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September 12, 2010
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Matthew Catholic Church
...a community of faith and love

We at St. Matthew Catholic Church are a Community of Faith and Love
dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ.
We are committed to Spiritual Growth
through Active Worship, Education and Ministry.
We provide an environment to support a Christ-centered Way of Life.
Through our actions others will be drawn to Christ.

"'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

— Lk 15:6c-7

HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE! If you have a change of information you would like to pass our way, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

☐ New Address
☐ New Phone
☐ Moving, please remove from parish list

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am - 12 noon

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Monday - Friday, 8:05 am
Please check bulletin for changes

Holyday Mass Schedule:
8:05 am & 7:00pm

Anointing of the Sick:
By Appointment

Bulletin Deadline:
Monday noon, in writing.

Confessions:
Saturday afternoon, 4—4:45 pm, or by appointment.

Who is a parishioner?
One who is registered and regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish and demonstrates support of the parish mission by completing and fulfilling an annual commitment of time, treasure and talent.

To register in the Parish:
We welcome anyone interested in being an active member of our parish. You may complete the form on the front of the bulletin or call the Parish Office (232-5012) and an introductory letter and information regarding the registration process will be sent to you.

Baptisms:
First time parents (or those who have not attended a class within the last three years) must attend instruction classes, which are held monthly. Parent(s) must be registered in the parish a minimum of 4 months prior to the baptism. Parent(s) must contact the church office to sign up for the class. Baptisms are celebrated monthly, information on dates is given out at the class.

Marriages:
Church law requires individuals to be registered and active in the parish no less than six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Couples are then required to contact Fr. Jerry at least 8 months prior to the anticipated wedding date and **BEFORE** making any other arrangements or reserving a reception hall.

FATHER'S FORUM

"A CALL TO RECONCILIATION"

The readings today may make people wonder if we have turned the clock back to Lent. If you used the cycle C readings on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, you heard the parable of the prodigal son then. It occurs again in today's Gospel, but this time we get the two short parables that precede it, as well. The other readings today also focus on sin and repentance. The first reading recalls the Israelites making the golden calf, and St. Paul speaks of his own sinfulness and God's mercy. The psalm is a penitential psalm, and even the response comes from the prodigal son.

Of course, sin and repentance are issues we need to address beyond Lent. If we remember the harshness of the last two Sundays Gospel which precede this Gospel, we should all feel the need to repent because of our lack of humility and not being a true disciple of Jesus. We are constantly being called away from sin to a deeper conversion to Christ. That is why I would encourage you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least monthly. It is good to get into the habit of regularly examining our consciences, repenting of our sins and receiving the grace of the Sacrament to help us to overcome our failings.

Most parishes including our own and our Topeka region have fallen into a pattern of parish penance services only in Advent and Lent. While these preparatory seasons offer a natural environment for such celebrations, there is no good reason that we should not offer parishioners the opportunity to celebrate together at other times of the year. My only excuse is that the priest's schedules are so busy that it is difficult for us all to make additional commitments. It has been discussed, but never come to be a reality. But please know that I am open to making personal appointments for the Sacrament as well.

Hopefully, you know that we do offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.. I might add that it is important to come early as often people wait to the end and then there is a line and I do need to leave by 4:45 to prepare for Mass. Come early to receive the Sacrament and join in the recitation of the Rosary which begins at 4:30 as with every Mass when the Rosary is prayed 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

In this world with all of its conflicts, its repetitive cycles of alienation and hostility, forgiveness is an urgent public and private issue that demands our careful attention. With the fighting between citizens and immigrants in our own country, Protestants versus Catholics in Northern Ireland; Palestinians versus Israelis in the Middle East, not to mention the intense fighting that often attacks families and even parish communities – all of these issues often defy political solutions and peace processes. Only forgiveness truthfully offered and humbly received seems to be the way to move ahead together. To understand the quality of this forgiveness, we need only look to God.

