m.	+ Annette Tresauro di Meano <i>By The Fernandes Family</i>
	10:45 a.m. (GYM)	+ Stephen Joseph D'Souza <i>By The Fernandes Family</i>
	12:30 p.m.	+ Teofilo Almonte <i>By The Noble Family</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ Ester Castillo Hugo <i>By Flor & Dan Manglicmot</i>
MONDAY	7 a.m.	+ Michael Mullinax <i>By Kevin & Janet Brady</i>
	9 a.m.	+ Margaret Janak Roeder <i>By The Roeder Family</i>
TUESDAY	7 a.m.	+ Mary & Greg Wolljung <i>By Your Friends</i>
	9 a.m.	+ Mary Lou Groll <i>By Peggy & Tony Baiad</i>
WEDNESDAY	7 a.m.	+ Deacon Claude LeBlanc <i>By Janine Smith</i>
	8:15 a.m.	+ Charlene Scalone <i>By The Delea Family</i>
	7:30 p.m.	+ For the Deceased Members of St. Matthew & the Purgatorial Society
THURSDAY	7 a.m.	+ John Wright Sr. <i>By Don & Denise Long</i>
	9 a.m.	+ Grace Benninger <i>By Irene & Ray Christopher</i>
FRIDAY	7 a.m.	+ Severina Belini <i>By Mrs. Felix Delmolino</i>
	9 a.m.	+ Jean McAndrews <i>By Art & Tricia O'Donnell</i>
SATURDAY	9 a.m.	+ Donna Aiolo <i>By Patty & Frank Prestopino</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ James & Helen Durkin <i>By Gail & Gary Waytena</i>
	5:30 p.m. (SMEC)	+ Carmelia & Ronald Hess <i>By The Grosnick Family</i>
SUNDAY	7:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish
	9 a.m.	+ Armand J. Carrano Jr. <i>By Bob & Barbara Dunn</i>
	10:45 a.m.	+ Andrew Bueno <i>By Mom & Dad</i>
	10:45 a.m. (GYM)	+ Sam Clement <i>By The Garrity Family</i>
	12:30 p.m.	+ Evelyn Davis <i>By Lucy Tullo</i>
	5:30 p.m.	+ Rosalie Penzack <i>By The Ligon Family</i>

GOSPEL REFLECTION:



Today's Gospel reading recounts how Jesus calls his first disciples Simon and Andrew, James and John. His herald, John the Baptist, has been put in prison. Jesus urgently calls people to repent and believe in the good news. Like the Ninevites in the first reading, the four fishermen immediately respond to God's call. They leave their boats and their nets in order to follow Jesus right on the spot. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus promises his new disciples. They take his words to heart and make following him their first priority in life.

What does Jesus call his first disciples and us to do? Are there things that might prevent us from hearing Jesus' urgent call? What are they? Who or what can help us to put following Jesus first in our lives? What do you think Jesus means by the term "fishers of men?" Who do you know in your family, school, parish or community that seems to be a fisher of men, women or children?

READINGS FOR THE
WEEK OF JANUARY 22

Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31 or Mk 1:14-20
Monday	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Ps 96; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Saint Angela Merici, virgin 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Ps 95; Mk 1:21-28

To view the daily readings on your computer log on to www.usccb.org/nab

PRAYER INTENTIONS



A PRAYER FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our St. Matthew parish family and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Confidential Prayer Line: If you would like to have someone prayed for individually and in a confidential manner, please contact **Joan Kelley** by email at joanckly@carolina.rr.com.

THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE AT ST. MATTHEW The Liturgy of the Hours in the Eucharistic Chapel

Morning Prayer - Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer - Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Night Prayer - Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Begins after the 9 a.m. Friday Mass and continues until the 9 a.m.

Saturday Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

after 9 a.m. daily Mass

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP



Centering prayer is based on the wisdom saying of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, "...but when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret, will reward you."(MT6:6) The method of centering prayer quiets the mind and allows us to be present to God as God is present to us. These gatherings are open to all who are presently engaged in the practice of centering prayer. The regular meetings take place on the **second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in NLC 206**. If you would like to find out more about this ancient practice of prayer or for questions about this ongoing group, please contact **Bruce Hassett, 704-641-9041 or Janie Normile, 803-396-8016**.

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Each week we gather in a spirit of praise and worship through song, prayer, Scripture reading, teaching and using charismatic gifts. The atmosphere is one of friendship, love, support and encouragement. Join us **every Monday night from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Choir Room**. For information, contact **Barbara Gardner** at chlt5nc@aol.com. All are welcome.

