

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Priesthood Sunday

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked Him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mk 12:28-31



We Remember In Prayer Our Loved Ones Who Died August 2020 through September 2021

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*

Rich Gustafson	Dorothy Parker
Joseph Berndt	Ken Lawrence
Lottie Gustafson	Shirley Peterson
Karl Williams	Albert Kunze
Paul Wiegert	Merrilyn Fischer
Florence Schneider	Robert Marquardt
Glorianne Palm	Dorothy Kraus
John Parker	Mary Schultz
Betty Corolewski	Carol Warosh
Jim Hoard	Patricia Proctor
Roy Thorson	Bob Fitzke
Theresa Baptist	Anne Christiansen
Joan Bretl	Norm Chapman
	Joe Wiesman

Monday November 1st - All Saints Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am
Sunday, November 7th



Next Sunday, don't
forget to turn your
clocks back 1 hour
at 2 am!

Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

****Mass live streamed on our website or YouTube**

Weekends:

****Saturday:** 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays:

****Monday, Wednesday - Saturday:** 8 am
****Tuesday:** 12:05 pm

Confession

Saturday: 11am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am - 5 pm

Benediction at 4:50 pm

Monday in Emily's Room off Angelorum
Wednesday & Friday in Church

Televised Weekend Mass (La Crosse Diocese)

Wausau TV channels (Ch):

Cable & Satellite: Ch 12 at 6:30 am Sunday
Public Access: Ch 980 at 6 pm Sat, 9 am Sun

Internet Daily Mass: www.youtube.com

To watch a Mass on YouTube, type in YouTube's search bar: "Catholic Mass" and "St. Matthew Wausau" or "La Crosse" or "EWTN" or "Relevant Radio" etc.

Parish Center Office (Oficina)

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)
221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm
Friday: 9 am - 12 noon

Website: www.stmatthewausau.org

YouTube: [St. Matthew Wausau](https://www.youtube.com/StMatthewWausau)

Facebook: [St Matthew Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewCatholicChurch)

Email Bulletin: www.parishesonline.com

Online Donations to St Matthew Parish:

www.stmatthewausau.org/donations

Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioclc.org



STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Last week we talked about Stewardship as a way of life. We discussed how all we receive is from God and that giftedness varies from one individual to another -- our giftedness is unique. Not feeling prideful or jealous but being truly humble for the generosity of God, including for our abilities, interests, and vocations. As stewards (guardians of the parish) we need to be grateful for what we have and responsible in using the gifts we have received. This includes sharing generously and being accountable for how we use our giftedness. Today we continue the reflection on stewardship.

Obstacles to Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fear that if we share our time, we won't have enough to do what we want to do. **Fear** that if we give our money away, we won't have enough to buy what we want for our loved ones and ourselves. **Fear** that if we offer our talents, they won't be good enough to meet our expectations.

Fear that if we love without strings, we won't receive enough love in return, etc. Our consumer-driven society tells us we will never have "enough", that we will always have to buy more, do more, be more.

Christian Stewardship is counter-cultural. It has been called the "antidote to materialism". We Christians believe that God gave each of us "enough." That is, exactly what we need to fulfill the plan He has for us.

Collectively too, we know we have been given "enough" if we share with one another! No matter how small or limited our gifts seem, if we share them generously God will make what we offer "enough", just as Jesus did when He took the few loaves and fishes and made it "enough" to feed the multitudes!

Stewardship is a call to discern our wants from our needs, a call to simplicity, a call to prioritize our lives so we spend our precious time and resources on what is truly important. Stewardship is our faith lived out in our daily lives. We must have faith that God will always provide what we need and faith that we can live a disciple's life as He calls us and faith that when we fail because of our human weaknesses, still He will be there to provide comfort, to lift us up and help us to try again.

Time, Talent and Treasure

No matter what our position in life or how many demands are put on us, all of us have exactly the same number of hours available in each day. Making good use of that time requires keeping our priorities straight. Since our time is limited, each time we say 'yes' to one thing, we are forced to say 'no' to something else. We need to make sure our highest priorities get the 'yes'.

