

# Saint Matthew Catholic Church



**Sixth Sunday  
of Easter  
April 27, 2008**

1001 East Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194

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Marc Costanza Sharon Moore  
Tom Hayes Dick Murphy  
Larry Houle Nancy Peterson

FINANCE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES  
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Rob Denkwalter Kelly Womack  
Eric Morrisroe

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM  
Sunday: 7:45AM, 9:15AM, 10:45AM, 12:15PM  
Weekdays: 8:00AM Monday thru Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:30PM -Church

MORNING PRAYER

Monday thru Friday 7:30AM in the Church

NOVENA OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday morning after the 8:00AM Mass in the Church  
Wednesday evening at 7:00PM -Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 8:45AM to 6:30PM -Church

BAPTISMS Parents are expected to attend a Baptism Preparation Class held on the First Wednesday evening of each month in the Hughes Center. Please call the Rectory Office for further information.

WEDDINGS Please call Deacon Lawrence J. (Larry) Smith at the Rectory Office to register.

WEB SITE:WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.ORG

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); other  
wise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20; or Gn  
1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-  
24; Mt 13:54-58 (for St. Joseph the  
Worker)  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14  
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16;  
Jn 17:1-11a; or for Ascension, Acts  
1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt  
28:16-20

**WHAT’S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ!!!**

A fun way to find out!!!  
Check for the answers elsewhere in the bulletin.

- 1) In the past, the country from which the most cardinals were chosen was a) Spain; b) the United States; c) France; d) Italy
- 2) the Aramaic word for “father” is a) *abba*; b) *pater*; c) *mater*; d) *alleluia*

## Gospel Values: Peace, Love, Justice and Truth



There are four particular values that appear time and time again within the Gospels. Jesus explains these values, handed down through the Prophets of old, as Peace, Love, Justice and Truth. These are the values which are to mark and govern our lives and actions if we want to call ourselves followers of the Christ.

The Gospel of John records Jesus' first words to the Apostles after the Resurrection as "Peace be with you." These were the words first offered when Jesus appeared to the Apostles. They had hidden themselves, locked in house, and were afraid for their lives. They were trying to make sense of what had just happened, but they couldn't comprehend it.

Jesus' offering of Peace calmed troubled hearts. He showed them His wounded hands, feet and side and again said "Peace be with you." Then He sent them forth to do the work for which He had prepared them. They couldn't do it when their hearts were clouded by fear. In offering His Peace, Jesus gave them the gift of the Spirit and the courage to continue the work He had begun to bring about the Reign of God.

In the Gospel of John, we find Jesus challenging the Apostles to love as He loved. At first glance, that seems simple and yet we need to consider that command in light of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. To love as Jesus loves means to hold nothing back. It means that we embrace the Paschal Mystery, dying to ourselves in compassionate service of the other. This is what Jesus did for us on the Cross. His Love for us led Him to hold nothing back as He accepted even death on a Cross out of love for us. When Jesus gives the command to love, this is the love to which He refers. It is no longer "love" on our terms, with limits and conditions, but love unto death.

In Gospel of Matthew, we find Jesus giving an account of the Last Judgment. We're reminded that whatever we do to least of our brothers and sisters we do to Him. He points out that anyone would take care of the other if they knew that they were doing it for Jesus, yet as His followers we're called to recognize the Christ within each other. This challenges us to treat one another with Justice, realizing that we have a responsibility for one another to share our gifts and care for the other. Justice isn't so much about equality, but rather in meeting the needs of the other. Jesus challenges us to embrace a justice that goes beyond Law (and what I "have" to do) to Covenant calling us to live in right relationship with God and neighbor. There are many issues in our world today that challenge us to consider the Gospel challenge of justice. All are created in the image and likeness of God and all are due the dignity of being able to have their needs met. As long as there is war, hunger, homelessness or violations of human rights in any corner of the world we must recognize our responsibility to do what we can to help bring about justice for our brothers and sisters in need.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus reminds His followers that if they are His disciples, they are to live in truth and "truth will set them free". In other places, Jesus reminds us that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our path to the Father is through the Son who is Truth. This value is often contrary to our societal notions as it challenges us to see things, our own lives included, as they really are and not just as we wish they would be. Truth reminds us that each one of us is on a continual path toward conversion and right relationship.

