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# The Community of St. Matthew

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in the world  
as a visible  
expression of  
God's love.*

St. Matthew's Fish Fry

March 22, 2002

Sponsored by  
**CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS**



Matching Fund  
Proceeds go to St. Matthew's School

Prices:  
Adults \$7.00 -- Youths (age 4-12) \$3.50  
Children 3 years and under-free  
Immediate family deal only \$25.00  
(soda, wine & beer available at additional cost)

**Mass Intentions**

Monday	6:45 AM Robert Stickler Sr. Ann Geiger
Tuesday	6:45 AM Mary Maher 12:10PM Joe Karas
Wednesday	6:45 AM Betty Soller 12:10PM Joe Karas
Thursday	6:45 AM Brian Bigelow 12:10PM Conrad Gross
Friday	6:45 AM Guadalupe Perez 5:15PM Elizabeth Unze
Saturday	5:00 PM Joseph Karas Deceased members of the Jack Family
Sunday	8:00 AM Charles Mitchell Irene A. Rivera  10:30 AM Parishioners

**YOUR WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING** If you have ever thought about (or are willing to consider) leaving a gift to Saint Matthew's in your will or estate, a brief presentation is taking place after Masses on the weekend of April 20 and 21. I will be joined by lawyers from the parish community and members of the Planned Giving Committee to present information on drafting wills and planning one's estate. There is no obligation involved in attending this presentation. This opportunity can provide you with some important information and ideas. If you plan to leave a gift to St. Matthew's Church or Saint Matthew's School or Saint Matthew's Child Care or Saint Matthew's Capital Campaign, any friend of Saint Matthew's or parish member will receive a will drafted at no charge.

**Planned Giving Information Meeting**  
**April 20th following 5:00 PM Mass**  
**April 21st following 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses**  
**Saint Matthew's Social Hall**

**Readings for the Week of March 17, 2002**

Sunday, March 17:	<i>Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45</i> 5:00 PM Young People's Seder Meal, Hall
Monday, March 18:	<i>Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8:1-11</i> 9:30AM Lenten Faith Sharing Group PCenter 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall 6:30PM Girl Scout Mtg, PCenter 7:00PM Stations of the Cross, Church
Tuesday, March 19:	<i>2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a</i> 7:15 AM Reconciliation, Chapel 8:20 AM School Mass, Church 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall 7:00PM Demonstration Mass, Church
Wednesday, March 20:	<i>Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall 6:30PM Adult HB Choir, Church
Thursday, March 21:	<i>Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59</i> 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes, Hall 4:00 PM Arby's School Night 5:00PM Youth HB Choir, Church 5:30PM Youth Choir, Church 7:00PM Adult Choir, Church
Friday, March 22:	<i>Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42</i> 4-7PM Fish Fry Hall
Saturday, March 23:	<i>Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-57</i> 4:00 PM Reconciliation, Chapel 5:00 PM Mass and Blessing of Palms
Next Sunday, March 24:	<i>Mt 21:1-11; or, Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14--27:66</i> 8:00 AM Mass and Blessing of Palms 10:30 AM Mass and Blessing of Palms 2:00 PM Communal Reconciliation 4:00 PM Communal Reconciliation

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Monday at 7:00 Pm in the church. We invite you to walk the walk that Jesus did.

✠ **STEWARDSHIP** ✉  
 What shall I render unto the Lord  
 for all his benefits to me?

**Treasure last weekend:** The Sunday stewardship collection for last weekend was \$8893.66. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. Calendar year-to-date we average \$9371.24.

**Youth treasure:** \$16.05 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes.

**We are still behind the target amount** for this calendar year. If you have missed weekend contributions, please try to make those contributions up before Easter.

**Thank you to Wayne Gilbertson, Religious Education Classes and many adult and young volunteers:** The proceeds of the Friday, March 8th fish fry go to assist the street children of Bucharest. We were blessed with many enthusiastic workers, tones of guests—more than 500 meals were served—one of the better fish fry attendance. Thank you to all in the name of the young people of Bucharest.

**Thank you to all who have helped Jose Garcia** study under a great dance instructor in Mexico this summer. Experiences like this can be life changing for a young person. Remember: Saint Matthew's is about saving and changing lives.

S.J. Adrian



**QUILT RAFFLE** This is the last week to take a chance on the beautiful quilt raffle, chances will be sold after all Masses this weekend and at the Fish Fry on Friday, March 22. The raffle will take place at 6:45 PM on Friday, March 22. The St. Matthew's Home and School thanks everyone who has helped us with this fund raiser.

**ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECTS** are on display in the back of church. Check out the work our 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes have been participating in this past school year.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION.** Please turn in your box tops by March 31st. Thank you.

**ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT.** This Thursday, March 21 is the school Arby's/S'barros night. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your tab. Thanks for your continued support.

**KIDSFIRST SCHOLARSHIPS** Would you like up to \$1200 to send your child to the school of your choice? KidsFirst Scholarship Fund provides low-income families with partial tuition scholarships for their elementary-aged children to attend the private school of their choice. The scholarships are for four years. Visit their website: [www.kidsfirst.mn.org](http://www.kidsfirst.mn.org) or call Kids-First Scholarship Fund of Minnesota, (612) 573-2020.

