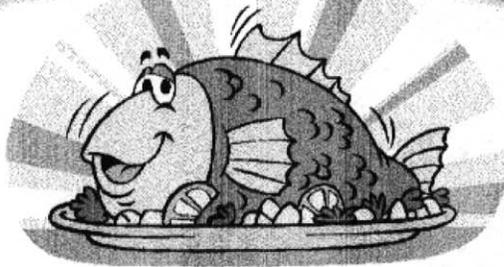


# The Community of St. Matthew

## St. Matthew's Fish Fry



### **ST. MATTHEW'S SOCIAL HALL**

(St. Paul's Westside-corner of  
Hall & Robie Streets)

4:00pm-7:00pm



**6 Fridays during Lent  
March 2-April 6**

**Prices:**

Adult: \$7.00

Children: \$3.00

Free: 3 years & under

Immediate Family: \$22.00

March 30 sponsor: Cherokee Bank

April 6 sponsor: Catholic Order of Foresters

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

**Mass Intentions**

Monday	6:45 AM Matt Adrian 5:15 PM Wesley D. Wiler
Tuesday	6:45 AM Antonia Hernandez 12:10 PM Stella Karas
Wednesday	6:45 AM Alexandra Goeber 12:10 PM Paul Coughlin
Thursday	6:45 AM Louise Marie Hall 12:10 PM Andrew Kisch
Friday	6:45 AM Mary Jane Griffin 5:15 PM Conrad Gross
Saturday	5:00 PM Robert Weber Roger Kippley
Sunday	8:00 AM Joseph Plantenberg Arthur Geis Living and Deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners

**BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON THE WEB!!** Read the bulletin on the web....and you can read it before the weekend. Simply go to: [www.st-matts.org](http://www.st-matts.org). then click on 'parish office.' Thanks to Richard Schletty for making such an attractive web-site for the school and all other things at Saint Matthew's.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** is in the follow-up phase. Again this year an generous donor to the archdiocese is matching the first \$5000 gathered in the follow-up phase here at St. Matthew. A letter has been sent describing this. Your response will be doubly effective for our parish.

**SIGNER NEEDED** for two events for a young girl preparing for her first communion. If you have this talent and are willing to help, please call John at the parish office.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY**, March 28 at 6:45 PM in the Parish Center. Along with reports and other committee work there will be a discussion with recommendations regarding the Readiness Report from Development consultant, Jim Fennell.

**WOMEN'S EVENING BRIDGE WINNERS** for the month of March are Mary Louise Chandler and Diane Schulte with a score of 3880.

Sunday, March 25	<i>Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32</i>	9:10 AM	"Everything we want to know about Good Friday"
		11:30AM	Reception for Barb Matthews
		12:00 PM	Baptism
		12:30 PM	Baptism
Monday, March 26	<i>Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38</i>		
		9:30 AM	Faith Sharing Group
		5:45 PM	Lenten Potluck/Discussion
		6:30 PM	Religious Education, Grades 1-6
		7:00 PM	Space Planning
		7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, March 27	<i>Ez 47:1-9; Jn 5:1-16</i>		
		7:00 PM	Conversations with Father Steve
		7:00 PM	Reconciliation Conversations
Wednesday, March 28	<i>Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30</i>		
		8:20 AM	School Mass
		10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
		6:45 PM	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, March 29	<i>Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47</i>		
		5:00 PM	Youth Hand Bell Choir
		5:30 PM	Youth Choir
		7:00 PM	Adult Choir
Friday, March 30	<i>Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i>		
		4:00 PM	Fish Fry
Saturday, March 31	<i>Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53</i>		
Sunday, April 1	<i>Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11</i>		
		9:10 AM	"Everything we want to know about the Easter Vigil"

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** continues on Tuesday, March 27 with conversations between candidates for reconciliation and parish elders. Please pray for these young people; they will celebrate the sacrament on April 3.

**CARDS & REMEMBRANCES** for those candidates for first communion and confirmation [whose names were taken a few weeks ago] should be sent to the parish center; they'll be given to the candidates.

**COMING MAY 12!** Mother, Daughter, Son Luncheon sponsored by St. Matthew's Rosary Society. Mark your calendars, watch future parish bulletins for updates.

† **STEWARDSHIP** ☒  
God never asks more  
of us than we have.