In Isaiah 11, we find a description of the Peaceful Kingdom. The Prophet relays a series of images that at first glance seem to be contradictory: a wolf living with a lamb, a child leading a lion, and a child putting his hand into an adder's den. Using our human logic, all of this appears contradictory and seemingly impossible. Yet, Isaiah reminds us that this is how things will be on God's holy mountain when the Reign of God is realized. Isaiah isn't describing a world that we know. Instead, Isaiah is describing God's dream for His world. God's Vision for the world is that Peace, Love, Truth and Justice replace our worldly concerns for power, greed and self-interest. On God's Holy Mountain, there is no need for competition, no struggles for power or position, no danger or hopelessness. Rather, on God's Holy Mountain all live in Peace, Love and Justice as children of a loving Creator.

The challenge is for each one of us to ask ourselves how can I work to be a bearer of Peace, Love, Truth and Justice in my daily life?





# Sacred Treasures

We know we are on our path to the Divine when we sense that unmistakable shift inside us. Somehow, it just feels right.

Join us as Elizabeth Leibovitz offers an inspiring, interactive afternoon exploring the movement of spirit in and through us. We will learn how to discover our gifts and graciously live with our sacred treasures. Elizabeth has worked with women for over 20 years in a variety of settings as a registered nurse, clinical counselor, presenter, group/retreat facilitator and teacher at Loyola University Chicago. She will share with us her expertise, excitement and passion for authentic living.

Sunday, April 27, 2008

1:30- 4:00pm

A light lunch and dessert will be served



Reservation preferred: Please call Joy Duszynski (847) 985-0585

Donation: \$8.00 at the door



**Attention all High School Freshmen,  
Sophomores and Juniors**

Are you interested in becoming a Peer Minister for the '08-'09 school year? Then you and your parents are invited to attend an

**Information Night for New Peer  
Ministers**

on Sunday, April 27 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Hughes Center.

Find out about expectations, time commitment, and the application process. Peer Ministry offers a great opportunity to deepen your faith, develop leadership skills, and make new friends. If you have any questions or plan to attend, please contact Larry & Katie Houle at 847-985-1790.



**GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 7th, at 2:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State Street, Chicago.

Couples married in 1958 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact St. Matthew Rectory at 847-891-1220 to register. We need to have registrations in by June 4th.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312-751-8351 or visit the website:

[www.familyministries.org](http://www.familyministries.org)

## Automated Contribution Service Parishioner Survey Results

The Strategic Planning Team thanks all 916 parishioners that participated in the survey to determine if the Parish should implement an automated contribution service. The survey was conducted as part of our on going commitment to ensure that all parishioners have a voice in our parish life. The tables below contain a summary of the responses to Parts 1-3. Unfortunately we are unable to publish in the bulletin the over 200 comments and questions that parishioners wrote in Part 4. If you would like a copy of them please email Ed Tummillo at [aeterra@gmail.com](mailto:aeterra@gmail.com).

Based on the fact that 58% of the survey respondents agreed that the Parish should implement an automated contribution service, we will begin an analysis of the companies that provide this service. The fact that 42% did not agree, reinforces our intention to continue to provide our parishioners with options to make donations as they currently do. We will keep you informed as we go forward.

### Summary of Responses

1. I agree that St. Matthew Parish should offer automated contribution service.

Response	# of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	535	58%
No	372	42%
Don't Care	9	0%
Total	916	

2. I would sign up for an automated contribution service if it were provided.

Response	# of Respondents	% of Respondents
Yes	287	54%
No	254	46%
Undecided	5	0%
Total	* 546	

\* This includes the 546 parishioners that answered YES or DON'T CARE in Part 1)

3. For the 287 who answered "Yes" to Number 2.

- a. I would prefer my offerings to be deducted from my:

Response	#	%
Checking Account	195	68%
Savings Account	6	2%
Credit Card Account	44	15%
Checking Account or Credit Card Account	37	13%
Savings Account or Credit Card Account	1	1%
Undecided	4	1%
Total	287	

- b. The Credit Card I would prefer to use is:

