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you are dust and to  
dust you shall return.*

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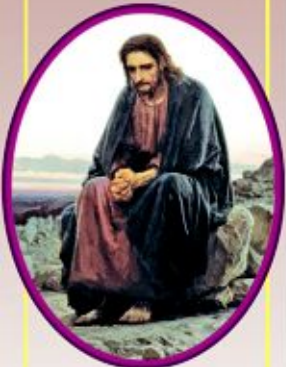


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the Holy  
Spirit,  
Jesus  
returned  
from the  
Jordan  
and was  
led by the  
Spirit  
into the  
desert for  
*forty*  
days...

Lk 4:1-2



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#### CLUSTER LITURGIES

Saturday.....4:00 p.m. St. Josaphat  
Sunday.....8:00 a.m. St. Josaphat  
Sunday.....9:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist  
Sunday.....11:00 a.m. **St. Matthew**

#### Reconciliation:

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
available each Saturday  
at 11:00 a.m. at St. Josaphat.  
Seasonal services are  
scheduled within the  
cluster and vicariate.

#### Sacrament Preparation:

Baptism: Call 3 months prior.  
Marriage: Call 6 months prior.

#### Anointing and Funeral Arrangements:

Call Sister at 755-7336 for appointments.

**WEB** [www.stmatthewsonline.com](http://www.stmatthewsonline.com)

#### Prayer Line:

To place someone on the prayer line,  
you must have their or their family's  
permission. Contact: 753-3047.

#### Visit of sick or homebound:

Call the office to be added to Sister's visits.

**Liturgical Schedule**

- Mon. Feb. 20 Weekday in Ordinary Time
- Tues. Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian
- Wed. Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday**  
**9:00 am Mass St. Josaphat Church**  
**12:15 pm St. Matthew Church**  
**7:00 pm St. John the Baptist Church**  
**7:00 pm Mass St. Josaphat Church**
- Thurs. Feb. 23 St. Polycarp
- Fri. Feb. 24 Lenten Weekday
- Sat. Feb. 25 First Sunday of Lent  
 4:00 pm St. Josaphat Church
- Sun. Feb. 26 First Sunday of Lent**  
**8:00 am St. Josaphat Church**  
**9:30 am St. John the Baptist Church**  
**11:00 am St. Matthew Church**

**Sister's House by the Bridge**

**Liturgical Ministries Meeting – March 4<sup>th</sup>** All experienced and new (desiring to be trained) Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, and those who take Communion to the homebound should attend. A light lunch will be provided, followed by time for clarification questions, demonstrations of what to do for each ministry and an inspirational presentation by Rev. James Bessert of the Office of Liturgy. Plan to be here from after Mass till at least 2:30 p.m.

**Town Hall Meeting?** If you are interested in attending a town hall meeting regarding the Pastoral Planning of the Diocese and St. Matthew Parish, please call the parish office at 755-7336 on Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to let us know. Leave your name and phone number as requested on the response form which was inserted in last week's bulletin to determine if there is any interest in a town hall meeting. That form is due today. The Core Team will provide for a Town Hall Meeting if people desire one. A facilitator from the Reid Company will conduct the meeting.

**Pastoral Planning Criteria Continued** – Last week, I outlined the four categories: Sacramental Life, Evangelization/Catechesis/Catholic Schools, Stewardship and Justice, and Effective Administration. I explained that there are several areas under each category which are rated: "going strong," "adequate," "needs improvement," or "let's begin." Last week I covered the first two categories. This week, I will outline the last two categories: Stewardship and Justice and Effective Administration.

**Stewardship and Justice** asks us to consider whether we integrate social justice and stewardship into our catechetical programs, whether the parish has an active stewardship committee, whether parishioners volunteer their time to be involved in parish mission, whether parishioners use their talents for the building up of the Church and the world in light of the Reign of God, whether the parish has programs where all are expected to share their talents and insights such as activities for families, separated, divorced, single parents, widowed, etc.

Is there an organized instruction in social teaching to discuss issues in light of Catholic Social Teaching. Does the parish have outreach programs to assist people who are poor or marginalized? Are parishioners trained to take part in advocacy at the state and local level especially in regard to all justice and all respect life issues? Are parishioners given the opportunity to understand on an on-going basis that stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live? Are parishioners given the opportunity to learn about respecting and caring for all creation as well as human life at all stages from conception to natural death? Are parishioners encouraged to see their work as a way to prepare for the reign of God on earth? Do parishioners understand that they have gifts from God to use in building up the Church through sharing their talents?

