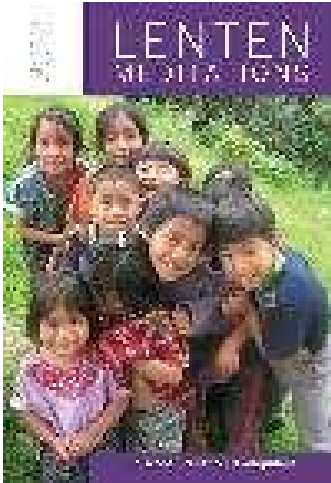


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Memorial Service for Fr. Vern Myers

Dear Friends,

The Memorial service for Fr. Vern Myers will be at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4 at St. Matthew's in Parker, CO.**

We hope that the time and date of the service will make possible the attendance of all families who would like to be here to remember and honor Fr. Vern, even some of our youngest members. Fr. Vern loved the children of this parish and they loved him in return. This is an opportunity for us to help our children learn that death is a part of this mortal life, a good life lesson, but more importantly, that even in death there is hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a good lesson from our faith. Your children may ask about what happens in death and a good answer might be, "We don't know exactly what happens, but we know and trust that we are with God in a more special way than we can be in this life." Please know that children are welcome at this service, as at all our worship at St. Matthew's.

Many of you have asked if there is anything you could do, and there is. Please help us to put together a reception in honor of Fr. Vern and as a way to spend some time talking with his family. Andrea Newlin will be coordinating the reception and you may reach her at tinanewday@qwestoffice.net

Thank you for all of your prayers and concern for Fr. Vern and his family.

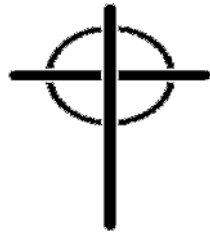
In Christ,
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A Time to Reflect on Our Christian Faith

Now available in the Narthex -The 2012 Lenten Meditations are co-authored by a group of leaders from across the Episcopal Church, who bring a range of perspectives as they reflect on Scripture and other sources of spiritual wisdom.

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Weekly Services, Eucharist and Bible Study:



Sunday Services:	8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School	9:15 A.M.
Adult Christian Ed.	9:30 A.M.
Children's Chapel:	10:30 A.M.
Nursery:	10:15 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Wednesday Eucharist	9:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Studies	9:45 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:00 AM
5:00 PM
7:00 PM (WITH CHOIR)

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SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER



On Tuesday, February 21 from 5:30-7:00 the Youth Group will be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Please mark your calendars to attend with your family. **Costs: Family- \$20.00, Adults- \$7.00, Children 3-12- \$3.00, under 3-free.** The profits from this dinner will go to the youth attending both Mission Trips this summer. Please help support their outreach.



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Wednesday Evening Bible Study-New Time

Sharon Dewey-Zavacki, a seminary student at Fuller Theological Seminary, is leading a Bible study on Wednesday evenings at **6:00 p.m.** We are currently studying the Prophets. Come check it out and get a new start on studying the Bible with friends! Contact Sharon onepathnewday@comcast.net

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Can you hear me now?

As an audiologist, I get this question a lot, mostly from people wanting to tease me about my profession. But soon, everybody will be able to hear the services at St. Matthew's much better. Thanks to an anonymous donation, St. Matthew's sound system is about to get a face lift. Last fall, a donor came forward with the hopes that his Mom would be able to hear better during services at St. Matthew's. This prompted immediate action. Although the donor wanted to provide for an Assistive Listening Device (ALD), I knew that the whole sound system needed to be assessed. We had a professional sound consultant give us an evaluation and recommendations for the sound system along with a quote for the ALD. In late January, we will have the sound system upgraded. The upgrade will include a new microphone for the lectern, a new wireless microphone for Fr. Michael, recording capabilities as well as an Assistive Listening Device (ALD). The ALD is an FM system which allows listeners to hear the primary speaker through the new microphones using a receiver that they wear. The receiver can be used with headphones, or can be coupled to hearing devices such as hearing aids, the Baha system, or cochlear implants. The ALD receivers will be located in the Narthex where you can pick them up before services and return them for re-charging afterward. The new lectern microphone and wireless microphone will feed through the ALD as well as our speakers, which will enhance listening for everyone in church. The recording capabilities will allow Fr. Michael to record and eventually post his sermons for those who cannot be present in church. After installation, the readers will get training on the new lectern microphone and the ushers will receive training on the ALD so that they can assist anyone who wants to use the FM system.