Response	#	%
Master Card	32	39%
Visa	33	40%
American Express	4	5%
Discover	12	15%
Non Specified	1	1%
Total	82	

- c. I would prefer my offering to be deducted:

Response	#	%
Weekly	57	20%
Bi-Weekly	27	10%
Monthly	170	59%
Quarterly	4	1%
No Preference or No Period Specified	29	10%
Total	287	





### DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY

We still have Funeral Luncheon Cookbooks available in the Rectory Office or in the Vestibule of the Church. The cookbook is filled with wonderful recipes from our Funeral Luncheon Ladies, they will make a wonderful Mother's Day gift. The cost is only \$10.00

Don't forget Mom!

#### St. Matthew "Job Search Ministry"

"Job Search Ministry" provided **free** professional job search assistance. The Job search Ministry invites parishioners, family and friends to participate in the following job search meeting.

April 28th, 7:00-9:15 pm

Location: St. Hubert, 729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estates

Topic: **"Interviewing Salesmanship"**

Margaret Graziano will present how salesmanship needs to go into interviewing. Margaret is president of an employment firm and has coached candidates as they are presented to her clients.

May 5th, 7:00-9:15 pm

Location: St. Hubert, 729 Grand canyon, Hoffman Estates

Topic: **"Things that work and don't work"**

Elaine Hugar will facilitate the group in a highly interactive session on what works and doesn't work in a job search campaign.

For additional information contact

**Greg Harnyak**  
847-884-6523

### 500 CLUB TICKETS

Tickets are now for sale in the Rectory Office and during the month of May will be sold in the Vestibule. The first drawing is Sunday, June 1, after the 9:15 Mass. Cost is \$50.00 for 48 chances to win. Prizes are \$500, \$100, \$50 & \$25. Proceeds go to the Debt Reduction program. We also need volunteers to help sell tickets before and after all Masses during the month of May.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

(Return to Rectory Office)

Thank you for your support.

Judy Ambrose



### FUNERAL LUNCHEON UPDATE

Many of you have been asking why there have been no calls for a funeral Luncheon, thinking maybe we have disbanded. Sadly, we have not had a Funeral Luncheon since October of last year. Many of the funerals that we have had here at St. Matthew went to cemeteries in the city and understandably did not want to return to St. Matthew for a luncheon. Some went to St. Michael's opted to go to a restaurant.

Hopefully we will start having them again soon.

Judy Ambrose

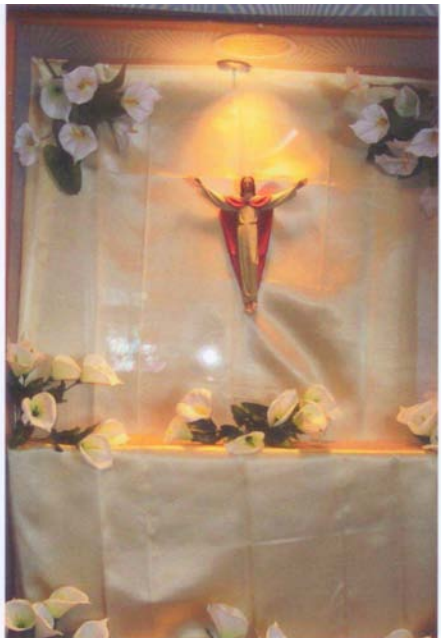
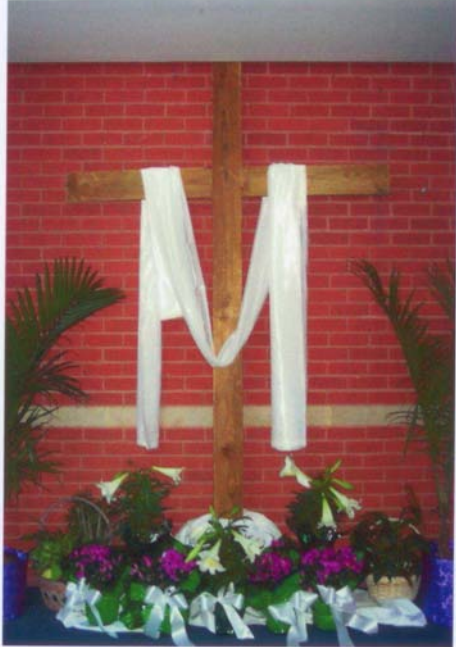
### CRAFT FAIR UPDATE