God bless,

Fr. Jerry

St. Matthew's Parish: "The Refrigerator Page"

This page is provided for you to add to your family's information center, the "frig!"

MASS INTENTIONS

September 13th - September 19th

Monday..... St. John Chrysostom
8:05 a.m. - Rosemary and Ray Dashnaw

Tuesday ..... The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:05 a.m. (Grades K-4) - Jim Henry

Wednesday ..... Our Lady of Sorrows
8:05 a.m. - M/M William P. Weigel and Norma Christian

Thursday ..... St. Cornelius and Saint Cyprian
8:05 a.m. - Cossie Dickey

Friday .....Weekday
8:05 a.m. (All School Mass) - Joe Hess

Saturday. .....Vigil,
5 p.m. - Christopher Ramirez

Sunday.....
8:00 a.m. - St. Matthew Parishioners
10:30 a.m. - Helen Pettit

PRAYER CORNER… *We pray for those among us who are ill and for their caregivers, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty and for those in the Armed Forces. To place someone's name on the prayer corner, please call the Parish Office (232-5012).*

Cynthia Weber • Alyse Zabel • Dawson Hamer • Carol Shaw • Karl Alber • Gabriella Lopez • Sarah and Cassidy Emerson • Waymon • Mike Engroff • Gary Dashnaw • Dick Lee • Ethan Florence • Shea • Rita Runnebaum • Linda Kary • Keith Evans • Amy Massey • Carol Flynn • Francis Stadler • Bob Hess • Michael Cole • Rosario Duran • Richard Mulryan • Rita Fisher • Pauline Kesse • Paul & Rita Wempe • Jared Barnett • Brighton Taylor • Nathan Barnett • Rochelle Davignon • Matt Madison • Eugene Turner • Sara • Kimberly • David Fulkerson • Jack Bone • David Myers • Rachel • Carrie Krusor • Kenneth Wright • Vera Utara • Bruce Price • Daniel Cnossen • Carol • Nancy Welsh • Deb Dumas • Carol Horton • Emily Thompson • Mary Franz • Elwood Richards • Vincent Escobar • Theresa McNary • Heather Dunn Family • Maria Herzog • Jean Lane • Rita Thompson • Mary Noe • Alex Beuerlein • Barb Knoebber • Leland Farlow • George Purtle • Kay Becker • Robert Curran • Dan Tritsch • Ethel Lacore • Gary King • Richard Ensley • Lucy Lopez • Tom Alber • Melanie Stadler • Pat Stafford • Steve Wyatt • John Kiehl • Pamela King • Amanda King • Gloria Ruddy • Kay • Katalina Uhl • Marge Krivjansky • Mary Rose Logan • John Muller • Amber Bevins • Bob Banister • Tim Herring • Dennis Lange • Amy • Lisa Simpson • Rhea Creviston • Bertha Bermudez • Barbara Killam • Frank Ruiz, Jr. • Janell Meier Ketter • Tyler Valdivia • Isaac Henderson • Bonnie Nabower • Carvan Smith • Dave Frederick • Salvador and Peggy Barranco • Ivan Sapata • Amy and Dan Roche

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Sunday, 9/12
8:00am-noon Parish Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus/Parish Hall
8:00am Mass/Church
9:00am RE Classes/School
10:30am Mass/Church
12:00pm Liturgy Planning Committee/St. Luke Rm.