So, can you hear me now? Better, much better!

Bobbi Scheinin, Senior Warden

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The 2012 Annual Giving Campaign – Giving Together

The St. Matthews' 2012 Annual Giving Campaign is in progress and we want to make sure you are informed as we work toward our goals. Progress will be updated weekly so you can keep track.

2011 Commitment	2012 Goals	Progress as of 01/18/2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 74 pledges received • \$192,724.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 pledges • \$225,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77 pledge cards received • \$188,190.66 commitment

On behalf of your Stewardship Committee, your prayerful consideration & action are appreciated to help build on the incredible, renewable generosity cycle. Thank you & may the Lord's peace be with you.

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St. Matthew's Nursery
Hours for September-May: 9:30 am-12:00 pm.

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Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is for all children preschool through 3rd grade. The children gather together to hear the gospel story. From there the children discuss and learn the meaning of the gospel; activities and crafts are often used to enhance the story. Leaders take turns each Sunday; and we welcome anyone to join us who would like to be a leader in this part of the children's education.

We also need an adult to help each Sunday. We are blessed to have a large group of children participate but the leader does need assistance. Please take a turn and join the group when they are headed to the classroom. If you would like to learn how to help or have any questions please contact: Joy Williams @ 303 525 6471 or joyw1965@comcast.net.

Prayer Requests

At the beginning of each month we update our prayer request list. Please contact the office at 303-841-0121 or office@matthewinparker.com if you would like us to continue praying for someone you requested we put on our prayer list. You are encouraged to contact us throughout the month to add or take people off the list, but at the end of each month, unless we've heard from you, they will be taken off the list. *God gave us the precious gift of prayer and it is the best thing we can do for one another.*

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Fellowship Breakfast – February 5
Following the 8:00 service

The Fellowship Team Wants You!

Looking for an enjoyable and easy way to get involved with our Church Community? The Fellowship Team is open for new members to help with coffee and goodies after the Sunday worship services. If you like to bake, that's wonderful! But, you are also welcome to just buy goodies to bring in to share. The duties are light and typically only require helping about every other month. Plus, you have a chance to work with a wonderful group of fun folks. Please join us! If you are interested in joining, or looking for more information, please contact Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517 or lglandryt@msn.com.

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Prayers and Squares

**Next Meeting: February 16, 2012
at 10:00 a.m.**

If you, or a loved one, has a need for prayers and comfort from illness or accident please fill out a request form (found on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall) and give to one of us. We continue to receive many requests for prayer quilts. If you sew, please consider joining this ministry so that we may continue to fill each and every request. We do the sewing at home and meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall (*except June-August*) to put threads in for tying, pick out materials for the next quilts, share ideas and go to lunch. If this is something you would like to do, or would like more information, please contact Patty Fanning @ 303-841-6681, leepatty_20@msn.com, or Hazel McColley 303-840-8540.

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ECW NEWS

Women of St Matthew's:

BUNKO: Please mark your calendar for the next bunko night at St. Matthew's parish hall **Friday, February 17 at 6:30pm.** We always welcome new members to come and a great way to meet other women of our parish. It starts at 6:30 with a **potluck**, so bring a dish to pass, also bring \$7 for bunko and you may go home a winner, 5 prizes are awarded. It is an easy dice game and easy to learn. If someone wants to provide the wine let me know. Hope to see you there.



