

The Community of St. Matthew

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



*"The Lord has been taken
from the tomb! We don't know
where they have put him!"
Jn 20:2b*

Easter

Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	Duane J. Cordie
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Robert Stickler, Sr. Robert Michalski
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Marcella Lawrence
Thursday	6:45 AM	
Friday	6:45 AM	Marie Cafilich John Bandholz
	5:15PM	Bernard Ferber
Saturday	5:00 PM	Wilfred and Helen Juenemann Art and Connie Roarke Donald Vesey Margaret Przblek
Sunday	8:00 AM	Helen Leibl Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
	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 20th and 21st. 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 do plan to leave a gift to Saint 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.

Stephen Adrian

Planned Giving Information Meeting

April 20th following the 5:00 PM Mass

April 21st following the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses


Weekly Schedule
Readings for the Week of March 31, 2002

Sunday, March 31	<i>Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9</i>
Monday, April 1	<i>Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
7:00 PM	Rosary Society Meeting - Parish Center
Tuesday, April 2	<i>Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
6:30 PM	Guitar Group Practice- Church
Wednesday, April 3	<i>Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35</i>
10:00 AM	Grief Care Group - Parish Center
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
6:30 PM	Adult Handbell Choir Practice - Church
Thursday, April 4	<i>Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48</i>
3:00 PM	Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
5:00 PM	Youth Handbell Practice - Church
5:30 PM	Youth Choir Practice - Church
6:30 PM	Siberian Carmelite Meeting - Parish Center
Friday, April 6	<i>Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14</i>
Saturday, April 7	<i>Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15</i>

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING The next meeting of the Rosary Society/CCW will be Tuesday, April 9th. The speaker will be from the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. The meeting will take place in the Social Hall at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

MEN'S CLUB THANK YOU The Men's Club would like to thank all the people who worked at or ate at the Fish Fries. Thanks to you, they were a success. The money that was raised will be used to help the Scouts and Venture Crew and activities at the school. Funds will also be used to help the children in Bucharest. Thanks!

500 CARD CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH

1st place - 3360 - Arlene Kempe and Mary Price

2nd place - 2900 - Jenny Hill and Marian St. Martin

† STEWARDSHIP

What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church?

TREASURE LAST WEEKEND: \$8,320.02. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000.

YOUTH TREASURE: \$36.03. Donated in children and young peoples' envelopes.

PENANCE SERVICE COLLECTION: \$2,718.32 was donated to feed the hungry and house the homeless at last Sunday's Penance Service. This is a

wonderful act of charity.

LAGGING WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP: We are still behind the target amount for stewardship this year. behind Please try to help your parish catch up.



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Just as no one observed the first creation, no one sees the new creation; just as the spirit of God hovered and brooded over the vast abyss, so now the Spirit of God hovers over the body of Jesus.

Just as the mighty wind of God's breath tears through the abyss, so now the breath of God animates and creates new life in Jesus.

This is the meaning of Resurrection. This is the meaning of Easter. Jesus emerges from the dark, not like Lazarus – a man restored to life – Jesus emerges as the New Adam, the New Man, the New Creation of God. For Lazarus life is restored, for Jesus life is made new. In Jesus all that exists is made new, all that exists is transformed.

Now, the wonder of the Easter Mystery is that this work of God, this new creation of God, this energy and creative effort of God is at work in my life and in the life of the world. The down side, of course, is that it always takes place in the dark, in the dank, in the hole, in the deep, in the musty space called the tomb. It always takes place in the midst of chaos, it always happens in the middle of the collapse, it always, always happens amid the blood and guts. And the fact is that very few people choose to venture into that place, choose to wait in that place, choose to embrace that space. The truth of life is that you and I are driven into that place, we are hurled into that space and we "find" ourselves there.

Where is the place I fear to go? Where is the space I shudder to know? Where is the tomb that awaits me?

Easter is serious business, it is the business of life, and it is about the serious business of my life, my meaning – and the life and meaning of all creation. It is about the mysterious, mischievous creating God does. Watch out! God's about!

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor



VENTURE CREW 107 Rock climbing and mud wall sliming...an all-night excursion or a week-long diversion...helicopter rides and water park slides...North Shore kayaking or perhaps some backpacking. Learn about these and other upcoming activities planned by Saint Matthew's Venture Crew 107. All boys and girls ages 14 - 20 and interested adults are invited to join our informational and social gathering on Sunday, April 7th, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the Saint Matthew's gymnasium. We'll have games and free pizza lined up, plus we'll have our new Venture Crew 107 T-shirts available for sale. You need not be a member of Saint Matthew's Parish to join us...so grab a friend, bring your thirst for adventure, and see if our group is made for you. For more information please call Brian at (651) 224-6037.

VENTURE CREW 107 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ Sunday, April 7th, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Activities, info, and registration. Saint Matthew's gymnasium.
- ◆ Friday, April 19th, 9:00 PM to Saturday, April 20th, 7:00 AM. Twin Cities After Dark.
- ◆ Friday May 3rd, 7:00 PM to Sunday, May 5th, 12:00 PM. Kaposia District Spring Camporee. Cannon Falls Scout Reservation.
- ◆ Sunday, August 4th, to Friday August 9th. Lake Superior Adventure Base.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS The church elevator plans are being developed. The Robie Street entrance (in the southeast corner of the church) is the best place for the elevator. It will be a two stop elevator (church and Social Hall). A lobby is required for elevators by fire code so this elevator will open into what is currently the storage area of the sacristy. As this construction is undertaken, the sacristy rest room will be improved for handicapped accessibility. It is also advised that the ramp into church on the Hall/Robie corner be brought up to current standards. Currently it is too steep. It is hoped that this work will be complete by September.

\$1,525 was donated in the Capital Campaign account during the week of March 17th.

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

**May you allow
The Living God to
Create in you
Fullness of Life!**

The Easter Mystery – the mystery of new life, the mystery of a world turned upside down, the mystery of new creation, the mystery of new beginnings – begins and happens within the darkness and dank, musty, eerie place of the tomb.

On Good Friday, as the sun is about to set, Mary and Nicodemus and other disciples of Jesus lug his battered, torn, mangled body to a small hole in the side of a hill. They wrap the body in a white linen shroud, cover his bruised and bloody face with a linen cloth and shove his “remains” into the hole. They roll a boulder against the opening to keep predatory animals and birds from picking his carcass clean. Devastated, they depart to observe the Sabbath – with the intention of returning on Sunday morning at dawn to complete the burial rituals.

Mary is numb and distraught – parents are not supposed to bury children, parents bring children to life. It is the job of children to bury parents. Nicodemus is lost. Jesus was his teacher, his rabbi, and his mentor. He went to Jesus in the dark of night to hear his words, to study with him, to learn the truth for which he searched all his life. The disciples are confused and bewildered. He seemed so powerful and now he is humiliated and dead. He promised so much and now he is defeated. He was their hope and now he is no more. It is a Sabbath unlike any they have ever kept, or ever will.

Meanwhile in the hole, beneath the ground, behind the boulder – a place no one sees and into which no one can enter the work of God happens. Just as in the beginning God brings life out of the darkness and void and chaos of nothingness – so now God knits the broken and mangled body of Jesus – but more than that, God breathes into that body new life, glorified life; Jesus is the First Born in the New Creation of God.

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 8:00 AM and 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.