Monday, 9/13
6:30PM Catholic Scripture Study/Parish Hall West
8:00pm Men's Open Gym Night/Trompeter Gym

Tuesday, 9/14
1:30pm Catholic Scripture Study/St. Mark Rm
6:00pm Auction Committee/St. Mark Rm
6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting/St. Matthew Rm
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 9/Youth Center
7:00pm Women's LIFE Mother/Son Movie Night/Parish Hall

Wednesday, 9/15
6:00pm Work Night with the Parish Garden Club/Parish Grounds
6:45pm RE Classes/School
7:00pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting/Parish Hall East
7:00pm RCIA/Parish Hall West

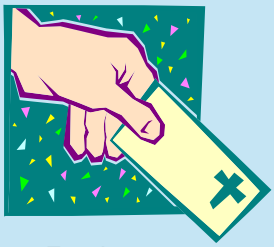
Thursday, 9/16
5:30pm Centering Prayer/Weekday Chapel
5:45pm Peace & Justice Committee/St. Luke Rm

Friday, 9/17

Saturday, 9/18
7:30am Men's Fellowship Group/Parish Conference Center
4:00-4:45pm Confessions/Church
"Simple Abundance" Food Collection Weekend
5:00pm Mass/Church
6:15pm Annual Parish Dinner & Auction/Parish Hall

Sunday, 9/19
WELCOME WEEKEND/donuts & coffee served in Parish Hall following both Masses
"Simple Abundance" Food Collection Weekend
8:00am Mass/Church
9:00am RE Classes/School
9:00am 1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg/Parish Hall East
10:30am Mass/Church
6:30pm Fall Festival Organizing Committee/St. Matthew Rm

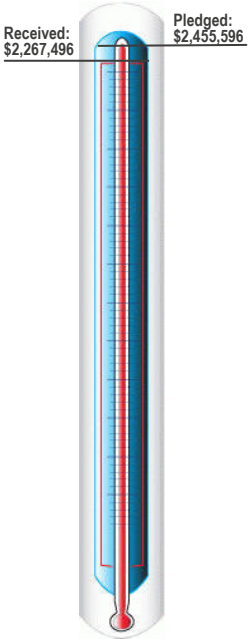
SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE UPDATE

	Weekly Total* (9/5/10)	Total Rec'd Fiscal YTD
Envelopes	$ 19,218.50	$ 163,217.70
Automated Giving	20,452.00	66,151.00
Children's Envelopes	332.00	528.84
Plate	54.92	5,098.57
	$ 40,057.42	$ 234,996.11
*Average Weekly Income Needed:		$ 23,773.27
Capital Campaign:	$ 10,806.32	$2,267.496.72
Total Previous YTD Income		$ 219,167.04
Total Budget YTD Income		$ 237,732.69
Income Over/Under YTD Budget		($ 2,736.58)
Additional Debt Payment*	$4,005.74	$23,499.61

**10% of weekly offering*
Current Fiscal Year = 7/1/10 thru 6/30/11 YTD = Year To Date



Our latest figures *(as of September 7, 2010)* show that we have received **$2,267,496** in pledges, gifts and donations for the building campaign so far! Currently, we are $191,212 away from what was originally pledged back in December 2007, and as you know, the 3-year capital campaign officially concludes on the 31st of December, 2010. We are extremely grateful for all the gifts that people have made toward the campaign. Whether you have paid off your pledge or are still making payments, please know that your sacrifices are greatly appreciated and that it is your generosity that has gotten us to the point we are today. The next time you walk through the doors of our new gathering space, pause for just a moment and look around. It's hard to believe that so much has happened in just three short years ago. When people who haven't been at St. Matthew's for a while come by to visit or attend Mass, they just can't believe all that we've done. Please accept the heartfelt gratitude of your parish and its members. And as always, we ask everyone to please continue to pray for the success of our efforts! We truly are blessed!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "you are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER PROVIDE MATCHING GIFTS?

Local companies that do include Aviva, Security Benefit, Hill's Pet Nutrition and US Bank. As we move into the last quarter of the year and you begin preparations for your 2010 taxes, consider a gift to your parish and check with your company's human resources department to see if they participate in a 'matching gift' program.