DEATHS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

William Cameron; Al Nagy, father of Kelliane Nagy; Rose Helen Robbins, mother of Kelly Robbins; James Paul Russell, father of Inga Borgmeyer; Susan Lynn Staub, sister of Jack Staub

**AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM.**

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS:

Parker Warren Brown

Zoe Mae New

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Justin Michael Parker &
Melissa Marie Bauer**

who were married at St. Matthew on
Saturday, January 14, 2012.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 22

Baptism Class	9 - 10:30 a.m.	NLC 132/125
SPRED Holy Family	10 a.m. - noon	NLC 234
SPRED St. Ann	10 a.m. - noon	NLC 202
RCIA	10:30 a.m. - noon	NLC

239/240/241

Life Teen Life Night	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	PC
Parent Life	7 - 8:30 p.m.	BR

Monday, Jan. 23

Bridge Group	12:30 - 3:30 p.m.	NLC 234/235
Men's Prayer Group	5 - 6 p.m.	CH
RCIA	7 - 8:30 p.m.	NLC 239/240/241
Kilimanjaro Presentation	7 - 8:30 p.m.	NLC 132/125
Alive In The Spirit	7:30 - 9 p.m.	CH

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Veteran's End of Life Issues	7 - 8:30 p.m.	NLC 132/125
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Wednesday, Jan. 25

Caregivers Support Group	10:30 a.m. - noon	NLC 206
Knit & Crochet	7 - 8 p.m.	NLC 211

Thursday, Jan. 26

Knit & Crochet	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	NLC 211
Quest Bible Study	9:45 - 11:15 a.m.	NLC 132/125
PGC Workshop	6 - 9 p.m.	BR
St. Peregrine Service	7:30 - 8 p.m.	S
Adult Choir	7:30 - 9 p.m.	CH

Friday, Jan. 27

Family Enrichment Bingo	7 - 8:15 p.m.	EC-Cafeteria
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Saturday, Jan. 28

AC - Adoration Chapel	GA - Gym Annex
BR - Banquet Room	NLC - New Life Center
CR - Conference Room	N - Narthex
CH - Choir Room	NS - Nursery
DMC - Daily Mass Chapel	PC - Parish Center
EC - Education Center	SMCS - St. Matthew Catholic School
FR - Family Room	S - Sanctuary
G - Gym	

PARISH LIBRARY NLC 102

Open during hours that the building is open unless there is a meeting scheduled. See the calendar.

ST. MATTHEW GIFT SHOP NARTHEX/704-927-4313

Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and after all weekend Masses.

STAY UP-TO-DATE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

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twitter.com/stmatthewnc

[youtube.com/stmatthewcatholic](https://www.youtube.com/stmatthewcatholic)

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM MSGR. MCSWEENEY



Monsignor McSweeney will be leaving on sabbatical **Tuesday, Jan. 17, and will return April 22.** He remains the pastor of St. Matthew

Catholic Church. In his absence, day-to-day responsibilities will be handled by the senior management staff and clergy.

END OF LIFE ISSUES FOR VETERANS

We Honor Veterans especially as they near the end of life. From Europe to the Pacific, from Korea through the Cold War, from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan and many places in between, our veterans have served diligently to preserve our freedoms. Yet as they fight their last battle, many do not receive the grace, dignity and honor that they deserve. **Larry DaWalt from Hospice and Palliative Care** will present a program specific to veterans issues from WWII to our current conflict in Afghanistan and present ways to support and help veterans who are nearing the end of life. Please join us on **Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in NLC132/125.** Any questions, contact Bereavement Coordinator Rita Brennan at 704-543-7677 x 1007.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

If you are providing care for an elderly parent, spouse, extended family member or friend and could use support and guidance related to your efforts, then we have an option for you. Join the Caring for Caregivers Support Group on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in NLC 206.** Our next meeting is **Wednesday, Jan. 25.**

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome Home For Returning Catholics

... We had to celebrate & rejoice.... He was lost and has been found! (Luke 15:32)



Is God calling you or someone you know home to the Catholic Church?

The Welcome Home Returning Catholics

Ministry at St. Matthew is here to help!

Contact:

Julie A. Jahn, Ministry Leader

Cell: 704-560-9202

Email: urblessed@carolina.rr.com
or the Church Office at 704-543-7677

FAITH & FINANCES



Do you have a handle on your finances or do they control you? St. Matthew is sponsoring *7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free: A Catholic Guide to Managing Your Money*. Individuals and couples are invited to this faith-

based, personal money management, small group study. Information to be covered includes:

- What is true financial freedom?
- How to eliminate or avoid consumer debt.
- How to easily organize a realistic and faith-based saving and spending plan for the future.
- How you can strengthen your marriage and family life.
- And most importantly, how to grow in your relationship with God.