Card making Party: Please come to our first card making class at St. Matthew's, being held in the parish hall **Friday, February 24 at 6:30pm.** You will go home with 4 cards that you make that night and also take home a roll of mono adhesive tape. The cost is \$17.00 for 4

cards and the tape. I need you to **RSVP** for this evening by **Tues Feb 21** and need you to pay in advance and make check out to Kit Walleen and you can pay cash also but need in advance so she is prepared with right number of cards to make before that night. Please bring a **dessert** to share that evening. Please RSVP to Barb McNish my email is mcnishcolo@aol.com, my h# 303-805-2414, cell 303-910-9362, my address to mail your check is 6011 Ponderosa Way Parker CO 80134. It should be a fun evening -the more the merrier.

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St. Matthew's Community Supper: Join the Community Supper Group!

Each month the suppers are planned and hosted by a group of individuals who take turns volunteering to make the main dishes for the supper and who also help to set up, serve, and clean up. To keep these suppers going, we would love to have more people join our group to receive emails and be in on the monthly planning. If you can help out in the kitchen or with main dishes, please join us! Just let Leslie Peters or Shunila Rae know you are interested. Thanks! **For questions, please call Leslie Peters at 720-842-5358 or Shunila Rae at 303-916-7521. See you there! Leslie and Shunila.**

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Debit & Credit Card "Offering" Cards Available!

Did you know that St. Matthew's eGiving "Offering" Cards can help make your debit/credit card giving easier? Cards and envelopes are now available in St. Matthew's Narthex for your convenience. Just pick up a card, complete the information, seal in the envelope, and put it in the collection plate. Whether a one-time offering, or part of your regular pledge giving, it's just that

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simple. Plus, your gift, combined with those from your brothers and sisters, is blessed during the Offertory portion of the service, before being sent out to do God's work. You can even tuck a couple of these Offering Cards in your pocket or purse, so they're ready when you are!

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**Please mark your calendars!
You don't want to miss these events!**

Feb. 5 Movie & Pizza

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 pm*
Place: Balcomb House
Cost: \$5.00

Feb. 12 Regular Meeting

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Feb. 17 to 18 Ski Trip**

Feb. 19 Decorate Parish Hall

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Feb. 21 Pancake Supper**

Time: 3:30 to 8:00 pm*

Feb 25 Mystery Dinner

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

*SPECIAL TIME **SPECIAL DATE
If you have any questions please contact Jody at shoec@aol.com, Andrew at andrew.mitchell.ericson@gmail.com or Kristi at kristikoltiska@yahoo.com

Think Green for St. Patrick's Day!!

Youth Group is going to run another Electronic Recycling day on March 17th to raise money for this summer's Mission Trips for both the Middle School and High School. So, if you have replaced any electronic equipment this Christmas, remember that you can recycle the old equipment and help preserve the earth, by saving it and turning it in on the recycle day for a small fee. Keep watch for more information as the date gets closer.

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Altar Flowers—Sign up for 2012

Our new flower chart for 2012 is in the parish hall on the bulletin board. To request a remembrance, please write your name on the chart. Add appropriate language such as: In Loving Memory of..., In Thanksgiving for ..., or in Celebration of ..., please print clearly. The suggested donation for Sunday flowers is \$40 payable on or before date requested and may be shared with another family. Please mark check in memo area Flowers for ... If you have any questions, please contact Barb McNish @303-805-2414 or mcnishcolo@aol.com, or Christine at 303-841-0121, or email office@matthewinparker.com. Thank you for making our church beautiful!

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Open Gate Thrift Store Hours:

Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

* Donations accepted during these hours only*
Please do not leave items outside

If you would like to volunteer to deliver bags of clothing to St. Francis Center, please contact Patty Fanning at 303-841-6681, leepatty_20@msn.com

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HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Invitation to join the Hearts and Hands Committee

St. Matthew's Hearts and Hands Community Outreach Ministry needs more committee members! The committee meets every month to plan upcoming events and to allocate (quarterly) the parish's outreach funds. We invite you to join us on Monday February 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss upcoming projects that assist local and worldwide communities. For additional information, please contact Hearts and Hands members Jo Evans at 303-841-2276 or jo.evans@comcast.net, or Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com. **Please join us!** St. Matthew's Hearts and Hands Needs You!
Again, thanks for your support of this important ministry!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Similar to lawn mowing in the summer, we ask for volunteers to do the snow removal in the winter. You will find a sign-up sheet in the Buildings and Grounds section of the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall. **Please sign up for whatever days you are available.** All of the necessary equipment (snow blower, snow

shovels, and melting crystals) is in the shed. The city plows the parking lot and driveway entrances, so all we have to clear is the walkways and building entrances. The week before you're on duty, you'll receive an e-mail reminder with all the necessary instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Whit Greene (303-710-9422), greenelw@msn.com.

