

Help Support The Zeuskas with your donations

Our congregation reaches out in care and concern to a family in a difficult time

We have the opportunity to show love and support to one of our faithful St. Matthew's families. Dan and Karen Zeuske joined St. Matthew's while they were living in Wauwatosa, and expecting their first son, Ben. Another son, Nick, was born, and both were baptized at St. Matthew's. In 2006 their youngest son Joseph was born and was soon diagnosed with prune belly syndrome and Dandy Walker Syndrome. The combination of conditions prevents Joseph from walking or talking. Joseph can eat some foods, but most of his nutrition must be administered through a feeding tube. Only his mom, dad, or a nurse can safely look after him.

At the end of 2012 the family received more devastating news. Dan was diagnosed with Stage IV prostate cancer, which has spread to his bones, lungs, lymph nodes, and bladder. He has endured debilitating chemotherapy and a great deal of pain but remains committed to doing all that he can for his family. Dan continues to work three hours a day at his office and the rest of the day at home.

As Dan's endurance has suffered, Karen's care-taking responsibilities have increased. Joseph now needs a Hoyer lift to assist in his daily care, but the Zeuskas' current duplex is too small to accommodate the lift in their bathroom.

As you can imagine, the medical costs are staggering, causing the family to fall behind on their bills and making it financially prohibitive to move to a larger space that would accommodate Joseph's needs.



**St. Matthew's Church community
helps family in need**

The Zeuskas have remained active members of the St. Matthew's family.

St. Matthew's members now have an excellent opportunity to embrace and nurture the Zeuskas. A fundraiser for their benefit will be held on June 1st, in conjunction with our Celebration Sunday. Activities will include a bake sale and raffle. Because the need is greater than these activities will likely produce, we are asking you directly for your support. **Checks can be made out to St. Matthew's** and will be combined into one check for the Zeuskas. The Zeuske family is most grateful for all the prayers and concern offered

on their behalf. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity to be loving disciples of Jesus.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." – Gospel of John 13:34-35