The group will meet on Sunday afternoons at 1:45 p.m. beginning on Feb. 5. The program runs for seven weeks. Material costs are \$30 for an individual or \$47 for a couple.

To register for this dynamic, small group study, contact **Joe Linus** at jlinus@carolina.rr.com or 704-321-5184.

MASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The off-site Mass at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Weddington is in need of sacristans, extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and ushers on Saturdays for the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

If you are interested, please call **Art Enderle** at 704-708-9385 or come by St. Margaret's after 4 p.m. and before 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

"In a faith community, no one should grieve alone".

This statement is at the heart of the Bereavement Ministry. That is why we are always looking for more people to help the bereaved, and the best way to do this is to be trained in knowing what TO say and what NOT TO say to those who have lost a loved one. Sometimes the best thing to do to help someone who is grieving is to just *be there*.

Was someone there to help you when you lost a loved one? Do you wish someone had been? St. Matthew parish needs good men and women to walk that journey with those who are grieving.

A training is on **Saturday, Feb. 4 in NLC 132/125**, for those interested in joining the Bereavement Ministry. Please call **Rita Brennan** at 704-543-7677 x 1007 to reserve your place and find out more about the Bereavement Ministry and how you might be able to help those who are grieving.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY



The Elizabeth Ministry is a support group for parents who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or a newborn death. It is our mission to console, comfort or just be there for those who have had to endure this very trying time in their lives.

Our next support group gathering is on **Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon in NLC 204**.

We would encourage those who have suffered a loss in their lives to join us for a morning of fellowship, comfort and discussion with fellow parishioners who have experienced a similar trying time. We are here for you and we care. If you have questions, please call **Connie Schettler** at 704-544-2738.

APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS NEEDED FOR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Would you be able to make some appetizers or desserts once in a while for the Reception Ministry of the Bereavement Ministry of Consolation? You would be called on every few months to make something that would be served at the funeral receptions. Please call the **Bereavement Ministry Office** at 704-543-7677 x 1007 or rbrennan@stmatthewcatholic.org to volunteer and for more information.

NEWS AND EVENTS



**YOUNG ADULT LIFE:
FOR ALL THOSE IN THEIR
20'S AND 30'S
(MARRIED/SINGLE/FAMILIES)**

Join YAL to connect, grow and engage in your faith life with others in our parish who are part of this small faith community. We bring together married (those with and without children) and single members of our parish alike ranging from their early 20's to late 30's to share life and faith experiences from many different backgrounds. If you haven't attended a YAL gathering yet, we'd really love to meet you, and we hope you will come to our next event. If you have joined us in the past, we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Bible Study - "The Psalms II: A Study of Prayer"

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m.; NLC 208.

This is a video-guided study with small group discussions that begins Tuesdays evenings starting Jan. 24. It is the follow-up to our first series on the book of Psalms. The cost is \$15 for the book and study guide for first-time attendees or \$7.50 for those who attended the Psalm I study. **Registration is required.**

For more information and registration, please contact Rosemary Stanley at rosemary.reilman@gmail.com or 704-931-8311. More detailed information can be found on our Facebook page under the "Events" tab.

Other Opportunities Coming Soon

(dates, times, and details TBA, so please stay posted)

- The Rosary, Part II: Praying the Mysteries, Adoration and Fellowship
- Mass and a Meal
- Relaunch of Young Adult Athletics

Visit us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information at www.facebook.com/smyal.charlotte. Make sure to "Like" our page when you visit it for the first time.

For more information about our ministry, how to become more involved and/or to be added to our weekly email list, please contact **Elizabeth Kummer or Greg Mead** at st.matthews.yal@gmail.com.

Thank you to **Weddington Dental** and **Really Clean Windows** for sponsoring ads in this Sunday's bulletin. Please patronize our sponsors.

studio819

"For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God."

Romans 8:19

*Paint, sketch, sculpt, carve, photo,
mixed media and more!*

All parishioners are welcome to submit relevant art pieces for our first **studio819** exhibit coming in March 2012.

Among Women:

Mary, Virgin and Mother

All visual art mediums are welcome. Please visit the parish website or Church Office for an entry form and more details. All submissions must be brought to the Church Office or Youth Room by Feb. 12.