A simple but profound way to be a good steward of God's gift of time is to attend Mass regularly and to establish a good prayer life. Even those in your audience who may feel they don't have the means to contribute in any other way can still pray for the needs of the Church, the world, their community and individual members of the community.

We need not excel at something to be talented. Instead of asking "Will you volunteer?" ask "How will you use your gifts to serve others?" A volunteer can say yes or no, but as baptized disciples/followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to use our gifts to serve others and build up the kingdom of God. We are His hands and feet, eyes and ears, mind and heart in the world.

Christian stewardship shows us that everything comes from God, including our wealth and the ability to create our wealth. Letting go of some of what is really only on loan to us anyway is very freeing. It allows us to follow the teachings of Jesus more closely.

Being a good steward of the money and possessions God entrusts to our care requires that we honestly discern our needs from our wants. God always provides what we need, but seldom everything we want.

If we don't make a deliberate plan to return the "first fruits" we receive from God back to Him after taking care of our own needs and many of our selfish wants, we will only have what is leftover for God. This is why making an annual plan is important to the charitable giving aspect of our discipleship. Sometimes people ask what a "minimum" gift is. But why should we even consider a minimum obligation to the God who has given us everything? While our God cannot be outdone in generosity, we at least need to share with others out of profound gratitude and love for God. To make your gift sacred, or sacrificial, it should be enough to make a difference in your lifestyle. Don't "give 'til it hurts," give until it feels good!



Edited From: The Association of the Miraculous Medal by Fr Luke

After the Catholic funeral Mass and burial of one of my cousins many years ago, a young woman approached me and said, "I'm not Catholic. But I want to be buried with a Catholic funeral service!" She was impressed with the beautiful Catholic funeral liturgy, and especially with the fact that we prayed for the dead. Prayer for the dead is deeply rooted in our Catholic tradition because it is deeply rooted in the Bible, beginning in the Old Testament. The Second Book of Maccabees (12:45-46) states that *it is a holy and whole-some thought to pray for the dead, that they might be freed from their sins*. This passage shows that Jews in the two centuries before Christ believed in praying for the dead. The apostles and first Christians took this for granted.

Belief in purgatory flows from this practice. If heaven and hell were the only possibilities after death, there would be no reason to pray for the dead. Those in heaven do not need prayers, and those in hell are beyond the reach of prayer. As a result, the Church reasoned to the existence of purgatory, an intermediate state where people can be helped by prayer.

Many New Testament passages show the importance of praying for the dead. For example, Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy contains a prayer for one who had died: Paul says of his friend, Onesiphorus: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day." As the footnotes in the New American Bible point out, Onesiphorus had died before this letter was written, and Paul's words are a prayer for his deceased friend (2 Timothy 1:16-18).

Christians prayed for the dead from New Testament times, as evidenced by inscriptions in the Roman catacombs. In the fourth century Saint Monica made this deathbed request of her son, Saint Augustine, "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

As members of the Association of the Miraculous Medal, we instinctively turn to our Blessed Mother as we pray for our beloved dead. Mary was present at the death of Saint Joseph. She stood at the cross of Jesus. We ask her to pray for us "at the hour of our death," and we entrust our loved ones to her. ...

The month of November reminds us to pray for the souls in purgatory, and testifies to our belief in the communion of saints. By prayer, we are close to our loved ones in purgatory and in heaven. They watch over us and pray for us.

the JOSEPH PROJECT

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Do you know someone struggling with job issues? Please tell them about the Joseph Project - a one week program to help develop life skills and connect to job opportunities.

It is a faith-based jobs initiative to connect people with jobs. A weeklong life skills training program, followed by the opportunity to interview with companies looking to hire.

1st Session is Monday, November 8th: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Classes: Monday, November 15 - 18th, 4:00 - 8:30 pm

WHERE? The Cross Church, 740 Grand Ave, SCHOFIELD, WI

CONTACT: Pastor Yauo Yang, project coordinator

715-572-4549 or Email: josephprojectwausau@gmail.com



HELPING HANDS will be taking a group of volunteers to Kenya between January 12th and February 8th, with multiple date options and length of stay. If you would be interested in learning more about this experience contact **Tom or Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270**



The Diocesan Annual Appeal for 2021-2022 has begun.