**Treasure:** Thanks for the \$10993 contributed in faithful stewardship last weekend. [\$10842 in 2000; \$10288 in 1999]. Both the fiscal and calendar year to date averages have climbed a few dollars: \$10079 and \$10428 respectively. [Our weekly average is budgeted to be \$9900.]

**Youth treasure:** Thanks to young stewards: \$22.40 was received from your envelopes.

**Food shelf:** \$120 was contributed along with about 5 bags of groceries.

School program envelope [pink] had \$11.00; fuel envelope: \$10. Each of these small amounts is noticed and appreciated.

Another \$439 was received to help with the parish assessment. This is the archdiocesan "tax" which is assessed to each parish. It amounts to about 8% of all collections less a credit for children in school and religious education.



**BOX TOPS ALERT!** This weekend March 24 and 25 is the last collection of BOX TOPS for *this school year*. All Box Tops will be bundled and sent in by March 31. Thank you all very much for saving BOX TOPS all year. We really had a great response. Continue to save Box Tops all Spring and Summer so next year can be as successful as this year has been. THANKS AGAIN!

**DON'T FORGET!!!** Saint Matthew's Fish Fry this Friday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Adults: \$7.00; kids: \$3.00; immediate family: \$22.00. Kids three and under eat free! Proceeds benefit school programs. Thanks for your continuing support.

**ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION.** The Boy scouts will be collecting aluminum cans after masses on April 7 and 8. Please help them earn money for their activities. Earth Day is April 22, this is one of the ways Scouts help the environment.

**ALL THE YOUTH OF ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH** are invited to join in with the youth groups of the parish and walk in the Cinco de Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 5. Two workshops will be held on Saturday, April 21 and April 28 at 10:00 AM in the school to make decorations and banners to be carried in the parade. Call Diane at 224-6912 for information.

**LAST CALL FOR SCHEDULING REQUESTS AND CONFLICTS!** The new liturgical ministry schedule for May through August will be prepared on April 1. Please call Ginny at 651-222-2867 with your requests. This schedule covers Altar Servers, Usher/Greeters, Lectors, Gift Bearers and Communion ministers.

**WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR RINGERS FOR THE HAND BELL CHOIR.** Our practices typically last one hour (6:30-7:30, Mondays), three nights a month; and we are currently conducting "OPEN" rehearsals which means you can drop in and ring a few bells with us without obligation or expectation. Questions? Leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0803; she'll get back to you. (Something to consider, one of our new members attends bell practice while her child is in Religious Ed.)

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE.** Mark your calendars for April 9, Monday during Holy Week. Bloodmobile will be at St. Matthew's from 1:30 PM to 7:30 Pm. Call the parish center for an appointment, or Carol at 457-6067. Please give the Gift of Life.

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD CARE

As you know my last day of employment was Friday, March 23, 2001. In June of this year I would have completed 13 years at the Center. Adding that to the 10 years of day care at home, I have chalked up 23 years educating and caring for children in this community. Allow me to leave you with a few thoughts:

1. "St. Matthew's Child Care is the Backyard of our Community." I have worked hard to have this place be a gathering spot for children to socialize, play, learn, trust, build positive self-esteem, make relationships with peers, grow intellectually, emotionally, and physically. Keep in mind this place has been a "backyard" for me both personally and professionally. I can only thank you for the things you have taught me, the relationships I have made, and most importantly sharing your families with me. I hold each and everyone of your children in my heart.

2. "It takes a Village to raise a Child." St. Matthew's Child Care is the village, the staff, parents, and the Community re the people here for your children. This quote both motivates and inspires me to do what I do each day, I love what I do, however, it would not work without the help of staff: Denise Chavez, Carmie Rodriguez, Laura Rodriguez, Millie Caban-Romo, Virginia Garcia, Elizabeth Gonzales, Patty Hellegas, Christine Koop, Annie Peterson, Marilyn Shea and Bonita Spears. Supporting Staff: Father Steve Adrian, John Riehle, Judy Helsper, Dave Rosas, Tom, Richard, Santino, Sr. Colleen, Dana, Serena, Sr. Leonius and the staff at school, Alice and the lunch crew, Yeisa and Karen from NEDA, Child Care Board of Directors - Stella, Lynda, Chris, Gloria, and all past members. All the parents and the Community at large have had the opportunity to raise your child in our Village. For that I am grateful to have the chance to be part of the picture. Our village will have a new leader, one with new ideas and enthusiasm to take the child care to one more level.