For more information or questions, email lifeteen@stmatthewcatholic.org

**Kilimanjaro Adventure
September 2012
Information Night, January 23
7 to 8:30 p.m.
NLC 132/125
RSVP to Deacon Hamrlik,
704-543-7677**

PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS

The next bi-monthly meeting of the Peace and Justice Ministry is **Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in NLC 206**. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested in shining a light on injustices in our community and learning about ways to achieve justice for every human person. For more information, contact Terri Jarina at 704-243-4431 or tjarina@windstream.net.

CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS

Join us for Bingo every Monday night at the South Charlotte Banquet Center starting at 6:30 p.m. The Banquet Center is located right around the corner from St. Matthew at 9009 Bryant Farms Road. Come out for an evening of fun with proceeds going to charity. Dinner available for purchase as well.

NEWS AND EVENTS

FAMILY ENRICHMENT MINISTRY INVITES YOUR FAMILY TO CANDY BINGO NIGHT



Friday, January 27

7 to 8:15 p.m.

St. Matthew School Cafeteria



Please bring one bag of candy per family and one non-perishable food item per bingo card.



ST. PEREGRINE HEALING PRAYER SERVICE PATRON SAINT OF CANCER THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 7:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

St. Peregrine has found a home at St. Matthew. Over the past few years awareness and devotion to this Patron Saint of cancer and grave diseases has grown here at our parish. On **Thursday, Jan. 26**, our solemn prayer service includes the blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine for those suffering from cancer or other serious diseases. The Healing Prayer Service is offered on the **fourth Thursday** of each month at **7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

St. Peregrine has been called the “wonder worker” for his intercession on behalf of those living with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. He is the patron of all who are afflicted by cancer, leg ailments, or any life threatening disease. He is also the patron saint of youth at risk. His feast day is May 4. Come and pray with your community of St. Matthew!

TEEN STEWARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Attention high school seniors and their parents. College applications are in and now the financial aid application process begins. Consider applying for the St. Matthew Teen Stewardship Scholarship which provides a one-time \$1000 stipend for higher education. Details and scholarship applications are found on the parish website, stmatthewcatholic.org/stewardship/teen-scholarship. Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to the parish office in person or by registered mail **no later than Friday, April 6, 2012**. **Note:** High school juniors may also apply!

Special Religious Development Program SPRED Information Session Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m. NLC 203



Explore this beautiful ministry which provides spiritual growth and friendship for persons with intellectual disabilities whether age six or 76! Learn about the SPRED Program, then discern whether God is calling you to become a catechist helper and share His love with a special friend.

Come and explore!

REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONE

A **Memorial Mass** is celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. for enrolled members of our Purgatorial Society and for those who have died throughout the month. Our next Memorial Mass is **Jan. 25**. Please call the Church Office at 704-543-7677 if you have lost a loved one during the past month and would like us to remember them at Mass.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES



Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- What can your family do this week to show others that you believe in the good news?
- As a family, read stories of saints who showed their belief in the good news. Discuss how the lives of others were affected by this person's faith in Jesus.
- Jesus calls us to be fishers of people. If you were going to catch people for Jesus, what kind of bait would you need?
- As a family, make a list of ways each individual's life and your family life is influenced by your faith in Jesus. After brainstorming the list, talk about a few of the items. Finally, decide on one thing your family will do this week to put into practice the faith you share.

FAITH FORMATION

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Telephone Numbers:

704-541-8362

Class Time Cell – 704-589-0956

Website: stmatthewcatholic.org/faithformation

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration forms for Faith Formation classes are available at the Welcome Desk, in the Narthex, at the Church Office or at stmatthewcatholic.org. Registration is ongoing in the Faith Formation Office. Please register in person so we can work to get your children into a session that is still available and works best for your family.

FAITH FORMATION DATES

Sunday, Jan. 22	Class
Monday, Jan. 23	Class
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Class
Wednesday, Jan. 25	Class

FAITH FORMATION MASS



Students in Faith Formation will be attending Mass as part of their regular session in the months ahead. Our first Faith Formation Mass will be held on Monday, Jan. 23 at 4:45 p.m. Father Toole will preside for this Mass. The Mass is for our 4:30 p.m. sessions. Please drop off your child at the school. We will be taking attendance and walking over to the church for Mass. Classes will sit together. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend this Mass and celebrate together as a community. We will follow our regular dismissal procedures.

