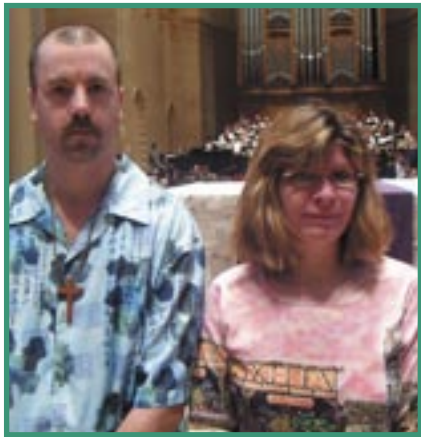


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Candidates Welcomed At Last Week's Easter Vigil

Evening Service Marks Full Communion with Church for Four Candidates

Last Saturday's Easter Vigil marked a special time not only



Candidate Joe Piskula and his sponsor Sara Rose.

his community, St. Mary's by the Lake.

Easter Vigil Filled With Ritual and Symbolism

Holding with church tradition, we began the Easter Vigil after sundown, which falls around 8:00 p.m. this time of year. We began in darkness around the fire that had been



Candidate Justin Nelson and his sponsor Rae Ann Budzinski.

lit outside the Gathering Space during nice weather. At the fire, the new Paschal candle, symbolizing the Light of Christ, is blessed and lit. Everyone around the fire had small candles which eventually were lit from fire from the Paschal Candle, which was then carried in procession into

church. The priest carries the Paschal Candle at the head of the procession, and at three points stops and chanted "Christ our Light," to which we responded "Thanks be to God."

The Liturgy of the Word at the Easter Vigil consisted of several readings from the Old Testament detailing the history of the People of God. After these read-

ings, the Glory to God was sung for the first time since the beginning of Lent. And after the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, we joined in the Easter Alleluia accompanied by bells and rejoicing as we prepare to hear the Gospel proclaiming Jesus' resurrection.

After the homily, we had the blessing of the water, the renewal of our baptismal promises and profession of faith.

This was followed by our adult candidates being called forward to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and to celebrate Confirmation. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we will



Candidate Teresa Dowden (L) and her sponsor Janice O' Connor.



Sponsor Laura La Fond and candidate Andrew Schuld.

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celebrate their First Communion with them. The Easter Vigil is a very special celebration for our candidates and for our entire community.

You can see pictures of this year's candidates and their sponsors in the glass case in the hall outside of the back entrance to church. These were taken at the Rite of Continuing Conversion that was celebrated with Archbishop Dolan on the first Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Please congratulate and welcome our newest members. Continue to pray for them and their families as well as for all those who are still seeking to come to know our Savior.

Are You, Or Someone You Know Interested in learning more about the Adult Initiation Process?

The Adult Initiation Process is on-going at St. Matthew's – a new Inquiry Group is forming. Adults interested in becoming Catholic who have not been baptized, who come from a different Christian tradition or who have been baptized Catholic but have not been catechized are invited to join us in this wonderful journey of coming closer to Jesus and his ways and learning more about the



The group from St. Matthew and St. Mary by The Lake parishes poses with Archbishop at the Rite of Continuing Conversion. Shown (L to R) Robert Tabern, Fr. Steve Stradinger, Justin Nelson, Rae Ann Budzinski, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Alice Haztenbeller, Andrew Schuld, Janice O' Connor, Laura La Fond, and Teresa Dowden

traditions of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or have questions, contact our pastoral associate Alice Hatzenbeller by phone at 762-4200, ext. 24, or via email at ahatzenbeller@stmattoc.org

— Story and photos by Robert Tabern.

Holy Name Society Offers Spirituality and Fellowship to Parish Men

As the old recruiting slogan goes “We’re looking for a few good men”, so

to is the St. Matthew Parish Holy Name Society. “Actually, we are already a group of a few good men,” says Rudy Sutschek, a long-time Holy Name Society member. “And that’s our challenge, we want to add active



Rudy Sutschek,
St. Matthew
Holy Name Society

members and become a group of many

good men.”