Our goal this year is \$71,705. You can schedule your pledge monthly until June 30, 2021 or send in a 'lump sum' pledge. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal and participating in this appeal for the needs of our diocese and the greater Church.

**Sharing God's Blessings
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for Your Support!**

**Weekly Minimum Amount Needed
per Budget: \$9,612.00**

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$7,856.80
Offertory.....	\$672.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$150.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$1,426.55

Parish Contributions: Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations. If you are not attending Mass in person, please consider sending your weekly donations by:

- **Mail** (St Matthew Parish, 221 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401)
- **Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer** from your bank (to set up, contact Jerry at: 715-842-3148 or email: jerryg@stmatthewausau.org).
- **Bill Pay through your Bank** (contact your bank to set up).
- **Online Giving:** (via credit card or direct debit)
 - www.stmatthewausau.org/donations (one-time donations)
 - www.stmatthewausau.org/payments (recurring donations available)



**Buy Scrip Cards for Gifts
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Help us reduce our stock in Trigs' Gift Cards. It will become Festival Foods about Nov 19, so Trigs is suggesting we use our cards before Nov 15. Trigs in Wausau, Schofield and Stevens Point only affected; cards will still be good in northern Trigs locations. Please purchase and use your cards for grocery, Cellar 70, gifts and floral!!

**Scrip gift cards will be sold before & after Masses
on November 7th and 21st.**

Call the Parish Center (715-842-3148) to check availability and to purchase Scrip during the week. Please allow 14 days for special orders.



**Still Needed
To Sell**



**St Matthew is Hiring for a New Full-Time Position
Director of Outreach and Evangelization**

Among other things, this person:

- Will develop with the pastor and others, a plan for evangelization within and outside the parish.
- With the Education Committee develop adult faith formation opportunities through Bible studies, spirituality, prayer, and other forms of instruction; organize and promote special events and speakers for parish faith formation.
- Organize and develop small group ministry programs - family and group discipleship programs.
- Offer and promote monthly youth and adult ministry opportunities.
- Develop a program for marriage enrichment.
- Work with single moms, single dads, widows and widowers to develop programs and events to assist them in their spiritual and daily needs.
- With our Pastoral Care person design and implement a grief support ministry within the parish.
- With the Family Life Committee develop a plan for strengthening families, family life, and the single life in the parish.
- Recruit volunteers to assist with the above projects and train them.
- Keep the parish website and Facebook page up to date.

The ideal candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing, devoted to prayer and the sacraments, passionate about leading others to a greater awareness and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus.

Have a bachelor's degree in theology, catechetics, Catholic studies, or similar.

Ability to work independently, be self-motivated, exercise sound judgement, have organizational skills, and able to work with others. Spanish speaking ability will be a plus. Email Resume with 2 references and any questions to Fr Bob at:

frbob@stmatthewausau.org



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Spiritual Adoption Program

Pray that the Lord of Life will move the heart of the baby's mother to give your "spiritually adopted baby" the most precious gift of life.

Development of Baby During Week 9:

The head is now much larger than the rest of the body. The baby can bend its fingers around an object placed in the palm. The baby can suck its thumb and move the tongue. Early vocal cords are present and the baby begins to yawn.

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3. When "St. Matthew Parish" shows up click on it to select it, then click on "Next"
4. Create a New Account by typing in "Your Name" and "Your email address" then click "Sign Up"

Pray for Dobbs - Join Catholics and other Pro-Life Christians



**Register for the National Prayer Event,
Thursday, November 18, 7:00 pm.**

The Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health case before the Supreme Court represents the best chance we have seen to overturn Roe v. Wade. It revolves around a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks. To register for the Nov. 18 Prayer Event and to access short videos, a background flyer and other resources, visit www.prayfordobbs.com