Please note the following FF Mass schedules for 2012:

Monday, Jan. 23 at 4:45 p.m. (4:30 p.m. session)

Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 5:15 p.m. (5 p.m. session)

Monday, Feb. 27 at 6:45 p.m. (6:30 p.m. session)

Tuesday, March 6 at 4:45 p.m. (4:30 p.m. session)

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. session)

Tuesday, April 24 at 6:45 p.m. (6:30 p.m. session)

What can I do this week to show that I am a follower of Jesus?



High School Youth Ministry

Life Teen Mass

Sundays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Life Nights

Sundays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Life Nights

Jan. 22

Wipeout! Ever wonder what the show Wipeout has in common with the Sacraments? Now you have.

Jan. 29

Defining Boundaries A Virtus Teaching Touching Safety program for high school teens and parents held in the Sanctuary.

Lead.
Follow. Grow. Lead.

A new leadership development ministry for high school teens.

DROP YOUR NETS

How learning to follow can help us to lead.

Sunday Jan. 29

3:30 to 5 p.m.

Banquet Room

All high school teens are welcome!

A Ministry of SMILT.



Sign up today!



Life Teen Retreat 2012

Feb. 17-19 at Camp Thunderbird

Registration Fee: \$140 due by Jan. 23

Open to 9th-12th.

Life Teen Camp 2012

July 8-13 at Covecrest-Hiawassee

Deposit: \$100

Balance: \$385 due by March 4

Open to rising 10th-graduated seniors.

Xtreme Edge Camp 2012

July 16-21 at Covecrest-Hiawassee

Deposit: \$100

Balance: \$385 due by March 4

Open to rising 7th-rising 9th.

Forms now available at www.stmatthewcatholic.org

DEFINING BOUNDARIES

FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & PARENTS

A Virtus Teaching Touching Safety presentation discussing our teens' awareness of physical boundaries and prevention of sexual abuse.

Sponsored by...



Parent Life is a ministry of St. Matthew Life Teen.

Sunday, Jan. 29

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Presented by Katie Dunne

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GIFT: Growing in Faith and Theology

GIFT is a collaborative adult religious education program sponsored by eight area catholic parishes. To view and download all course listings and the registration form, visit

www.stmatthewcatholic.org/faithformation/adult/gift/

GIFT Course A**Stories Jesus Knew**

Instructor: Susan Brady, MA

Dates: Tuesdays, Feb. 7 - 28

Times: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Place: NLC Banquet Room

Course Fee: \$30

Three ancient storytellers, Avram, Itzak and Jacov, will entertain us with four of their stories. All three of these storytellers are straight from the Deuteronomist tradition, which is responsible for writing most of the Bible. Jesus, himself, learned his theology by listening to these stories. We shall do the same, listening to the very same stories Jesus did. We will watch as they are composed. In the listening and the watching, we hope to experience an understanding of how the Bible was written. This is an exciting experience!

GIFT Course C**Saint Benedict and Life According to His Rule**

Instructor: Abbot Placid Solari, OSB, Ph.D.

Dates: Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 21 & 28

Times: 7 to 9 p.m.

**Place: Grace Auditorium, St. Leo Hall
At Belmont Abbey College**

Course Fee: \$30

This course includes an overview of the history and development of Benedictine monastic life from its origin to the present day, with a focus on the work of the Benedictines in North Carolina. We will read and interpret the life of Saint Benedict as presented in Book II of the Dialogues, attributed to St. Gregory the Great, and will study the Rule itself and the characteristic values of the particular form of Christian life which is Benedictine monastic life. In order to acquaint participants with a central aspect of Benedictine monastic life, namely the Liturgy of the Hours, each evening will begin with the celebration of Vespers together with the monastic community in the abbey basilica at 7 p.m. The lectures will follow Vespers and will be held in Grace Auditorium in St. Leo Hall on the college campus.

GIFT Course B**A Spirituality of Technology: Finding God in the World of Social Media**

Instructor: Mark Bartholet, MA

Dates: Thursdays, Feb. 2 - 23

Times: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Place: St. Peter's Church in Biss Hall
Free parking at The Green**

Course Fee: \$30

Facebook, if it were a country, would be the world's third most populous nation. If you began reading Wikipedia today, it would take you another lifetime to read every entry. These are a few dramatic examples of how technology is changing the landscape of the post-modern world. This course will examine spirituality in this newly connected world. Questions the course seeks to deal with include: How does technology shape our spirituality? Does the technological world hinder our spiritual journey or enhance it? Is there such a thing as a spirituality of technology? And what practices, both technological and spiritual, should we embrace to enhance the spiritual

GIFT Course D**Tending God's Garden: Spirituality and Practice for an Ecozoic Age**

Instructor: Sr. Jane Russell, OSF, Ph.D.