FROM THE CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES

My time...playing with my little sister. —Lexi
My talent...helped feed Keaton. —Reagan
My treasure...my family. —Lauren

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the church and have fun doing it? The **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** would like to invite you to join them and Fr. Jerry on **Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.** at the parish conference center in the Saint Luke Room. This is a fun, relaxed group that typically meets once a month to guide the parish with the annual stewardship fair and the stewardship newsletter. It is a great opportunity to get involved for a great cause. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

STEWARD OF THE WEEK
Athena Sutton

Comments from the Nomination Form...
"Athena coordinated and served a delicious luncheon for the teachers at the beginning of the school year."

You are invited...

UNMASK THE NIGHT

A Masquerade Dinner & Auction

September 18th

St. Matthew Parish Hall

6:15 p.m. — Cocktails

7:00 p.m. — Dinner

8:00 p.m. — Live Auction

Semi-formal attire...masks are optional. Reservations can be made following the weekend liturgies through Sept. 9/10th.

$35/person or $320/table for 8.

Many volunteers will be needed to make the dinner/auction a success. Help is especially needed in the following areas

- ⇒ **2 people to assist with unloading decorations/ supplies**, Friday, Sept. 17th, 10 a.m.
- ⇒ **10 people to assist with room decor set up,** Friday, Sept. 17th, 2 p.m.
- ⇒ **20 people to set up tables and chairs,** Friday, Sept. 17th, 5 p.m.
- ⇒ **10 people needed to assist with table linens, napkins** etc., Friday, Sept. 17th, 6 p.m.
- ⇒ **High School students** to assist with the Live Auction and help serve the dinner, Sept. 18th, 6 p.m.—10 p.m.
- ⇒ **4 people to assist at the silent auction bid tables,** tracking and closing bid sheets, etc.
- ⇒ **8th Grade students** to help serve the dinner.

Many hands make light work! If you are interested in helping, please call dinner/auction chairpersons, Joe or Linette Lopez (267-7342).

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15TH, 7 P.M.,

Parish Hall West. The topic will be "Who Am I?" (Image and Likeness of God.) All are invited.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The Lector Workbook is a wonderful resource for lectors preparing to proclaim God's Word. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the workbook for the upcoming 2011 Liturgical Year (which begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28th) please notify the Parish Office (232-5012) by September 14thth. The cost of the workbook is $12. You may pay for the workbook when you pick it up following delivery. Don't delay, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible to place your order.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT

As you may or may not know, our beautiful church is cleaned every week by a group of *very faithful and dedicated volunteers* who do a wonderful job of insuring that when we walk through the doors of our church, we all have a clean and presentable environment in which to worship. We have two groups coming in regularly to do the cleaning; one group, headed up by Marty Connor comes in on Sundays following the 10:30am Mass to clean up after the weekend's activities, and the other group, headed up by Kelly Lee, comes in on Fridays after the 8:05am Mass, to get the church ready for the following weekend. Because of various circumstances, we have lost or will soon be losing some of these wonderful volunteers, and we're looking for people who would be willing to step in and fill their shoes. **Ideally, we would like to continue with the two teams (one for Sunday and one for Friday) of 3-4 people per team.** The Sunday team is usually here from roughly 11:30am-1:30pm, and the Friday team is usually here from about 9:00am-noon. Duties include sweeping and vacuuming the floors, washing windows, dusting, polishing, cleaning and restocking the restrooms, doing whatever it takes to make our church sparkle. So, if you've got some time to offer on Sundays or on Fridays, even if it's just for an hour or two a week, and you feel called to support your parish in this important ministry, please contact Kelly Lee (266-8144) or Bob at the Parish Office (232-5012). We have been blessed with a beautiful church, but it's up to us as parishioners to make sure that is stays looking that way.

We remember in prayer those who have recently died —

Nina Hay, grandmother of Heather Huscher and Heidi Shriver.

Nick Charvat, brother of Matt Charvat.

Helen Rusher, mother of Judy Schlink and Mike Rusher.

Raymond Dominguez, brother of Pete Dominguez and Mike Guerrero and uncle of Richard Dominguez.