On Saturday, November 1, we will be having our Annual St. Matthew Craft Fair. We are looking for crafters for the fair. Anyone interested, please call the Rectory Office for an application. We will also be needing volunteers to bake, work the fair, set-up and clean-up and of course, come to the fair. For more information call Judy at 847-891-1255 or email:

[jambrose@stmatthewparish.org](mailto:jambrose@stmatthewparish.org)  
[ambrose90@comcast.net](mailto:ambrose90@comcast.net)



Thank you to the Environmental Committee for the beautiful arrangements in the Church at our Easter celebration. Also, thank you to Kathy Dawson for the pictures



 PLEASE PRAY *for*

Ken Angelino  
 Patricia Arias  
 Jennie Arko  
 Paul Baites  
 Joseph Bak  
 Patricia Bak  
 Tony Barone  
 James Bavaro  
 Laura Benhart  
 Bernadine Blake  
 Bennett Blizuella  
 Elsie Boffey  
 Charles Bonham  
 Marjorie Boone  
 George Braune  
 Carol Brennan  
 Jo Anne Bricketto  
 Derek Brinkley  
 Bill Burns  
 Carla Campobaso  
 Donna Canchola  
 Jennie Clen-Dening  
 James Crosby, Jr.  
 Noah Currier  
 Kevin Dalton  
 Bill Damore  
 Teresa DeCarlo  
 Regina Dunn  
 Joy Duszynski  
 Tom Duszynski  
 Gloria Fidler  
 Charles Fret  
 Ernest Fret  
 Ann Galdi  
 Ann Gioiosa

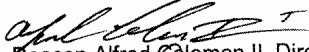

Gary Grajek  
 Raymond Groell  
 Barb Guffey  
 Jasmine Heimerle  
 Fr. Phil Henseler  
 August Herschede  
 Lawrence Horwath  
 Patti Hutchens  
 Eileen Haynes  
 John Iovinelli  
 Rhonda Jackson  
 Jim Kirchman  
 John Knudsen  
 Doris Knutsen  
 Helen Kolbuk  
 Paul Komacki  
 Molly Komon  
 Fred Kowalik  
 Erika Krause  
 Laura Kroman  
 Jeff Laine  
 Vera Lenahan  
 Richard Lowthorp  
 Michael Mariani  
 Jim McCaffrey  
 Daniel McDonald  
 Rizalino Miguel  
 Donald Monaco  
 Sharon Moore  
 Jean Murphy  
 Brittani Navarre  
 Shawn Navarre  
 Evelyn Nega  
 Paul J. Nelson  
 Angela Ortiz

Leonard Pagsanjan  
 James Palumbo  
 Elaine Prignano  
 Alicia Ricciardi  
 Katherine Ricciardi  
 Paul Ricciardi  
 Kathy Rice  
 Tom Riley  
 Dorothy Rose  
 Steve Rylander  
 Ariel Scholfield  
 Pat Scutella  
 Lena Sena  
 Michele Sengenberger  
 Brad Serna  
 Dolores Smith  
 Jerry Smith  
 Jim Smith  
 Mark Sobieski  
 Marge Solto  
 Zofia Sperka  
 Jerry Stanisz  
 Stephanie Stewart  
 Theresa Stokes  
 Danielle Sullivan  
 Stanley Szmarek  
 Scott Tepe  
 Ann Vana  
 Kathy Viti  
 Pat Wakup  
 Trever Jack Walker  
 Matt Wcislo  
 Thomas Wilson  
 Steve Yelich  
 Crickette Ziols



Dear St Matthew Parish,

When it comes to doing the Lord's work among the poor and needy, we recognize that we walk with others whose hands, hearts and faith make it possible for us to show something to the Lord when He returns for us. We thank you for your generosity to *Zacchaeus House* with your Christian alms of \$3,845.41. Your charity supports our ministry of helping men get back on their feet following personal misfortune.

