

## **WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF LENT**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>... so begins Stations of Cross each Friday during Lent at 4:00 p.m. And of course Fish Fry...4:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Invite your family to Stations of the Cross and then to dinner at Fish Fry, yum!!

## **COFFEE SUNDAY HOSTS NEEDED**

Hospitality and community are two characteristics of our Saint Matt's community, and Coffee Sunday is one way we demonstrate both. However, in order for us to provide this hospitality and community building activity, we need people to step forward and help host Coffee Sunday. Hosting consists of preparing and setting out the coffee, providing refreshments and cleaning up afterwards, which is minimal. The coffee and paper supplies are provided, and you will be taught how to make coffee in the coffee machine. Free will donations are encouraged and those donations can be used to reimburse the hosts for the costs of refreshments. Simple refreshments such as homemade coffee breads, muffins, scones, etc. are fine. The focus of Coffee Sunday is our time with one another, not the food.

If you are interested in or willing to host a Coffee Sunday, please either call the Parish Center (651-224-9793) or e-mail Becky Montgomery at: [montgomery\\_bec@hotmail.com](mailto:montgomery_bec@hotmail.com). Please indicate if you are willing to host alone, will be hosting with others, or need someone to co-host with you. Thank you.

## **ENCHILADA DINNER AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Enchilada Dinners are coming!

They will be serving from 11:30 AM – 6:30 PM Fridays during Lent, February 16<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Available for eat-in or take-out, small dinners are just \$6.00 and the large dinners are \$10.00. One dozen enchiladas are \$20.00 and are available for take-out only. Accepting cash, checks and credit cards.

## **EXCITING NEWS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S PARENTS**

On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> a new Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass begins. This Sunday service is geared to children 3 to 6 years of age. Please bring your child(ren) to Mass and the Liturgy teachers will come and escort them to the chapel at the appropriate time. We are excited to begin this new program for our younger children who are not yet old enough to attend Faith Formation. This Liturgy of the Word is a program to help them hear the Lord's words in terms they understand. If you have family or friends with young children invite them to attend Mass at St. Matthew's and have their little ones join in our Children's Liturgy of the Word too!

## **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Faith Formation Update: February 14, our Ash Wednesday Mass.** Parents/guardians and parishioners are welcome and invited to join our Faith Formation students for the service which begins at 7 PM. On February 14, students should arrive at 6:30 PM and report to their classrooms in the Parish Center.

**Sacrament Requirements:** For parents/guardians of children in grades 2 and up who have registered for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, and for students in grades 8 and up who have registered for Confirmation, please be sure to get your child's certificate of baptism and turn it in to Faith Formation coordinator Janelle Rohr. If your child was baptized at St. Matthew, contact parish secretary Linda Rivera, [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto:lriviera@st-matts.org) or 651-224-9793 Monday-Friday between 9 and 1. **If your child was baptized at another church, call that church office and request proof of baptism.** Please submit baptism certificates to Janelle **no later than February 14, Ash Wednesday.** Questions? [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or see her on Wednesday evenings at St. Matthew between 6:45 and 7:30. This requirement applies to both our Faith Formation families and to Community of Saints families with children seeking the sacraments this spring.