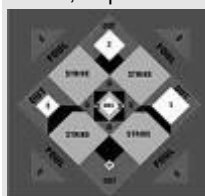
**Catholic Daughter's Court St Rose Meeting
St Therese Church**

Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 1 pm

A Memorial service will be held **UPSTAIRS** in church with a short business meeting and fellowship to follow in the basement. Remember to bring your shoebox gifts if you have them already and TOILET PAPER for the Indian Mission School. Hope to see you there and bring a friend to see what we are all about. In Unity and Charity.
Any questions call Barb Olson at 715-359-3969

**St Matthew Inter-Church
"Baseball Darts League"**

Our dart team is looking for players. We compete against other church teams, September - March on Monday nights.



We have a lot of fun! No talent required!

**If you would like to join our team
or for more information call:**

Marty Bever: 715-297-9598

Mike Bever: 715-544-8089

Ed Hack: 715-842-0150



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Sunday, October 31

NO RCIA Class

Monday, November 1 - All Saints Day - Not Holy Day of Obligation this Year

Jubilee House Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Angelorum: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 2

Parish Council Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 5:45 - 7:30 pm

St Faustina Study Group - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 3

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am

Religious Education: Family Formation K-9th Grades - School Gym: 5:50 pm

Thursday, November 4

Class: St Augustine Confessions - Church Angelorum:

10:30 - 11:30 am **or** 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm

Saturday, November 6

Religious Ed All Saints Party (K-6th grades) - School Gym: 10:00 am - 12:00

SCRIP sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Vocation Awareness Wk

SCRIP sold after 8 am & 10 am Masses

Mass of Remembrance: 4:30 pm (Fulfills your Sunday Obligation.)

RCIA Class - Rectory: 6:30 pm



6 pm Sunday Mass

St Anne's Catholic Church on Bridge Street in Wausau has resumed their 6 pm Mass on Sundays.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

Saturday: 11am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: Monday, November 8th: 6:30 pm

The Baptism Class must be attended by parents - Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

Bautismo

Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las 6:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a Joy al: 715-842-3148.

Marriage - Contact Fr Bob 6 months in advance for arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

To make arrangements, call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148

Notify Dorothy if you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

* *It's important to contact the care team or social worker at the hospital to request authorization to be visited by a priest.*

Anointing of the Sick - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.

Communion Visits to the Homebound - notify us if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

In Need of Extra Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.



Mass Intentions November 1 - 7 2021



Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - †Deceased Bourguignon & Schauer Families
Tuesday 12:05 pm - †Paul M. Wiegert
Wednesday 8:00 am - †Roger Krueger
Thursday 8:00 am - †Lawrence & †Helen Mocello
Friday 8:00 am - †Terry Bushar
Saturday 8:00 am - Therese Beever (Birthday)
4:30 pm - †Albert Kunze
Sunday 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners and their Families
10:00 am - †Richard "Rich" Gustafson
Spanish 12 noon - Intention of Priest Saying Mass
Mass of Remembrance 4:30 pm - †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Scripture Readings

Monday, November 1 - All Saints Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this yr.)

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday, November 3 - Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 5

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 6

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 7 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday November 6 4:30 pm	Sunday November 7 8:00 am	Sunday November 7 10:00 am
Lectors		
Joe Calderaro	Henry Wanserski	Lynn Meyer
Ushers and Greeters		
Lee Peek Maren Peek Abigail Peek	Steve Ostrowski Pat Ruesch Nic Schmitt	Tom Brzezinski Gary Tapper Randy Krueger
Musicians		
Ellen Schumann Dorothy Giallombardo	Joel Stubbe Annette Southworth	Gordon Crow Nancy Losinski
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)		Jeannie

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Bulletin Deadline: 3 pm Monday

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...Rev 21:4*

Our Prayers & Sympathy go to the Family & Friends of:



Pamela Berndt

She died Saturday - October 2, 2021

She is the Daughter-in-Law of Joanne Berndt

Linda Wanserski

She died Tuesday - October 19, 2021

She is the Wife of Jim Wanserski

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*



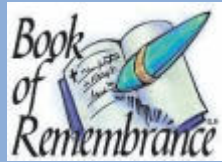
Sunday, November 7th at 4:30 pm - Mass of Remembrance
This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

We invite you to share in this beautiful Mass with us to remember in a special way all our loved ones who have died this past year. Their names will be read and candles lit in their memory.