Fundraising Cards from St. Matthew's

If you love to garden, or know someone that does please consider purchasing **Tagawa Cards**. They are perfect gifts for holidays, family, friends and people that love to shop for plants and garden accessories all year long. Tagawa Gardens is located at: 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial, CO 80016. And, when shopping for groceries and gas, we also have **King Soopers, Safeway and Sprouts cards** available. You can also use King Soopers cards at their gas stations. Cards may be purchased after each service in the Parish Hall. Grocery cards are available for purchase with cash or checks. Credit and debit cards carry fees to St. Matthew's that cancel out the benefit of the grocery card, so may not be used for this purpose. If you would like more information, or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Whitney Tomlin at 303-841-9328, or email: Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org.

Vestry Meeting –February 25 – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please note that there has been a change in date and time for February's Vestry meeting. The Vestry will meet in the parish hall on **February 25 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

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St. Matthew's Vestry & Staff

Rector: The Rev. Michael Wm. Richardson

FrMichael@matthewinparker.com

Organist: Betty Sue Hugo

Choir Director: Emily Kiebel

Parish Secretary: Christine Greene

office@matthewinparker.com, 303-841-0121

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Senior Warden: Bobbi Scheinin

Junior Warden: Jenny Moncier

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer: Tom McNish

Vestry Members: Susan Gambrell, Elizabeth Ulmer, Dawn Koltiska, Tom McNish, Bruce Siekierski and Curt Wiberg, Bill Keup, Rob Williams, Bev Weathers.

Bookkeeper: Christine Greene

Nursery Staff: Shunila Rae, Kristi Koltiska

Thrift Store Manager: Patty Fanning

E-mail: office@matthewinparker.com

Website: www.matthewinparker.com

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Email Distribution List

Would you like to be on the Parish email distribution list? Much of the information, like the monthly newsletter, weekly updates, as well as pastoral news is sent via email. Please contact Christine at office@matthewinparker.com if you would like to receive emails from St. Matthew's.

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Anniversaries This Month

Charles and Karmen Cadwell	10
Micki and Tom Clark	19
Kimberley and Paul DeJong	20
Marsha and Bob Haeflein	23
Laura and Michael Lewis	24
Doug and Susie Chapin	29

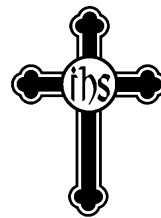
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Baptisms

Emery Lee Lent	01/08/2012
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Deaths

The Rev. Vernon Myers	01/21/2012
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Lucas Tishkowski	21
Pam Reed	22
Sue Tull	22
Joanne Payne	22
Susan Gile	24
Jill Jacobs	24
Ed Hauser	25
Victor Rogers	25
Kevin Parker	26
Gillian Hara	26
Whitney Tomlin	27
Jake Shoemaker	27
Jennifer Buckley	28



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Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you or your family. Contact: office@matthewinparker.com or 303-841-0121.

Marilyn Koste	03
Michael Rowcotsky	05
Sara Bernard	05
John Olson	06
Carmen Avelino	06
Gail Patterson	08
Jerry Grabowski	09
Jenna Greene	10
Hayden Hubbs	10
Liz Jankura	11
Violet Strand	11
Derrick Rae	12
Scott Gough	12
Joan Maclachlan	13
Tom Clark	15
Sarah Payne	15
Ken Mudge	16
Terry Yaryan	16
Linda Holiday	17
Aja Clement	18
Brenna Newlin	19
Paul DeJong	20
Pam Lamb	20
Kimberley DeJong	20
Lisa Ralston	21
Liesl Chapin	21

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