Dates: Thursdays, Feb. 2 - 23

Times: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Place: NLC Banquet Room

Course Fee: \$30

Pope Benedict XVI issued a challenge in his 2010 World Day of Peace Message: "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation." In this course we will briefly review the current perils and threats to our global environment, then seek resources from the Christian tradition as well as current science for healthier attitudes toward "our Sister, Mother Earth." Finally, we will challenge each other to adopt disciplines designed to protect and restore our precious

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*Child care available by reservation only. Call 704-543-7677 x 1011 at least 48 hours in advance for reservations.



Why not consider joining or starting a Small Christian Community this Lent?

Lenten Longings

Lent invites us to a time of prayer, reflection and conversion. Why not experience the blessings of a faith sharing group this Lent. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. Groups will meet one session a week in group leaders homes. Why not make a six week retreat by exploring the Sunday readings of Lent with a group of eight to ten adults from our community. Simple language and everyday metaphors steep you in the season's promptings to surrender self, work for justice and deepen prayer life. Two or three new groups will be formed this Lent. If you would like to host a group in your home, for more information or to register for a group, contact **Michael Burck at 704- 541-8362 x 4** or registration@stmatthewcatholic.org.

Called To Be Mom (CTBM)*

When: Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon
(Meets biweekly)

Dates: Feb 2, 16; March 1, 15, 29; April 19; May 3

Where: NLC 239/240

Contact: Kerry Long, 704-243-6319,
klong003@carolina.rr.com

Called to be Mom supports the vocation of motherhood and builds up the Catholic family life by strengthening faith through study of Scripture and the Catechism, encouragement and development of strong parenting skills and open discussion of Catholic values.

Called to Be Mom meets every other Thursday. You can drop in for a class at your convenience or attend them all. Everyone is welcome!

Child care is available by calling 704-543-7677, x 1011 48 hours in advance of the program.

Starts This Week!

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)*

When: Eight Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon starting Jan. 25

Where: NLC 234/235

Fee: \$30 (covers materials)

Contact Judy Stumbo

704-543-7677 x 1004



Registration is required. To register, email
registration@stmatthewcatholic.org

MOMS gathers mothers together in a network of mutual spiritual support and to provide a small group experience of learning, praying and ministering to each other. The program introduces mothers to opportunities for personal and spiritual growth in a faith sharing group, increase communication skills and the use of prayer rituals in the home.

The Ministry of Mothers Sharing is an eight-week peer ministry using the book *MOMS: A Personal Journal*. Each session begins and ends with a prayer ritual designed to enhance the Christian perspective on each of our weekly discussion topics.

Starts This Week!

New Study for Young Adults 20s & 30s, Single or Married

The Psalms II: A Study of Prayer

When: Tuesdays, Jan. 24; Feb. 7, 21; March 6, 20; April 10, 24

Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: NLC 208

Cost: Book and study guide \$7.50 each

Facilitator: Rosemary Stanley, 704-931-8311,
rosemary.reilman@gmail.com

This Little Rock Scripture study series continues to explore the Psalms; specifically the books of the Bible that focus on prayer. You don't have to have attended our previous session. This is a great beginner study for those seeking to enrich their spiritual life and meet others their age in the parish. This is a video-guided study that includes small group discussion and a few take-home questions each week for personal review. **Registration is required.** For more information or to sign up, contact **Rosemary Stanley.**

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THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Today is the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings include the wonderful story from **Mark's Gospel** repeated from last week's weekday readings: Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**. Wednesday is the **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle**. Thursday we remember **Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops**. Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church**.

This is the third week of readings from Samuel, this week from the **Second Book of Samuel**. A young David is anointed King of Israel and with his army, captures the city of Zion. In the festivities that followed, Samuel offers the delightful image of a joyful David at the Ark of the Covenant, "dancing before the LORD with abandon ... with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn." The Lord tells David, "I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his Kingdom firm." David sees Bathsheba, the beautiful wife of Uriah the Hittite and after having relations with her, he orders Uriah to the front of a battle where he is killed. Nathan the prophet confronts David, who repents.