**Be a  
Blood Donor**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Saturday (Holy Saturday), March 30th. That's when the American Red Cross will be at St. Matthew's

for our annual Holy Week Blood Drive. Times 9:00 Am until 1:00 PM. Your blood can save a life. For more information or to make an appointment call Carol at 457-6067.

**MUSIC BOOKS NEEDED.** The School Sisters of Notre Dame in Africa are looking for simple starter piano and guitar books to be used with the postulants. If you have any books you are no longer using and would be willing to donate them please call Sister Mary Colleen at 224-9793 by March 27th. Sister Mara will be returning to Africa and will take the books with her. Than you for considering this request.

### HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR HOLY THURSDAY YET?

There are sheets in the back of church asking for volunteers to participate in the Foot Washing Ritual as well as the Chapel Prayer Vigil. Community response has been steady, if somewhat slow with regard to the Prayer Vigil. Here are some thoughts to consider as you discern your participation in these liturgical/ritual acts which are specific to our **SACRED TRIDUUM -THE HOLY THREE DAYS.**

As Roman Catholics, we traditionally celebrate the Season of Lent with increased prayer, alms-giving and acts of penance. It is "in our bones" - a natural and expected way of continuing our journey of spiritual transformation into the body and blood of Christ. Our participation in the Sacred Triduum however, is not "second nature" to us-despite its honored position in the Church's liturgical calendar. The Triduum is not simply a transition from Lent to Easter. It is a time of heightened preparation and prayer for the Easter celebration. It is a three day vigil (not just a Saturday night vigil)- and the prayers offered in community during these three days are not about personal sanctification as much as they are about Christian community caught up in a process of becoming the presence of Christ in the world today. The community prayer vigil in our chapel following Holy Thursday's liturgy is a continuation of the great three day vigil that begins with this evening. The Liturgy Committee will be leading brief community prayer at fifteen minute intervals between 7 and 10 PM, leaving time for both community and private prayer. Join your heart and voice to this worldwide vigil. Please sign up for one of the time slots in the back of the church this weekend.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following young people who made their first reconciliation on Tuesday, March 5.

Kaylarae McDonough, Johnathan Arnold, Paige Barrera, Megan Buchite, Rod Buchite, Antonio Resendez, Samantha Casillas, Amanda Cowette, Brian Edwards, Jacob Evans, Karena Evans, Jenna Firner, Mark Heinen, Melanie Hogle, Alice Richardson, Nicole Karas, Malissa Lopez, Gabriel Keller, Leodessia Kingbird, Keith Laroque, Jeremiah Leary, Jeremy Lee, Maria Napier, Evan Nelson, Jordan Nowak, Roman Prokop, Olivia Pugh, Kelsey Watt, Morgan Roberts, Ashlee Trifunov, Alicia Zarich, and Vicente Ballin.

**WE WELCOME IN TO THE SAINT MATTHEW PARISH** community those who were baptized during the month of February : Bridget Tetmeyer, Noella Boldt-Bauer, Justin Swanson, Erica Bryan and Noah Stickler.

**FUNERALS CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.** The community of St. Matthew offered support and solace to the families of: George Sonnen and, Margaret Przblek.

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This is the 300<sup>th</sup> consecutive week I write a letter to members and visitors of Saint Matthew's. Most of the time I try to write a reflection that touches the inner life – most of the time the letters indicate some of what I have been mulling and turning over in my mind and heart.

I am not sure what these letters are always meant to accomplish; sometimes they inform, other times they initiate inner conversation; sometimes they are poetic and other times they are more than prosaic – in fact they are bland and lifeless – but then they may well indicate the state of my soul and spirit.

I have learned some things over the years about weekly writing:

1. Writing is a discipline – it demands preparation, reflection, and synthesis. It calls for a unity, coherence and emphasis of thought. It takes a portion of my week to compose – but more than that, it takes a ton of reflection to generate. The deadline is a mixed blessing – there are times that the deadline spurs inspiration; other times it is just a barrier to slug through.
2. My writing style is mostly a “transcribed speaking style”. I would probably fail a course in writing – sentences are either too long or fragmented – they are more conversation than written word.
3. Because of the discipline of writing I keep my eyes and ears open to ideas and turns of phrase; I delight in catching a “gem” here or there. I look for the “one liner” that can paint a picture or create a feeling or capture a mood. I often see in the writing of others the inspiration to reflect and write – especially the writing of novelists, poets and “story spinners”.
4. The discipline of writing allows me the opportunity to stimulate a conversation with you, the opportunity to open a line of questioning, reflecting, musing, dreaming. It is a way to regularly enter your life and encourage you. It is a tool a pastor can use to “spade the souls” of others. I trust that on occasion you find these musings of value, I trust that periodically they provide an insight, I pray that they be of some benefit to you.

Yours Sincerely  
Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

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***Liturgies and Sacraments***

**Celebration of Sunday Liturgy**

Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

**Weekday Worship**

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

First Friday: 6:45 am and 5:15 pm

**Sacrament of Penance**

Monday: 7:15 am; Saturday: 4:00 pm

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents who are parishioners make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon one month prior to baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon three months prior to wedding.