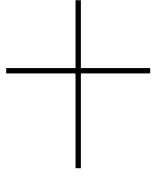
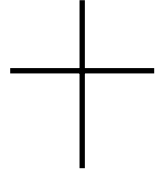


YOUNG SINGLES / YOUNG MARRIED GROUP



St. Matthew Catholic Church



Who Are We?

We are a group of parishioners who come together to enjoy fellowship with one another, deepen our spirituality, and provide service to others. The age range of our members is very loosely defined, but our members generally are college age and older. We welcome single men and women, married couples with and without children, those with religious vocations, and divorced, separated, and widowed parishioners.

----- SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2009 -----

Group Prayer Night Wednesday, May 6

All are welcome to join us in prayer and fellowship!
We'll gather at 7:00 pm for prayer intentions, rosary, a snack, and an informal discussion about living our faith.
Christie Rogers will be our host (2301 Osage Court in Champaign).
Need directions? Contact Christie at 390-5258 or chrisrogers21@hotmail.com

Sister Talk Tuesday, May 12

How do we experience the power and movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
As we approach Pentecost, Sr. M. Margaret, Sr. M. Veronica, and Sr. M. Vianney will help us understand who the Holy Spirit is.
Please join us at 7:00 pm in the St. Mark Room of the Parish Center.
Questions? Contact Stephanie Gantt at 734-330-3271 or stephanie.gantt@gmail.com.

Tailgating and Toiletries ** An Especially Family-Friendly Event ** Monday, May 18

Join us at 7:00 pm for a tailgate dinner before we cheer on the St. Matthew Mascots softball team.
Bring your favorite beverage and side dish, and we'll supply sub sandwiches.
The field is located near Parkland College. If you are traveling north on Mattis Ave, take a left at the first stoplight on Mattis Ave north of Bradley Ave, and the softball diamond and parking will be on your right.
The game begins at 8:00 pm at Dodds Field #1.
We'll combine our socializing with service by collecting toiletries to donate to the Times Center (deodorant, razors, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, fabric softener, bleach).
Please RSVP to Leanne Schug (403-0807 or knobl@illinois.edu) by May 15 so we know how much food to purchase.

**Group Prayer Night
Wednesday, May 20**

Please join us for a relaxed evening of prayer and discussion beginning at 7:00 pm. We'll start the evening by identifying prayer intentions and then pray the rosary. Then, we'll enjoy a yummy snack while having an informal discussion about the Gospel for the upcoming weekend.

Stephanie Gantt will host this event (1503 Lincolnshire Drive, Champaign).

Park on Mayfair Road or in the St. Matthew lot.

Contact Stephanie at 734-330-3271 or stephanie.gantt@gmail.com for directions.

**Lessons of the Bible
Friday, May 29**

In honor of Pope Benedict's designation of the Year of St. Paul, join us to investigate and share the lessons of St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We'll gather at 7:30 pm for snacks and a discussion of part of the letter.

Jennifer Deluhery will be our host (98 Kenwood Road, Apt. 503, Champaign).

Need directions? Contact Jennifer at 217-494-4741 or j.deluhery@comcast.net.

**Many Volunteers Needed!
Adopt-A-Highway
Saturday, May 30**

YSYM participates in the Champaign Adopt-A-Highway program!

Please help us be good stewards of God's beautiful creation.

We will meet at 9:00 am at the St. Matthew parking lot to begin our cleanup of a one-mile stretch of Kirby Avenue (between Prospect Avenue and Mattis Avenue).

Bring a pair of gloves; orange vests and garbage bags will be provided.

Please RSVP to David Schug (dschug@illinois.edu or 403-0807).

----- **SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2009** -----

**Catholic Connected: Beyond the Pew
Wednesday, June 3**

All are welcome to join us at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts for this vicariate event featuring Bishop Daniel Jenky.

First, get your ticket by calling the St. Matthew Parish Office (359-4224).

Then, contact Leanne Schug (403-0807 or knobl@illinois.edu) to sign up to carpool.

We'll leave from the St. Matthew parking lot at 6:30 pm.

Concert in the Park

**** An Especially Family-Friendly Event ****

Saturday, June 7

We'll gather at West Side Park in Champaign at 6:30 pm to enjoy jazz music.

The event is part of the Champaign Park District Summer Concert Series.

Questions? Arriving late? Contact Jennifer Deluhery at 217-494-4741 or j.deluhery@comcast.net.

Music Among the Vines

Saturday, June 13

Join us for a relaxed evening of blues / classic rock music and socializing at Alto Vineyard's Music Among the Vines starting at 7:30 pm.

There is a \$4 cover charge; food and beverage will be available for purchase.

Look for the white daisies on our table!

