

# The Community of St. Matthew

## *Come to a Garden Party*

*Saint Matthew's School  
Annual Red and White Gala*

*Saturday, April 28, 2001*

*Liturgy: 5:00 p.m.*

*Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.*

*Buffet: 6:45 p.m.*

*The Game to follow*

*Grand Prize: \$1000.00*

*First Prize: \$500.00*

*Plus Additional Prizes*

*Saint Matthew's Church and Social Hall*

*510 Hall Avenue*

*Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107*

*Reservations*

*651-224-9793*

*Limited tickets*

*Accommodations for*

*Groups of 6, 8 or more*



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

**Mass Intentions**

Monday	6:45 AM	Michael Petranton Rose & Charles Thompson
Tuesday	6:45 AM 12:10 PM	George Gubash Alphonse Fuchs
Wednesday	6:45 AM 12:10 PM	Marie Caflisch Living and Deceased members of the Catholic Aid Society
Thursday	6:45 AM 12:10 PM	Stella Karas Antonia Hernandez
Friday	6:45 AM 5:15 PM	Jeanette Dieter Don Dahedl
Saturday	5:00 PM	Norma Faser
Sunday	8:00 AM	Don & Gerry Vessey Kurt Grossmann Patti Kline
	10:30 AM	Parishioners


**Weekly Schedule**
**Readings for the Week of April 1, 2001**

Sunday:	<i>Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11</i>
Monday:	<i>Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11</i>
	6:00 PM Open HB Choir
	6:30 PM NO Religious Education (gr. 1-6)
Tuesday:	<i>Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30</i>
	7:00 PM First Reconciliation Celebration
Wednesday:	<i>Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42</i>
	Day school conferences
	10:00 AM Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM NO Religious Education (gr. 7-10)
Thursday:	<i>Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59</i>
	Day school conferences
	5:00 PM Youth HB Choir
	5:30 PM Youth Choir
	7:00 PM Adult Choir
Friday:	<i>Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42</i>
	No day school
	Fish Fry #6
Saturday:	<i>Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-57</i>
Next Sunday:	<i>Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56</i>

**ELECTIONS** for Parish Pastoral Council will be held in May. The nominating committee and Father Steve are seeking your help. Will you make suggestions of parishioners for them to consider? There is a form for that purpose available at Masses today.

**SEDER MEAL** will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 11 beginning at 5:30PM in the Social Hall. Wednesday Religious Ed will be attending. Any other 7-12 graders who would like to experience this wonder-filled evening [which includes an evening meal] are asked to RSVP to the parish center. This celebration will be led by a man and woman [Maureen Gitlin from Extended Day] from the Temple of Aaron. The evening will end by 7:30PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** sessions will NOT be held this week because of District 625 winter/spring break. They will resume next Monday and Wednesday.

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION:** Families who have been preparing for First Reconciliation will celebrate that sacrament together on Tuesday, April 3 in the church beginning at 7:00PM.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Families who are preparing children for First Communion will gather for an evening of Conversation on Tuesday, April 10 in the church beginning at 7:00PM.

**Tr** **ewardship:** Last weekend's collection was a bit "meager:" \$7354. Still, each dollar given in  
**st** **ewardship** is received with thanks and appreciation; each dollar will be stewarded well by the  
**Fi** **nance Council** in giving every effort to fulfill the mission of our parish. The average for March was  
**\$1** **0503;** the average for 2001 Sundays is \$10192; for all of this fiscal year: \$10009. The budgeted  
**co** **llections** for the first nine months of this fiscal year is \$386,000; the actual collections have been:  
 \$390,342. That is 1.1% ahead of budget.

**Young people's treasure:** envelopes from children and youth contained \$30.96. That's also ahead of what was forecast: \$1000 for the entire year.

Other envelopes: Fuel: \$10; Assessment: \$78; School programs: \$10.