Leland Broxterman, brother of Geraldine Miller and cousin of Bob Broxterman, Ron Sommers and Marlene Veltman.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sadness.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

An adorer is needed for the following hours —

- ⇒ **Sunday, 2 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Monday, 1 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Thursday, 10 a.m.**

Please call Sue (354-7762) if you are able to help with one of these hours or to sign up for the hour of your choice.

SCHOOL NEWS

Earn cash for our School with **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!** Clip box tops from hundreds of your favorite General Mills products found throughout your local grocery store. Each box top is worth 10¢ to our school. Turn in your box tops to the School or Parish Office or look for the collection box in the foyer of church. Make a difference for our school every time you buy groceries...look for box tops on hundreds of your favorite General Mills products including Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Cheerios, Pop Secret and Hamburger Helper.

SMCS WEBSITE

Thanks to all who are visiting our website. There is a wealth of information including the school calendar, lunch menu, updates from teachers, stewardship opportunities and more. Please let Mrs. Huscher know if there is an item that would make the website more helpful.

We are in need of **LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS.** If you are able to help any weekday from 10 a.m.—1:45 p.m., please call Cindi Hewitt (217-4447) or the School Office (235-2188). Consider volunteering once a month, once a week, whatever your schedule allows.

Next weekend — September 18th/19th is our monthly collection for our Parish Food Pantry.

We try to make each bag identical to include the items listed below, enough food to get someone through an emergency situation. Please place your donations in the appropriate tub when you bring them to church to assist us in sorting. If you would rather make a cash donation there will be an offering basket at the main entrance of church. Thank you for your generosity to the people of our community!

Cereal
Canned Fruit
Pasta/Spaghetti
Canned Vegetables
Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Meats and Meals (beef stew, spaghetti o's, etc.)
Peanut Butter
Spaghetti Sauce
Soup
Toilet Paper
Jelly
Tuna
Saltine Crackers

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?" "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."
Matthew 25: 37,40

MORE PARISH NEWS

St. Matthew Parish
2010 FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION
October 23rd and October 24th

⇒ Many volunteers are needed for both the Saturday events (walk/run and chili supper) as well as the Sunday events (dinner and games). If you would like to volunteer contact one of the Fall Festival Chairpersons: Gary & Mary Lou McPhail, 272-7632; Tom & Rose Smith, 817-5688 or Bill & Kelley Cochran, 266-8031

⇒ The **JEWELRY BOOTH** is looking for donations of jewelry and religious items (rosaries, statues, nativity sets, etc.) for the Fall Festival. Please leave in the foyer of church.

⇒ The **COUNTRY STORE** is now accepting new or 'gently used' items for the Fall Festival. Suggested items include crafts, small decorative items, aprons/ kitchen towels, etc. Please leave donations in the box located in the foyer of church. Questions, call Netti Kostecki (266-4706). Please, NO 'garage sale leftovers' or clothing of any kind.

⇒ The **CHILDREN'S GAMES** are in need of small toys, stuffed animals, etc. for prizes. McDonald's (or other restaurant) prizes are perfect; just be sure they are still in the original packaging.

⇒ Do you have a favorite cookie recipe? Start looking through your recipes...chocolate chip, oatmeal or gourmet! Plan to enter the **2010 FALL FESTIVAL COOKIE BAKE OFF.** There will be winners for each category. Entry fee will be a baker's dozen of your favorite cookies and the judging will take place at the Chili Supper.

Sew many of you give of your time, talent, and treasure to the **PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY.** Many have been comforted, blessed, and given peace and warmth through your generosity. If you have completed blankets, please bring them to the Parish Office by September 14, 2010, sew that they can be blessed on September 16th, at the Mass with Prayers for Healing at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. If blankets need to be picked up, please call Dale (862-3702).

