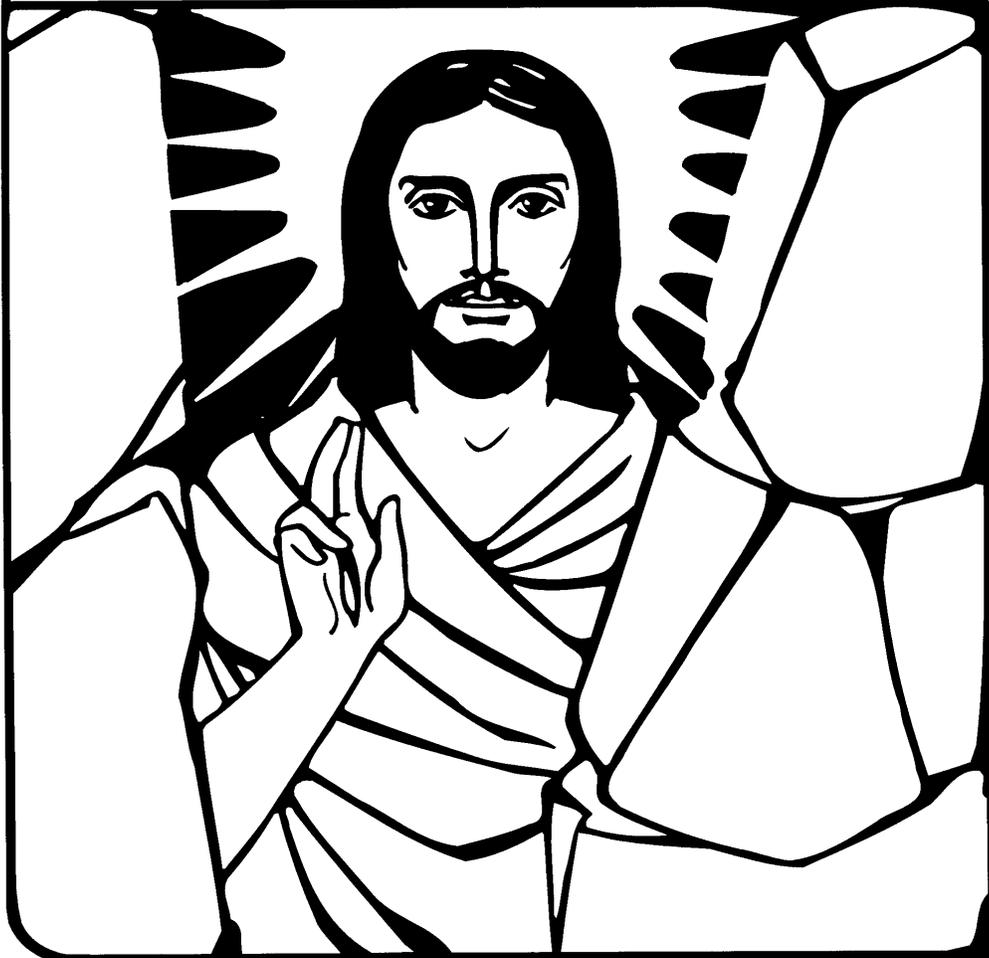


The Community of St. Matthew

The tomb is not an endless night;
it is a thoroughfare, a way...
that closes in a soft twilight,
and opens in eternal day.



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

Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	Patti Breckenridge, Henry Jungbauer
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Elizabeth Unze, Catherine Frame
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Virginia T. Odone Brown Joseph G. Meisinger
Thursday	6:45 AM	Mary Catherine Dunkle Parishioners
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Roger Kippley, Parishioners
Sunday	8:00 AM	Renee Charboneau
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

MASS SCHEDULE: We return to the "usual" weekday schedule: 6:45AM Monday through Thursday [on weeks with First Friday: Monday through Wednesday and Friday; additionally, there is a 5:15PM Mass on Friday Friday].