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, we have many familiar stories. The scribes, hearing of his many healings, accuse Jesus of being possessed by Satan. He replies that a house is divided against itself cannot stand. Mary and other relatives arrive at a home where Jesus is teaching, but Jesus does not go to them, saying, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the parable of the sower and the seeds which fall on fertile ground and rocky soil. "Those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." He encourages his disciples not to hide their light "under a bushel basket" and tells the story of the mustard seed, the tiniest seed which grows into one of the largest bushes. In Saturday's Gospel the apostles are frightened on a boat in a storm until Jesus awakens to calm the wind and seas.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue. The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marveled that even the unclean spirits obey him.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A RECOMMITMENT TO PRAYER

We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?



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PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS

To be considered an active, participating member of the parish, and thus eligible for MACS tuition assistance and sacramental sponsor eligibility, St. Matthew Catholic Church takes into account a family's or individual's ministry involvement and Mass attendance. Since weekly Mass attendance envelopes are the primary way we determine if parishioners are regularly attending Mass, we ask that **if you can't make a contribution on a given Sunday, that you still place your envelope in the collection basket so we can record your attendance.** If you are using Faith Direct, then please use the personalized offertory cards indicating your Mass attendance.

Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic faith.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

All volunteers must attend a **Protecting God's Children** workshop. This program is intended to educate volunteers to recognize and prevent sexual abuse. Pre-registration is required for the workshop. You may do this online at www.virtus.org. After the workshop, you are asked to keep your training updated through monthly bulletins online at www.virtus.org. The monthly training requires approximately 15 minutes. There is an additional recertification yearly that is also online. **The next workshops at St. Matthew are Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. Both workshops are in the New Life Center Banquet Room.**

You must register at www.virtus.org.

Please Note: *It has recently been called to our attention that offertory envelopes are arriving late or not getting delivered at all. Please know that we are working with the offertory envelope company and the U.S. Post Office to resolve the problem.*

BE SAFE

Please be mindful of your surroundings and careful with your valuables while on church property. Take your purse with you when you leave the pew and do not leave valuables in your car. Remember to lock your car.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE GOD'S BLESSINGS!

- **E-giving!** You can now give a single donation or sign up for on-going donations through our electronic giving provider Faith Direct. It's easy, safe and environmentally friendly! Simply scan this code using your smart phone to enroll online today, or visit www.faithdirect.net using our church code [NC36](#).
- **Not so tech savvy?** You can still utilize the safety and convenience of Faith Direct by completing the enrollment form found in the Narthex. Simply complete and mail to Faith Direct.
- **Consider stock gifts.** There may be tax advantages to you in contributing appreciated stock. Stock donation forms are available online at www.charlottediocese.org, "Opportunities for Giving" tab.



Please contact our Chief Financial Officer Jane Balbirnie at (704) 543-7677 x 1046 for further details on any of these methods of giving. As always, contact your tax professional to discuss specific tax implications.

Thank you for your generosity to St. Matthew!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE INTENTION CARDS

The Stewardship Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to all parishioners who returned a Stewardship of Treasure Offertory Intention Card last weekend. If you needed more time to determine your perfect gift for 2012, place your intention card in this weekend's regular offertory collection or turn it in to the Church Office in person or by mail at P.O. 49349, Charlotte, NC 28277. Thank you for your generous support of St. Matthew parish and its outreach programs!

Bulletin announcements are due no later than **Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.** of the previous week. Send submissions to juliat@stmatthewcatholic.org.

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ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING

“We moved so many times when I was younger that I missed out on being Confirmed.” “I left the Church for a while. Now that I’m back, I’d really like to receive the sacrament.” There are many reasons why an adult Catholic has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fortunately, it’s never too late. If you are over the age of 18, a baptized Catholic regularly attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist, and you think God is calling you to deepen your faith, you may be feeling a call to enter into the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are an actively practicing, adult Catholic who has not been Confirmed and would like to be, **contact Heather King at hking@stmatthewcatholic.org or 704-543-7677 x 1061.** A class will be forming in early February and will meet on Sunday afternoons until Easter.

IT'S TIME TO GET COACHED!

Have you taken advantage of a Living Your Strengths coaching experience yet? Confidential, one-on-one and free, it's all about you, baby! And no one is going to tell you how to run your life. That's between you and God. But if you want to go deeper in your understanding of your God-given talents and how God is calling you to use your gifts, then it's time to seek out a Living Your Strengths Coach. Visit www.stmatthewcatholic.org for more information.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN IN NEED



During the month of January, the Women's Guild is collecting *new (white only) bath towels, wash cloths, twin size sheets and travel size toiletries* for the Salvation Army Women's Shelter. Please place donations in the marked boxes in the Narthex. Questions, contact **MaryAnn Mckeeon at 704-998-1452 or Lillian Griffin at 704-256-3393.** Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT PEGGY AND REGINA LORDAN