A candle procession will begin our celebration. Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

*If you would like to provide a picture of your loved one,
it will be displayed in the Angelorum for the month of November.*

"The Book of the Dead"



On November 1st, "The Book of the Dead" will be placed near the banner with the names of our deceased parishioners and family members of parishioners. We invite you to add the names of family or friends who have died, especially those who have died in this past year.



4th Degree Knights of Columbus
Annual Spare Rib & Sauerkraut Fund Raising Dinner

Come enjoy a wonderful homemade meal!

Sunday, November 14th: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
St Matthew School Cafeteria - \$12.00 per Ticket

Tickets are available at the door.

Menu

Country Style Spare Ribs
Sauerkraut
Little Red Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Rolls
Coffee or Milk
Dessert

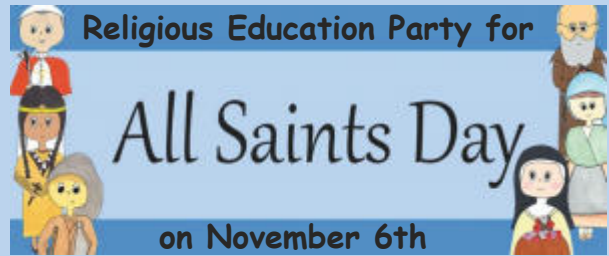
Dinner served by 4th Degree
Knights of Columbus
Pere' Rene Menard Assembly
& St Matthew's Men's Club

A portion of the proceeds are given
to sponsor veterans on the
"Never Forgotten Honor Flight",
Catholic Charities "Warming Center"
in Wausau, other charitable needs,
and St Matthew Men's Club.

This year we are soliciting table
sponsors for this event.
There are information forms in the
back of church, should you be
interested in helping our efforts for
these worthy charities.

See you at the dinner! Come hungry!

Religious Education Party for



All Saints Day

on November 6th

10 am - 12 noon
in the Gym & Cafeteria

"All Children
K-6th Grades"

Come dressed up
as your
favorite Saint
and bring a bag
for your treats!

Donations Needed:

- ◆ Juice boxes
- ◆ Animal crackers
- ◆ Fruit roll ups
- ◆ Plastic tablecloths
- ◆ Small prizes
- ◆ Snack size zip lock bags
- ◆ Bags of individually wrapped candy
- ◆ Adult size saint costumes

Are you a baker? Would you consider
baking heart shaped cookies?

Please contact Joy (715) 842-3148

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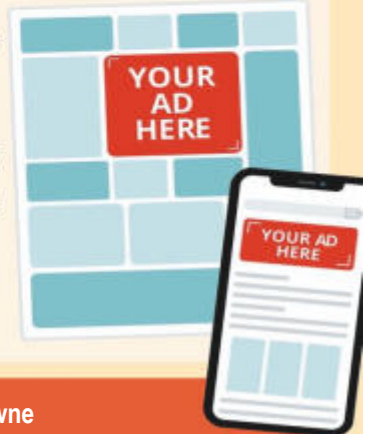
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Tim Browne from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be contacting local businesses the week of Nov 8 securing new ads for our church. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising
is a cost-effective way to
advertise 52 times per year
and show support for your
local community; in turn,
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center to anyone who visits
a church profile page on
ParishesOnline.com — that's
approximately 500,000 page
views per month!



Tim Browne
952-594-5395 - tbrowne@lpi.com

The Bell - Update

Yes the Bell is gone...but not for long.

It was taken down last month and shipped to Cincinnati Ohio for repair/renovation. It will come back in December (maybe for Christmas?) all polished with a new electronic striker.

The Bell was donated by the Hasko family in remembrance of (Ronald) Jon Hasko who died in the Vietnam War.

There'll be a re-dedication once it has been repositioned and re-wired.



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Thanks, St. Matthew Church.
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