**Talent:** thanks to the elders of the parish who had conversations with the young people preparing for Reconciliation: Judy, Bob, Lynn, Doug, Sisters Joanna and Pauline. Your time was a gift to those children.





† Stations of the Cross are held every Monday during Lent at 7:00 PM at Saint Matthew's.

**Having your feet washed** in public may not be the easiest thing you ever do but... it might be one of the most powerful and transforming. Even Peter balked at the idea until Jesus told him, "If you want to be mine, I must wash your feet." To participate in this ritual is to open yourself up to spiritual growth, and the community grows with you. In fact, several communities are inviting everyone to participate in both having their feet washed, and washing the feet of others. We're not at that point, but we would like to open the ritual up to a broader number of community members. The sign-up list is in the Sacristy. Are you being called to this ritual act of faith and prayer? If the thought of it makes you uncomfortable, maybe you are being called.

**Holy Thursday Eucharistic Vigil** - - There are still time slots that show only one name committed to sitting in vigil. For security reasons, we would like to see at least two names for each time slot. Please visit the sign-up sheets at the back of Church and add your name.

**For Whom Does the Bell Toll?** Remember to observe the Silence that begins with one bell and ends with a triple toll following Mass. Some Masses do very well with this; other Masses tend to forget that the bell asks for about 20 seconds of Silence. Just a little reminder that **the bell tolls for your Lenten silence.**

**St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop 288** will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 8th from 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Church cafeteria located at 335 E. Hurley. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2.25 for children under 12, \$2.50 for seniors and \$13.00 for families. Enjoy all you can eat pancakes, sausages, OJ, milk and coffee. Takeout is also available.

The **Fourth Quarterly Deanery meeting** will be held Thursday, April 19th at Holy Childhood Church. All Rosary/CCW members are invited to attend. For reservations call Beth Geis at 651-455-0298.

"How the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Collective Experience Can Help Us Grow as a Church" Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will talk at Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale on Wednesday, April 18th from noon to 1:30. Bring a bag lunch (coffee & dessert provided). To register call 612-

**Be a Blood Donor** Imagine this: SOMETIME that's yet to be, SOMEWHERE I'll never see, SOMEONE who is just like me NEEDS BLOOD!! The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here at St. Matthew's on Monday, April 9th from 1:30 until 7:30 PM. Please call Carol at 457-6067 or the parish center for an appointment.

**A PARISH MAILING** including first quarter contribution statement; a Holy Week schedule and an Easter envelope will be sent early this week.

ways, the old regrets, the old assumptions, the old excuses, the old constraints, the old plans aside - - we are called to crave and savor the proclamation:

**I am about to do a new thing!**

The church is telling me to get ready; open my eyes; know that I stand on the very threshold of the Easter Feast and Season.

The Church says:

**Watch out,  
God's about!**

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors,

There are two weeks of Lent left, April 15th is Easter Sunday; we are in the final stretch; the story becomes more intense; the liturgy becomes more focused; the energy reaches a new height.

The first reading this Sunday calls us to the vision of Isaiah:

**Thus says the Lord.....  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?**

The very smells and sights of nature tell us that "something is happening". There is a sense in the air that life is about to emerge from the debris of an over-long winter season; once blacked tree limbs are eager to burst with the buds of new life and verdant color.

My soul is astir, my spirit is fomenting, my imagination rumbles with pre-volcanic tremor.

David the psalmist sings:

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and out tongue with shouts of joy.**

The Easter mystery is meant to suffuse every element of life; the mystery is cosmic — it is personal, communitarian; it is a mystery that is political and economic in its sway; it is the mystery of the Glory of God breaking forth in every aspect of life.

The mystery brings me to a place of which I have never before dreamed.

The disciple's job, my job and your job, is to expect such eruptions and manifestations; we are to look for them and be ready to make them happen. The Spirit of God is alive and moving and shaking in my world; the Spirit of God calls me and you to "rock and roll" too.

Easter People are people who leave the old

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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.