Our first Spotlight Volunteers for 2012 are sisters **Peggy and Regina Lordan**, originally from Long Island, who moved here in 2002 to be near family. These ladies are a wonderful example of good stewards of their time, their talents and their treasure. They have been involved in a variety of parish ministries in the past nine years, but when you listen to them talk about their involvement, two especially stand out. They attend daily Mass, and Peggy now leads the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after Mass. She says that it is such an honor to pray to Mary and lead this group of beautiful, faith-filled people. A number of years ago, they were at a meeting at which Fr. Carmen was talking about the beauty of spending time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. When the need was expressed for adorers on Friday afternoons, the Lordans decided to volunteer. They feel very blessed because people now ask them to pray for various intentions during Adoration and then later tell them how the prayers were answered. Marjory Dury, head of the Arts and Environment group, recommended Peggy and Regina for Spotlight Volunteers because they are so dependable and helpful with set up and take down of the decorations in the church every year at Easter and Christmas. The ladies continue to be open to God and new opportunities for service to Him. They have been praying the Rosary at the Latrobe Clinic and just signed up to work in the Food Pantry at Catholic Social Services. We are so blessed to have Peggy and Regina as part of our parish family! Thank you for devoting your “retirement” years to so many good causes!

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OUTSIDE THE PARISH NEWS

THE MECKLENBURG AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (MACS) is accepting applications for new students for the 2012-2013 school year at all schools and for all grades. The Early Admission Round ends Jan. 31. Please call the MACS Admissions Office to request an application packet or go to the MACS website at <http://schools.charlottediocese.org/macs/admissions/applications> for the application documents. For school locations and additional information please call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit our website at <http://schools.charlottediocese.org/our-schools>.

COMMUNITY GROUP HOME MANAGER needed. This is a fulltime, live-in position (7 days on, 7 days off) to nurture and guide adult residents with learning independent living skills in a home-like setting. Experience and ability needed to run household, prepare meals, provide transportation (NC license required), recreation, medical administration. Position requires high school diploma or GED. Prefer a minimum of two years work experience in a group home setting with persons who have intellectual developmental disabilities. Apply at Holy Angels, 6600 Wilkinson Blvd., Belmont, NC, 704-825-4161, apply on line at www.holyangelsnc.org, or email resume to hrinfo@holyangelsnc.org.

PART-TIME COUNSELING SUPERVISOR (20 to 25 hours per week) sought for Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Charlotte, NC, Inc. Must be currently licensed as a NC LPCS. Regular daytime and some overnight travel is required. Cover letter and resume must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, to gacarter@charlottedioces.org. No telephone calls please. For complete job description visit www.cssnc.org and click on Jobs button at footer of homepage.

SECOND ANNUAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Join with members of various local Christian congregations as we pray for the unity that Our Lord so much desired (John 17:20-23), **Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church**. The presider is Fr. Pat Hoare with quest speaker Minister Christina Lee, Director of Christian Education and Assimilation, New Beginnings Church. We will share in the Polish custom of Oplatki (Christmas wafers) as a sign of our common faith in Christ. Refreshments and social immediately following in the Parish Hall.

MEN'S CONFERENCE - The second annual Catholic Men's Conference, "Being a True Catholic Man," is **Saturday, Feb. 18, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Jugis. The speakers include nationally renowned speaker Jesse Romero evangelist, kick-boxer and former police officer. Advance tickets are \$35 with discounts for seniors, Knights of Columbus and students. The price includes breakfast and lunch. To register go to www.clcmc.org or contact **Rich Adams at radams@bojangles.com**.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – RETROUVAILLE simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands of couples seemingly headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information and to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 9 - 11, call 434-793-0242 or 1-800-470- 2230 or retrouvaille@msn.com** or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

SHINING STARS ADULT DAY RESPITE is a not-for-profit adult day respite program for members of our community with early to moderate Alzheimer's Disease. Activities include games, social interaction and exercise designed to encourage and stimulate participants. The program is hosted by St. Gabriel Catholic Church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by Sardis Presbyterian Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact **Suzanne Bach at 704-335-0253**.

SHINING STARS ADULT DAY RESPITE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP is a not-for-profit organization helping families dealing with memory loss. A support group for caregivers meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the last Monday of each month at St. Gabriel in room E, Ministry Center and the third Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3 p.m. at Sardis Presbyterian, in Room 105. This service is free and open to the public. For more information call **Suzanne Bach at 704-335-0253**.