THANK YOU!!! Thank you to all who came to donate your Gift of Life on Monday. Eighty people were willing to donate, 68 actual units were collected, and those who were unable to give because of a variety of reasons said that they would be back next time!

Several donors received Gallon pins: Ann Myron-11, Bryan Baumon-4, Lucille Weigenant-5, Sister Rita Wallschlager-1, Joseph Bukowski-1, and Ben Tomlinson-3.

Special thanks to all who helped with calling, setting up and taking down equipment, greeters, canteen and "traffic flow." Father Steve for all of the encouraging words from "the pulpit." Alice and her staff and Dave and his staff who helped us meet our schedule timelines. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 28th when our next Blood Drive will be held. Your Gift of Life, 68 units of blood, will help over 200 people. Thank you and God Bless you all.

Gin, Vicky and Carol

FOURTH QUARTER DEANERY meeting for Rosary Society/CCW members will be held Thursday, April 19 at Holy Childhood Church. All are invited to attend. For information and reservations, call Beth: 455-0298.


Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 15 Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER STEVE!!

Monday, April 16 Acts 2:14-32; Psalm 16; Matt 28:8-15
6:30 PM Religious Education Grades 1 - 6

Tuesday, April 17 Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33; John 20:11-18
6:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting

Wednesday, April 18 Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13-35
8:20 AM School Mass
10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Thursday, April 19 Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 2:35-48
5:00 PM Youth Handbell Choir Practice
5:30 PM Youth Choir Practice
7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

Friday, April 20 Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118; John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 21 Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9-15

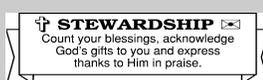
Next Sunday, April 22 Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118; Rev. 1:9-19; John 20:19-31

SENIOR CITIZEN'S RECOGNITION WEEKEND On the weekend of May 5th - 6th we as a parish community will celebrate and honor the Seniors of Saint Matthew's Church at all of the Masses. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration. A letter of invitation went out to the Seniors this past week. If you did not receive one please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at (651) 224-9793.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes for Grades 1-6 on Monday [and each Monday until May 14]. Grades 7-10 meet twice more: April 25 and May 9.

FIRST COMMUNIONS will be celebrated at most weekend Masses between April 21 and May 20. Some children will join our parish family at the Table of the Lord. Please welcome them with open arms. If you've been praying for a particular youngster, you can send them a card through the parish office; you can call the office to find the time of their first communion.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Thursday, May 3 at the Saint Paul Cathedral.



Treasure: Last weekend: \$10668 [\$10304 in 2000; \$9829 in 1999]. Thanks to the continuing, faithful stewardship of members of our parish community both the weekly averages [calendar and fiscal] are higher than previous years and greater than budget! This year's fiscal average: \$10072 [\$9729 in 2000; \$9574 in 1999]. This year's calendar average: \$10340 [\$10017 in 2000; \$9610 in 1999].

Youth treasure: \$28.77 was contributed in envelopes of children and young people. Thanks for your continuing, faithful stewardship!

Easter envelopes: \$295 was contributed.

Penance service donations were \$3375. This money will help feed the hungry and shelter the homeless of our city.

Other envelopes: School fund: \$120; Fuel: \$55; Archdiocesan assessment: \$10; Annual Catholic Appeal: \$380. Each of these amounts, though small, is added to larger contributions already made. Remember the matching grant for Annual Catholic Appeal Contributions.



ARBY'S/SBARRO NIGHT have dinner at the Arby's/Sbarro on Robert Street in West Saint Paul on Thursday between 4:00 and 8:00 PM, tell them you're from Saint Matthew's and 20% of your food order dollars go back to Saint Matthew's School. Sound easy? It is! Please join us and help support Saint Matthew's School. See ya there!

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION would like to thank the Saint Matthew's Quilters for donating the beautiful quilt this year. We collected \$808 from the Quilt Raffle. The monies collected help the Home and School Association with their yearly budget.

Congratulations to Jim Dieter, the winner of the 2001 Quilt Raffle. We thank everyone for their support; and we hope the quilt keeps you warm, Jim.



ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION The Boys Scouts will be collecting aluminum cans after Masses this weekend. Please help them earn money for their activities. Earth Day is April 22nd. This is one of the ways Scouts help the environment by recycling. Please help them and the Earth to improve the environment.

BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE Saint Matthew's Troop 107 will be participating in the Boy Scout Food Drive on the weekend of April 28th and 29th. The Scouts will hand out bags after Masses on April 21st and 22nd. They will collect the bags of food the following weekend.

CINCO DE MAYO All families of Saint 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 5th. Two workshops will be held on Saturday, April 21st and 28th at 10:00 AM in the school to make decorations and banners to be carried in the parade. Call Diane at (651) 224-6912 for information.

GIRL SCOUT SERVICE UNIT GARAGE SALE, Saturday, May 12th from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Saint Matthew's Social Hall. Please come, shop and help support our efforts.

A BENEFIT BREAKFAST for Jake Curtis is being hosted by West Side Youth on Sunday, April 22nd from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Neighborhood House Gym, 179 E. Robie. Four young men seriously injured Jake, who is 19 years old, in an attack on the West Side just before Christmas. The young men were all arrested. Jake is facing a long-term and uncertain recovery. The fundraiser is intended to help with some of the many expenses Jake and his family now face. The menu, which will be a Mexican-style breakfast includes the following: chorizo and eggs, potatoes, beans, tortillas, juice, coffee and salsa. Tickets are \$5 per person. Children five and under eat free.

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Thank you to the Bisciglia family who braided the Palm Sunday processional cross.

Thank you to office staff who coordinated mailings and answered the phones, who kept everyone on time and in the right place. **Thank you** to the CCW/Rosary Society who coordinated the blood drive and the many who gave the precious gift of life.

Thank you to teachers — day school and religious education — who brought the season alive for students. **Thank you** to religious ed students who undertook the Dorothy Day Project and the hundreds of parish members who assisted them.

And most of all, **thank you, members of Saint Matthew's Community and visitors. Your prayers, your faith, your participation, your enthusiasm, your devotion and commitment make this season and Feast an occasion of grace. After all, together we are the body of Christ — suffering, dying, rising, ascending and casting the Spirit of God across the face of the earth.**

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:
It is Easter.

**We are Easter people.
Alleluia is OUR song.
May the gracious freedom
God grants on this Feast
fill you
and make you glad.**

I thank all those who made this season of Lent and our inauguration into the Easter Feast so prayerful and festive. **Thank you** to directors of ministry and administration — your leadership and enthusiasm fills the keeping of this season and Feast. **Thank you** to Dana McCarthy and members of the Liturgy committee for planning and carrying out the many details — decorating the church, scheduling and arranging for ministers, preparing the space for each service — special thanks to the Mass coordinators and the maintenance people of Saint Matthew's.

Thank you again to Dana and the parish ministers: choir, cantors, Men's Club choir, contemporary musicians, lectors, eucharistic ministers, servers, children's liturgists, ministers of hospitality, ushers. **Thank you** to the youth choir and the young people who prepared and presented the Passion reading of Good Friday.

Thank you to Maureen and those who prepared the Seder on Wednesday evening, as well as the young people who took this rare opportunity to pray in the spirit of our ancestors in the faith. **Thank you** to the parish "elders" who interviewed the children preparing for reconciliation and first communion.

Thank you to confirmation candidates who did the Passion reading on Palm Sunday, and **thank you** to those who kept vigil on Holy Thursday evening in the chapel. **Thank you** to those who participated and directed the Monday evening pot luck suppers and scripture study. **Thank you** to all who contributed for the Easter flowers and environment. **Thank you** to those who participated in the Sunday morning reflections on the history and meaning of the Triduum and those who organized it and provided hospitality. **Thank you** to those who gathered daily in the early morning and at noon to celebrate the week day Masses of Lent and reflect on the word of God.

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

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