Next Sunday, September 19, 2010 we will celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.** Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

ST. MATTHEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER

- St. Matthew ELC is seeking a **Lead Pre- Kindergarten Teacher** who is energetic, organized and outgoing. Must have a CDA / AA in early childhood education or education in a related field. Prefer applicants who have experience in Creative Curriculum approach and Conscious Discipline.
- St. Matthew ELC is seeking a **Preschool Teacher** who is energetic, organized, and enjoys working with children. Must have a CDA / AA in early childhood education or education in a related field. Prefer applicants who have experience in Creative Curriculum approach and Conscious Discipline.

Please email resume to spechtm@saintmatthews.org or stop by the St. Matthew ELC and pick up an application.

VIRTUS TRAINING

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas requires that all adults working with our children attend Virtus Training.
If you volunteer in any capacity at St. Matthew School or with the Religious Education Program and have not attended the training, please register for any of the following sessions —

⇒ Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Sept. 18th, 9 a.m.

⇒ Mother Teresa Church, Sat., Oct. 9th, 9 a.m.

To register for the class go to www.archkck.org and click on the "Virtus to Protect God's Children" icon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the advertisers for their generous and gracious support of our bulletin.

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ART AND ENVIRONMENT will meet on Tuesday, September 21st, 6:30 p.m. in the church. The Art and Environment Committee creates the visual art that is used in church. Creative, imaginative minded people are welcomed, but we also greatly need people willing to help supply the labor to put up and take down decorations. Please join us as we begin planning for the Advent and Christmas season.

THE LEAVEN, the weekly newspaper for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is mailed to every parish household. The annual subscription is $18 and is due in September. Please consider making an additional gift to defray the cost for a family in need.

If you have **TEA TOWELS** from the Parish Hall that you have taken home to wash, **please return them as soon as possible.** Many groups use the parish hall and the towels need to be returned in a timely manner so they are available for the next group/activity. Thank you for your cooperation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

...Do you have 24 hours a YEAR? That's all it takes to be a better Catholic, a better husband and better father.
Are you a Catholic male, 18 older? We, the members of St. Matthew Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to join the largest "CATHOLIC, FAMILY, FRATERNAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD." We will be hosting a 1st Degree on Sunday, September 26th. For info., please contact membership director, Tom Smith (817-5688).
...Upcoming events —

- Oct. 8th-10th, Annual Toostie Roll Drive

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University's **FAMILY DAY...A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN** is a national movement that reminds parents what your kids really want at the dinner table is YOU! **Family Day will be celebrated nationwide on Monday, September 27th.** CASA's research has consistently found that children who have frequent family dinners are less likely to smoke, drink, and use drugs and they do better in school.

PLEASE ADD THESE NAMES TO THE PRAYER LIST

Lori Davis Sarah Emerson
Jane and Dave Hiner Richard Gudenkauf
Gerry Spicer Norma MacLean

THE MEETINGS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION

will be Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 7 p.m.
or Sunday, Sept. 19th, 9 a.m.
Both meetings will be held in the Parish Hall. Please attend the meeting that best fits your schedule. Questions, please call Cheryl (232-5012) or cherylb@saintmatthews.org.

THE NOTRE DAME CLUB OF TOPEKA IS SPONSORING A DRAWING TO BENEFIT THE HAYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

$5 donations enter you in a chance to win Notre Dame, KU, K-State or Chiefs tickets. Next weekend (Donut Sunday), following the Sunday morning Masses, members from the Notre Dame Club will be available in the Parish Hall with drawing tickets. They will also be available at the Hayden High School Homecoming game on September 24th. The drawing will be held at half time during the game.

PROJECT ANDREW: A VOCATION EVENING FOR YOUNG MEN

Archbishop Naumann is hosting an informative vocation evening for young men of the Archdiocese ages 15-20. Participants will have a chance to pray, hear priest stories, meet and talk to Archbishop, and learn how Christ personally calls men. Dinner is provided, and parents are invited for their own program by current parents of seminarians. **The Project Andrew Dinner and Program will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 4—7 p.m., St. Matthew Parish Hall.** For a detailed program or to complete the required registration, visit kckvocations.com, email vocation@archkck.org, or contact Fr. Jerry as soon as possible.