**Effective Administration** – Do the staff and councils pray together? Does Pastoral Leadership encourage the fullest possible collaboration of clergy, religious, and laity in their common mission? Does the Council reflect the particular population of the parish? Is the Pastoral Staff trained and well qualified to provide the service they are hired to do and the staff receives on-going education and formation? Does the Council receive on-going formation? Does the Parish pastoral council evaluate and respond to the needs of the parish? Does the parish have a well operating finance council with a financial plan in place? Is the parish able to pay its debts within a reasonable time? Has the parish met its diocesan financial obligations? Is the parish overly dependent upon special fundraising activities? Are parish priorities reflected in financial decisions? Does the parish ensure proper fiscal administration, business management, and maintenance? Is the focus of the Finance Council on stewardship of resources in both managing costs and developing revenue? In its planning, does the parish take into account the diminished number of priests? Is the parish supporting a pastor or sacramental minister and not making unreasonable demands on him for his time and for sacramental ministry? Is the parish studying the parish models for the future working generously with its cohort to suggest a model which takes into account the diminished number of priests, even if this means it might consolidate with another parish? Is the parish training or hiring lay people to help with some of the parish services and activities including business management and administration? Is the parish taking into account its geographic proximity to other parishes and its Mass attendance when it plans for the future? Has the parish shared pastoral programs with near by parishes? Has the parish shared liturgies with neighboring parishes? Has the parish worked to jointly schedule weekend Masses with neighboring parishes? Do parishioners share programs and festivals which bring them socially together? Do parishioners and parish leaders examine geographic distances as they plan for the future? Has the parish hired well qualified professional staff to carry out its mission in all aspects of pastoral care? Are non-paid people well trained to be successful providers of services in the parish? Does the parish have adequate space for offices, liturgy, meeting areas for various size groups, catechesis, parish gatherings and needed places for other ministries and forms of pastoral care? Have the parish buildings been evaluated by qualified engineers and deemed to be structurally sound now and in the foreseeable future and are handicapped accessible? Are the parish grounds and buildings well maintained and is there a plan in place for on-going maintenance "replacements" ? As you can see, there is a lot to consider when we review the criteria for evaluating the parish.

Blessings,  
 Sr. Janet

**Religious Education News**

No class Ash Wednesday so that families will attend at their respective parishes.

- Feb. 19 Rite of Sending for St. Matthew  
 Feb. 25 Rite of Election for St. Matthew at St. Mary Cathedral  
 Feb. 26 Rite of Enrollment at all Parishes  
 Feb. 29 Classes resume at the usual time from 5:30—7:00 p.m. at St. Josaphat Education Center.  
 Mar. 7 All Family Potluck  
 Mar. 14 Next Parent Sacrament Meeting

Sign up sheets for All Family Potluck are up on the bulletin board at the St. Josaphat Religious Ed Center. We need cash donations to make the sloppy joes and side dishes, chips, buns, dessert, and beverages.

**Youth Group**

There is a Lock In scheduled for March 9—10 at St. Josaphat Education Center. Permission forms are required and there is a \$10 fee. For more info, contact Jeff Dupuis at 233-7378.

Registration information is now available for the Junior High/Middle School Retreat, March 16—17, 2012 at Sacred Heart Parish in Gladwin. It's going to be a fabulous experience! Please encourage our junior high/middle school youth to participate! Please visit <http://www.saginaw.org/youth-ministry/youth-ministry.html> for more information and registration forms. If you have any questions, please contact either Mark Graveline or Pat Preston at ([mgraveline@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:mgraveline@dioceseofsaginaw.org)) or ([ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org)). Thank you.

**Stewardship for February 12, 2012**

Envelopes	\$1,873.00
Loose	39.00
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Bldg/Boiler	70.00
Boiler	20.00
Sound System	2.00
Needy	20.00
Candles	4.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,032.00</b>

We need weekly: \$3,500.00

Envelope Holders	163
Envelopes Used	63
Maintenance Used	8
Children Used	5

**February 22 Ash Wednesday Service 12:15 PM**

Lectors: Diana Bismack and Rolland Spencer  
 Dist. of Ashes: Bill Menzl and Sr. Janet  
 Dist of Symbols: Judy Rugenstein and Nancy Lawrence if any  
 Ushers: Ed and Jean Spyker  
 Pam Menzl and Sharon De Long

**February 26 First Sunday of Lent 11:00 AM**

Lectors: Judy Plowdrey and Ann Landra  
 Bread: Fr. Ron and Sr. Janet  
 Cups: Kathy Griffiore and Judy Rugenstein  
 Rolland Spencer and Jean Spyker  
 Ushers: Gene Jolin and Noel Clark  
 Sharon De Long and Bob White

**Dates to Remember**

- Feb. 2021 Paczki Sale at St. Josaphat  
 Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday  
 12:15 noon hour St. Matthew  
 St. Josaphat Masses 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
 St. John the Baptist Liturgy of the Word 7 p.m.  
 Feb. 23 Core Team Meeting  
 Feb. 24 Stations of the Cross  
 Feb. 25 Rite of Election St. Mary Cathedral 7 p.m.  
 Feb. 26 Rite of Enrollment at all cluster Parish Masses  
 Mar. 2 Fish Fry  
 Mar. 4 Ministries Training and Inspiration Day

St. Matthew Fish Fry, 511 W. Cornell St., Zilwaukee, MI 48604. March 2, 16, 30, Serving take outs at lunch 11—12:30 and while serving dinner from 5:00—7:00 p.m. Lunch: \$7.75, Dinner: \$9.75. Children 4 & under: Free. Children 5-12: \$4.75. Lunch Take-out 755-4215 only on dates above during the lunch hour.

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 For I Have Sinned Against  
 YOU.*

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