  
 Deacon Alfred Coleman II, Director  
  
 Bishop Joseph N. Perry, President

**ANSWERS TO YOUR CATHOLIC IQ!!**

- 1) d) Pope John Paul II has purposefully chosen cardinals from all over the world to form the most international distribution of the college of Cardinals in the history of the Church
- 2) a) Jesus used the word *Abba* when he called out to his Father in an intimate and familiar way during the great crises in his life, as during his agony in the garden (Mark 14:36)

**APRIL 500 CLUB WINNERS**

\$500.00	Mr. & Mrs. Randy Felgenhauer
\$100.00	Robert & Mary Glod
\$ 50.00	Mr. & Mrs. F. Erdman
\$ 25.00	Stanley Pawlowski

Congratulations!







**Masses for the week**  
**April 26th thru May 3rd, 2008**

**SATURDAY:**

5:00 PM +Margaret Malcheoti, +Genevieie Milas

**SUNDAY:**

7:45 AM For the People of St. Matthew Parish  
 9:15 AM +Merial McDonough, +Wanda Grassadonia  
 10:45 AM +Chuck Stuk, +Theodore Majewski  
 12:15 PM +Aniano & Myrna Optina, +John V. Cummings  
 + Fernanao Saamiento

**All weekday Masses in Church until Pentecost**

**MONDAY:**

8:00 AM +Margaret Malchiodi

**TUESDAY:**

8:00 AM In Honor of Jayhyun Andrew Lee

**WEDNESDAY:**

8:00 AM +Charles Lee, +Stella Lee

**THURSDAY:**

8:00 AM +Luisa Treni, +Corrine Greifhahn

**FRIDAY:**

8:00 AM Purgatorial Society

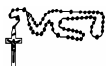
**SATURDAY:**

5:00 PM +Kathleen Brokamp, +John Mucci

**SUNDAY:**

7:45 AM +Bogdan Gurak, +Hilda Kestler  
 9:15 AM For the People of St. Matthew Parish  
 10:45 AM +Helene Chylka, +John Chylka  
 12:15 PM +Margaret coggins, +Catherine Carroll

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament every Thursday 8:45am-6:30pm in the Church**



Rosary said daily after the 8:00 AM Mass. Evening Rosary is said on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

**ASSIGNMENTS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE WEEKEND OF: May 3rd & 4th, 2008**



**SATURDAY:**

5:00 PM Annette Green, Matt Steward

**SUNDAY:**

7:45 AM Judi Tarzon, Frank Mercurio  
 9:15 AM Larry Houle, Linda Wcislo  
 10:45 AM Linda Kasinger, John Ray  
 12:15 PM Susan Tatman, Annette Serritella



**SATURDAY:**

5:00 PM Jim Shepeck, Mike Crane, Bill Bloom, Nick Wolf, Joyce Federico, Joyce Weltzien, Lisa Menich, Marge Majka, Theresa Salgado

**SUNDAY:**

7:45 AM Rosemary Manka, Janet Lobo, Diane Covarrubias, Custodio Dias, Andrew Strelec, Pat Strelec, Darlene Gruszka, Eileen Burcham, Elaine Prowicz  
 9:15 AM Linda Wcislo, Julie Albert, Nancy Sieh, Eugene Natalie Jankiewicz, Maureen Gilhooly, Dianne Dedick, Eileen Bialas, Mary Reitz  
 10:45 AM Marianne Mozdin, Chet Avers, Nancy Avers, Kathy McCaffrey, E. Kula, Alex Cafferini, Pat d'Anza, Liz Murphy, Dick Murphy  
 12:15 PM Alice Traxler, Bill Traxler, Teresa Alcure, Grace Alcure, Bill Koch, Sue Harrington, Charlene Bryeans Jim Sengenberger, Annette Serritella



**SATURDAY:**

5:00 PM Sam Kusswurm, Ben Kusswurm, Ronald Feldman

**SUNDAY:**

7:45 AM Patrick Ward, Chima Oduocha, Ugonna Oduocha  
 9:15 AM Alexndra Pahos, Sarah Krist, Mike Krist, Mike Viverito  
 10:45 AM Bethi Oates, Jeremy Theer, irian Horwath  
 12:15 PM Annie Witt, Abby O'Connell