Now it is my turn to take yet another role in your child's life. I will work for Ramsey County in their Human Service Department. It will give an opportunity to grow and challenge myself and to learn about the Village from yet another angle. I will not be leaving St. Matthew's totally - I will continue to be a parishioner and will work in my volunteer positions here at St. Matthew's.

Barb Matthews

**JOIN FR. STEVE FOR OUR SACRED TRIDUUM SERIES!** This Sunday he will tell us "Everything we want to know about Good Friday: and next week (April 1) he will tell us "Everything we want to know about the Easter Vigil. Each session begins at 9:10 Am in the Social hall and ends in time for 10:30 Mass. Coffee, juice, and breakfast rolls will be provided to feed your body as Fr. Steve feeds your mind.

**HOLY THURSDAY — RITUAL OPPORTUNITIES:** The liturgy for Holy Thursday celebrates mutual and self sacrificing love in its Footwashing Ritual. If you are willing to be a direct participant in this ritual, please sign up for it in the church sacristy. All volunteers will be "prepared" for the experience.

**The chapel vigil** following the procession to the Eucharistic Chapel also needs volunteers. 15 minute time slots for sign up are in the back of church.

Dear Saint Matthew community and Visitors:

Over the past twelve years Saint Matthew's has conducted an annual event, **The Red & White Gala**, to raise funds for our educational endowment. Over the years this event, and the generous annual gifts and bequests of families, have built this endowment to \$233,000.

Two years ago I began using some of the annual earned income to assist in tuition assistance for Saint Matthew School families and to help with compensation and benefits for teachers.

This week's Gala is a month away: **April 28, 2001 6:00PM; Saint Matthew Social Hall. Donation: \$50.00** Tickets go on sale this weekend.

I wrote to you over the past few months about current work being done in preparation for a capital drive at Saint Matthew's in the fall of the year.

Part of that drive is to substantially increase our endowment. I believe that we need an endowment of \$1,500,000 if we are to provide strong tuition assistance to families in our education programs—childcare, day school, religious education. I also believe that we need a strong endowment to assist us in providing good salaries and benefits for our teachers.

Tuition in our programs is rising, in some cases, dramatically. Parents understand the need for this, yet some families find that these tuition increases place the opportunities for Catholic education and high quality child care out of their reach.

The Saint Matthew School Board recommended to me and Sister Leonius that we increase teachers' salaries over the next five years so that our beginning salary for a first year teacher will be at 80% of the then current Saint Paul School District starting salary. I have accepted that recommendation and have issued a salary scale that will place us at that point in five years..

The educational programs of Saint Matthew's are being consolidated and integrated. In the fall of the year there will be a Director of Education who will oversee and administer all of the educational efforts of Saint Matthew's—child care, day school, extended day, religious education, adult learning, and community learning. This will provide for efficiencies and cost savings, as well as provide a strong and consistent service to families and students. This effort will make it possible to utilize our staff and facilities in a more coordinated way.

I encourage each of you to support the annual **Red & White Gala**. I invite you to buy a ticket, enjoy the evening, support this on-going effort to make our mission more available to and encompassing of families in our community.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

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#### **Office Hours:**

Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30am-7:30 pm;  
Fri. 8:30am-4 pm; Sat. 9 am-1 pm

#### **Pastor:**

Father Stephen J. Adrian

#### **Priest in Residence:**

Father Martin L. Warren

#### **Deacon:**

Rev. Mr. John Murphy

#### **Pastoral Administrator:**

John Riehle

#### **Pastoral Minister:**

Sister Mary Colleen Hau, SSND

#### **Music Minister:**

Dana McCarthy, (651) 310-0830

#### **Business Administrator:**

Judy Helsper

#### **Parish Engineer:**

David Rosas

#### **Administrative Assistant:**

Sirena Ortega

#### **Prayerline Receiver:**

222-3622 or 224-2903

### *Saint Matthew School/Extended Day*

#### **Principal:**

Sister Leonius Skaar, O.P. (651) 224-6912

### *Saint Matthew Religious Education Program Sacramental Preparation Programs*

#### **Director:**

(651) 224-8124

### *Saint Matthew Child Care Center*

#### **Director:**

Barbara Matthews (651) 224-1450 / 224-1459

### *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.