REGIONAL NEWS

MOTHER TERESA PARISH HOLY SMOKIN' JAMBOREE
Sept. 11th and 12th, 2014 NW 46th. 2 days packed with good food and fun for the whole family. BBQ dinner served Sunday beginning 11:30 a.m. Drawing for a 2010 Harley Davidson Super Glider. You won't want to miss "5 priests—1 mat—2 winners" — a special event on Sunday, Sept. 12th, 1:30 p.m.

DIVORCE AND BEYOND, a self-help group for divorced Catholics will meet Sunday afternoons beginning Sept. 19th, 3 p.m. in the Quinlin Room at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1900 SW Stone. This program is designed for Catholics who are divorced or have filed for divorce. For more information call Jan (554-3870).

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person. (Mignon McLaughlin) Take a weekend to fall in love all over again. **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** provides couples with a unique opportunity to escape from the busy-ness of life and focus on making their marriage the best that it can be. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held September 17-19th, in Olathe, Kansas. For more information contact Ralph & Jan Lewis (Kansas City) at 913-400-7173 or Kyle & Denise Mead (Topeka) at 785-357-5000. To register on-line visit www.wwmesection9.org.

MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE
The Married Singles Lifestyle describe couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 14th-16th, call 1-800-470-2230 or log on to www.retrouvaille.org to register.

CHRISTIAN WIDOW AND WIDOWERS ORGANIZATION, **Potluck Dinner, Thursday, September 23rd, 5:30 p.m.,** Formation Room at Most Pure Heart, Dime Bingo will be played after dinner. Bring a covered dish, table service and your dimes and join us for an evening of fun and friendship. Your friends are welcome too. For more information, call Doris Patterson at 272-0055 or MarilynSanderson at 235-6656.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH, **Garage Sale, Saturday, September 25th, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm,** at the corner of Atchison & Lime Streets (Storage Shed Parking Lot), 2 blocks east of the church. If you have questions, please contact Francie Hernandez at 267-4588.

The **MARIAN CLINIC** invites you to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of its founding and 23 years of service to the mission of "revealing God's healing love...to those who are poor and vulnerable." **A performance by the Fountain City Brass Band, reigning North American and U.S. Open Brass Band Champions, will be Sunday, September 26th, 3 p.m,** White Concert Hall. Free and open to the public. No tickets need. *A free will offering* will be collected during the concert to help support "healthier lives for the uninsured." Doors at White Concert Hall, 17th and Jewell will open at 2:15 p.m. For more information visit www.marianclinic.org.

SAVE THE DATE: As you get your calendars ready for a new school year, please note the **TOPEKA LIFE CHAIN on Sunday afternoon, October 3rd.** Make plans now to join us as we come together in solidarity to pray for an end to the destruction of some 3,600 babies a day in America. Time and location will be announced later in September when we have word of those churches participating. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Mark your calendar...**TOPEKA SERRA CLUB BREAKFAST** in support of Archdiocesan seminarians, St. Matthew Church, **Sunday, October 3rd, 7:30 a.m.—12 noon.** Menu includes breakfast casserole, fruit cup, muffins, biscuits and gravy and beverage.

God is calling you to a unique purpose, a life of love that only you can live. God intends His love to reach others through you. As you discover your unique gifts to be his instrument, you begin to live a life of great joy. The **CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP** is a two-day live presentation which will include Church teaching on the laity and lay apostleship; the nature of spiritual gifts, call and vocation; and how to undertake the process of discernment. Join us for this powerful workshop October 1-2, 2010 at Savior Pastoral Center. For more information, visit www.archkckecat.org or call Stacy Niedbalski at 913-647-0352.