**SATURDAY:**

5:00 PM Dominick Girardi, Dan Gorey, Ron Kolba, Mark Lazare

**SUNDAY:**

7:45 AM Tim Gerhardt, Stan Kaminski, John McDonough, Shirley Moehling  
 9:15 AM Marian Rathunde, Bob Sheiner, Phil Skultety, Dan Conforti  
 10:45 AM Chet Avers, Nick Breheny, Kristen Cullen, Dale Daugherity  
 12:15 PM Mike Starostka, Barbra Tutt, Luigi Borelli



**SATURDAY:**

5:00PM Alice Skurnak

**SUNDAY:**

7:45 AM Sue Denys  
 9:15 AM Mary Cepla  
 10:45 AM Diane Watier  
 12:15 PM Beverly Hochfelder



**Childrens Liturgy Of the Word**

**SATURDAY:**

5:00 PM Clara Papp

**SUNDAY:**

9:15 AM Jennifer Jonas, Joyce Hlousek  
 10:45 AM Dee 7 Mindy McMahon, Wayne Oates



Weddings

**1ST PUBLICATION:**

**2ND PUBLICATION:**

**3RD PUBLICATION:**

**Stefania Albanese & John Monforti**

**PARISH MEETINGS, CLASSES & EVENTS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
Youth Ministry Chapel C, D 10:15 AM- 12:00 PM  Women's Ministry HC 12:00-5:00 PM  Baptisms Church 1:30-2:30 PM	Strategic Planning Committee Chapel-C 6:30-9:00 PM  Boy Scout # 496 Committee Mtg Chapel-B 7:00-9:00 PM  New Beginnings HC 7:00-9:00 PM  Peace & Justice Committee Mtg Chapel-D 7:00-9:00 PM	Confirmation Practice Church 6:00-9:00 PM  Centering Prayer Chapel-D 7:15-9:00 PM Chapel 7:30-8:00 PM	Bible Study Chapel-C 9:00-11:30 AM  Youth Choir Church 6:00-7:00 PM  Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Chapel 7:00 PM  10:45 Choir Church 7:30 PM	Eucharist Adoration Chapel 8:45AM- 6:30PM  MMP Chapel 9:30-11:00 AM  Teen Choir Church 6:00-7:00 PM  9:15 Choir Church 7:00 PM  PREB Church-1 7:00-9:00 PM  Rosary Chapel 7:00 PM  WCRHP Formation Mtg Chapel-B 7:00-9:00 PM  Knights of Columbus HC 7:30 PM  AA Church 6,7 8:00 PM	New Jerusalem Prayer Group Chapel & D 7:00-9:30 PM	Centering Prayer United in Prayer Day Chapel & C 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM  Boy Scout Troop # 496 Eagle Scout Ceremony HC 1:00 -5:00 PM
CH-Church		HC-Hughes Center	C-Chapel	LLR-Lower Level Rectory		



**Mother's Day Flower Sale Helps Moms in Need**

Flowers are a Mother's favorite! On Saturday, May 10th and Sunday, May 11th Betsy Christensen will sell beautiful bouquets of fresh flowers after all Masses. You'll find the perfect bouquet from an array of roses, carnations, mixed floral arrangements, and new this year, a beautiful garden hydrangea bouquet. Each bouquet is wrapped in tissue and ready to present to your Mother...Stepmother...Mother-in-law...or Grandmother.

6-Stem Rose Bouquets are \$12, 6-Stem Carnation Bouquets are \$7, Mixed Floral Bouquets are \$10, and the beautiful new Grand Garden Hydrangea Bouquets are \$25. The proceeds from your purchase will be used to help teen girls and young women who are in a crisis pregnancy situation and need assistance. Please support this life-saving work of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland.

*Last year, The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland provided compassionate counseling, social services referrals and material goods assistance to over 5,000 women who are facing crisis pregnancies. Since its founding in 1984, The Women's Centers have helped saved more than 31,000 babies—and their mothers—from the tragedy of abortion. For more information, please visit their website at [www.womens-center.org](http://www.womens-center.org). Thank you for your generous support.*