For more information, contact Mark Gabby 417-1959 or mwgabby@gmail.com.

Group Prayer Night

Wednesday, June 17

Please join us for a relaxed evening of prayer and discussion beginning at 7:00 pm.

We'll start the evening by identifying prayer intentions and then pray the rosary. Then, we'll enjoy a yummy snack while having an informal discussion about the Gospel for the upcoming weekend.

Debbie Benz will be our host (1814 Scottsdale Court, Champaign).

Contact Debbie at debbiejbenz@gmail.com or 390-0126 for directions.

Turkey Run & Beef House

Saturday, June 20

Pack a picnic lunch and sunscreen to enjoy a day of fun and fellowship!

We'll meet at the St. Matthew parking lot at 10:00 am

to spend the day at Turkey Run State Park.

The park offers canoeing, trails to explore, a swimming pool, and a nature center.

We'll leave around 5:00 pm (EST) to enjoy dinner at the Beef House in Covington, IN on the way home.

Please RSVP to Amanda Ewing at 390-8724 or amandae@hkusa.com by June 17.

Lessons of the Bible

Friday, June 26

In honor of Pope Benedict's designation of the Year of St. Paul, join us to investigate and share the lessons of St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We'll gather at 7:30 pm for snacks and a discussion of part of the letter.

Jennifer Deluhery will be our host (98 Kenwood Road, Apt. 503, Champaign).

Need directions? Contact Jennifer at 217-494-4741 or j.deluhery@comcast.net.

----- SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2009 -----

Group Prayer Night
Wednesday, July 1

All are welcome to join us in prayer and fellowship!
We'll gather at 7:00 pm for prayer intentions, rosary, a snack,
and an informal discussion about living our faith.
David and Leanne Schug will be our hosts (1014 Galen Drive in Champaign).
Need directions? Contact David at 403-0807 or dschug@illinois.edu.

Dinner for Two
Thursday, July 9

Enjoy dinner out with friends and help a good cause at the same time.
We'll meet at Firehaus (608 South 6th Street in Champaign) at 5:30 pm for dinner.
As part of this outing, we'll also raise money for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.
Whatever amount you spend for your meal you'll also donate to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.
Entrees range from \$6 to \$10.
We'll enjoy a fabulous meal and help those who go hungry every day.
Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 8 to Amanda Ewing at amandae@hkusa.com or at 390-8724.

A Very Merry Un-Birthday!
Monday, July 13

If you celebrated a birthday in January through June, then this event is all about celebrating you!
We'll meet at Marble Slab Creamery (1211 Savoy Plaza Lane in Savoy, next to Schnucks)
at 7:00 pm to wish you a very merry un-birthday, plus enjoy yummy treats and great fellowship!
All are welcome. Questions? Contact Amanda Ewing at 390-8724 or at amandae@hkusa.com.

Group Prayer Night
Wednesday, July 15

Please join us for a relaxed evening of prayer and discussion beginning at 7:00 pm.
We'll start the evening by identifying prayer intentions and then pray the rosary. Then, we'll enjoy
a yummy snack while having an informal discussion about the Gospel for the upcoming weekend.
Amanda Ewing will host this event (1730 Lincoln Place, Apt #2 in Champaign).
Contact Amanda at 390-8724 or amandae@hkusa.com for directions.

Lessons of the Bible

Friday, July 24

In honor of Pope Benedict's designation of the Year of St. Paul, join us to investigate and share the lessons of St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. We'll gather at 7:30 pm for snacks and a discussion of part of the letter.

Christie Rogers will be our host (2301 Osage Court in Champaign).

Need help finding it? Contact Christie at 390-5258 or chrisrogers21@hotmail.com.

Peoria Chiefs Baseball

Saturday, July 25

Join us for Jimmy Buffet Night as the Peoria Chiefs take on the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers! Tickets are only \$10 and need to be purchased in advance since this game is usually a sell-out.

Please RSVP by July 1 by contacting Debbie Benz (debbiejbenz@gmail.com, 390-0126).

The game starts at 6:30 pm, so we'll depart from the St. Matthew parking lot at 4:00 pm.

----- **WONDERING WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST?** -----

JOIN THE YSYM PLANNING COMMITTEE!

Enthusiastic and *creative* people are needed to help with ongoing planning for the YSYM group.

If you would like to help organize activities to address our goals of building community, growing in spirituality, and serving others, please volunteer for this (fun) ministry!

Contact Monsignor Mark Merdian (frmerdian@stmatt.net)
or David Schug (403-0807 or dschug@illinois.edu).

Our next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 pm. It will be hosted by Tammy and Debbie Benz (1814 Scottsdale Court, in Champaign). Contact Tammy at 390-6758 or sunflower1096@hotmail.com for directions.