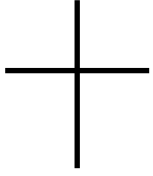
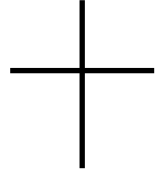


YOUNG SINGLES / YOUNG MARRIED GROUP



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 FEBRUARY 2010 -----

Group Prayer Night Wednesday, February 3

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.

Happy Hour Tuesday, February 9

Calling all social butterflies – it's time to spread your wings!
We will gather at Esquire Lounge, 106 North Walnut Street in Champaign, beginning at 5:30 pm.
New members are especially encouraged to attend this informal gathering.
Contact Jennifer Deluhery (217-494-4741 or j.deluhery@comcast.net) with questions.

Group Prayer Night - Ash Wednesday Edition! Wednesday, February 17

In lieu of our usual prayer group,
YSYM members will pray the rosary together
after the 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Matthew.
Meet in the atrium of the Parish Center after Mass, and we will find a quiet place to pray.
Questions? Please contact Christie Rogers at 390-5258 or chrisrogers21@hotmail.com.

Lessons of the Fathers

Friday, February 19

Join us to investigate the lessons of Pope Benedict's encyclical
Caritas in Veritate ("Charity in Truth").

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

Jennifer Deluhery will be our host (1111 Holiday Drive, Champaign).

Need help finding it? Contact Jennifer Deluhery at 217-494-4741 or j.deluhery@comcast.net.

Calling all Kids-At-Heart: Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, February 20

Volunteers are needed to offer childcare for parishioners attending
the Marriage Enrichment Day at St. Matthew.

We'll meet in the Great Hall at 8:30 am for set-up,
supervise children in the nursery from 9 am until noon,
and enjoy lunch with the participants from noon until 1 pm.

Treat yourself to some "play time" while serving others!

To volunteer, contact Leanne Schug (403-0807 or knobl@illinois.edu).

***** Many Volunteers Needed! *****

Lenten Service Opportunity

Friday, February 26

We'll meet at the school gym to assist with the parish fish fry from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

We need 12 people to help with serving food, washing trays, clearing tables, and cleaning up.

This will be a great opportunity to celebrate Lent while meeting friendly St. Matthew parishioners.

Want to volunteer? Contact David Schug (403-0807 or dschug@illinois.edu).

----- SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2010 -----

Group Prayer Night

Wednesday, March 3

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.

Jennifer Deluhery will be our host (1111 Holiday Drive, Champaign).

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

Help Spread Easter Joy!
Thursday, March 11

At 7 pm, we will gather at the home of David and Leanne Schug (1014 Galen Drive, Champaign) to assemble Easter care packages for the Foster Kids program sponsored by Catholic Charities.

This is a great opportunity to continue our Lenten commitment to service.

E-mail Leanne at knobl@illinois.edu to sign up to purchase candy or small toys.

Bring a snack to share and we'll enjoy fellowship while assembling the care packages.

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance
Saturday, March 13

Look for an e-mail to connect with others planning

to attend this special evening event in the St. Matthew Great Hall.

See who else is going and plan to meet up as you enjoy music, food, and fellowship.

For more information, contact Leanne Schug (knobl@illinois.edu or 403-0807).

Group Prayer Night
Wednesday, March 17

***** Please Note the Early Start Time *****

Please join us for a relaxed evening of prayer and discussion beginning at 6:00 pm.

We'll start the evening by identifying prayer intentions and then pray the rosary.

We'll wrap up in time so people can attend

the 7:00 pm Communal Penance Service at St. Matthew if they wish.

Amanda Ewing will be our host (1730 Lincoln Place, Apt #2 in Champaign).

Need directions? Contact Amanda at 390-8724 or amandae@hkusa.com.

Lessons of the Fathers
Friday, March 26

Join us to investigate the lessons of Pope Benedict's encyclical

Caritas in Veritate ("Charity in Truth").

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

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

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

----- **SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2010** -----

Group Prayer Night
Wednesday, April 7

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.

Tammy Benz will be our host (1814 Scottsdale Court in Champaign).

Need directions? Contact Tammy at 390-6758 or sunflower1096@hotmail.com.

First Communion Service Project

Friday, April 10

Food, fellowship, and service . . . all in one evening!

Bring your favorite potluck food item,

and we'll make special gifts to share with the First Communicants at St. Matthew.

Meet at the home of Debbie Benz, 1814 Scottsdale Court in Champaign, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Contact Debbie with questions (390-0126 or debbiejbenz@gmail.com).

Lessons of the Fathers

Friday, April 16

Join us to investigate the lessons of Pope Benedict's encyclical

Caritas in Veritate ("Charity in Truth").

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

Amanda Ewing will be our host (1730 Lincoln Place, Apt #2 in Champaign).

Need directions? Contact Amanda at 390-8724 or amandae@hkusa.com.

Group Prayer Night

Wednesday, April 21

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.

Christie Rogers will host this event (2301 Osage Court in Champaign).

Contact Christie at 390-5258 or chrisrogers21@hotmail.com for directions.

***** Many Volunteers Needed! *****

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, April 24

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).

Happy Hour

Monday, April 26

Calling all social butterflies – it's time to spread your wings!

We will gather at Sun Singer, 1115 West Windsor Road in Champaign, beginning at 5:30 pm.

New members are especially encouraged to attend this informal gathering.

Questions? Contact Leanne Schug (knobl@illinois.edu or 403-0807).

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

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 (msgmerdian@stmatt.net)
or David Schug (403-0807 or dschug@illinois.edu).

Our next planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm. It will be hosted by Leanne and David Schug (1014 Galen Drive in Champaign). Contact David Schug (dschug@illinois.edu or 403-0807) for directions.