The Holy Name Society is a fellowship of Catholic men, and is one of the oldest organizations at St. Matthew Parish. Part of the larger, world-wide Holy Name organization, its purpose is to promote the spiritual welfare of our members through Christian works, adoration and Mass attendance.

Group Offers Spiritual Growth to its Members, Assistance to Parish

Sutschek says that while every male member of the parish is automatically considered a St. Matthew Holy Name

Society member, it is active members the group desires. “We would like to add new active members to keep Holy Name a vital, vibrant group, and help in our search for new ways to perform our Christian works and mission,” he says. In return, the Holy Name Society offers its members a sense of fellowship and connection with other men in the parish, as well as ways to strengthen and deepen their spirituality.

The Holy Name Society has had a hand in many aspects of parish life, from social events such as the Mother’s Day family breakfast to spiritual en-

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richment such as a Day of Adoration. The group has also sponsored blood drives, and you will often find Holy Name Society members assisting at other parish activities.

Support Given To Other Parish Groups

The members of the Holy Name Society feel it is important to also lend a hand to other parish groups. "With funds mainly raised with our card party, we have supported the parish school eighth grade trip to Washington D.C.," Sutschek says. "We have also supported Confirmation class mission trips to various sites around the country, the Boy and Cub Scouts, and many other parish project and activities."

As for the future, the group intends to continue supporting parish projects, and to give aid to our St. Vincent De Paul Society.

The Holy Name Society gathers the second Sunday of each month to attend the 7:30 a.m. Mass together. After Mass, they hold their monthly meeting.

If you are interested in learning more about the St. Matthew Holy Name Society, please contact one of the following people:

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Members of the Holy Name Society take a break from their meeting to pose for this photo: (L to R) Standing: Dennis Tourangeau, Duayne Troyer, Fr. Wieland (who was filling in for Fr. Bill that day), John Krajinak, Bob Johnson. Seated: Jerry Parzych, Rudy Sutschek, Jim Grunenwald, Mike Kendziora. In front: Tyler Cicigo.

St. Matthew School Fifth Grade Class Celebrates Thirtieth Year of Intergenerational Programming

It is obvious that intergenerational programming is beneficial. Just look at the wide eyes and big smiles that captivate the faces of each generation. Maybe that is why St. Matthew School fifth grade teacher, Dorothy Correll, has made this a part of her curriculum for thirty years. Some things in life can only be taught outside of the classroom. Correll says it this way, "These students learn to see others who need their care, love, and support. Hopefully, what they learn will be used in the future as they face situations with their grandparents and parents. It's a win-win situation; kids care about their matched-up senior citizens and the senior citizens care about 'their' kids!"

Eighteen of the thirty years that Correll has been participating in this intergenerational program have been at Franciscan Villa nursing home in South Milwaukee. Activities over the years have included many fun-filled hours. "Our first visit always includes a tour of Franciscan Villa, intro-

ductions of their newly matched-up friends, and a game of Bingo. Every month of the school year we visit! We carve pumpkins, do wheelchair exercises/gym activities, haul in snow from outside to do snow sculpting, present our square dancing, perform Christmas carols, dye Easter eggs, make rice krispie bars, puppy chow, and decorate cakes."

To commemorate this thirty-year tradition, St. Matthew School celebrated at Franciscan Villa on March 30. Residents and students enjoyed many festivities including an appearance by a magician and treats such as cake and punch.

Correll says, "There have been 1,500 students that have participated in my program. I am excited to continue this tradition. All of the Franciscan Villa employees have helped make this program an outstanding success for the past eighteen of the thirty years!"

— *Article by Crystal Neeb, Franciscan Villa Marketing Productions Department*

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The liturgy on Palm Sunday began in the Gathering Space. From there the congregation moved to the worship space for the rest of the Mass.



After the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 2, children participating in the Religious Education pre-school program graduated with a blessing from Fr. Steve.

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Religious Education pre-school program graduates proceed from church after receiving a blessing and their diplomas.