

The Community of St. Matthew

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



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When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.
— Jn 20:6-8

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

May the Risen Lord fill your life!

Easter is not just a day, it is not just a season; Easter is the daily condition of Christian life.

We are people of Easter, proclaimers of the Risen Lord, disciples of the Risen Jesus.

We live a life that makes sense only because Jesus is alive, active and present in our world.

We live a life that is marked by the confident and trusting hope that the power of God released in the death and resurrection of Jesus permeates all of life.

We live in the end times, the final era – the era in which death is swallowed up in victory, darkness is shattered by light, fear is banished by confident hope.

This Easter joy rests deep within us, it courses through our veins, it beats within our muscles.

This deep confident faith banishes fear and allows us to stand in the full light of day and bring all our efforts and energies to renew the face of the earth.

This is no new age optimism, this is no self-help dynamic – this is the faith in Jesus Christ which has animated saints for two thousand years. You and I are called to stand in the midst of a church that abuses power, in the midst of economic injustice, in the midst of war and violence, in the center of prejudice and greed and proclaim the compassion, justice, mercy and inclusive love God as disciples of Jesus – people without fear and trepidation, people alive in Christ Jesus, people renewed in the outpouring of the Spirit of God, people who believe in a living God.

Happy Easter!



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CHILD CARE CENTER—THANK YOU

We would like to thank the members of the parish who participated in our Spring Fund-raiser. With your help, we raised over \$700 to be used for summer fieldtrips for the children enrolled in the Center. We are excited to begin to plan for this fun time of the year!

Our children participated in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday. Parents and staff volunteers hid over 300 eggs for the children to find. A great time was had by all.

Mark your calendar for May 6-7, for our first Annual Craft and Garage Sale. More information will be in later bulletins. Our staff is very creative and excited to share their talents to help our Center. Proceeds will be used to enhance the Center programs. We are accepting donations of new and gently used things to sell at our sale. Please contact Maureen or Dimary for more information.

A Casting Call Your Role in the Parish Council

We invite you to join us in prayer this Easter Season as we prepare to move towards a new model of governance and leadership for our community.

We invite all those who feel called to serve the community in a leadership role to take time this Easter Season to pray and reflect on their vision of leadership and governance for this community. Those who feel called to service are invited to join the current council members at two Sundays in May to reflect, pray and learn about the council. These meetings will take place on May 2 and May 16 at 9:15 AM in the parish center.

We invite the entire St. Matthew Community to pray for those currently in leadership roles and those who are considering offering their time and talents in service to the community that the Spirit will guide them and our community as we reform our structures to encourage and strengthen the vision of the church.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER THRU ARBY'S SABARRO

Don't feel like cooking, have supper at Arby's/S'Barro on Thursday, April 15, and let them know you are from St. Matthew's. St. Matthew's will receive 20% of the sales made from St. Matthew's. Thanks for your continuing

support.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL'S 11TH ANNUAL RED AND WHITE DINNER

This annual fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 24, in the Social Hall. The evening begins with the celebration of the liturgy at 5:00 pm, the social hour follows at 6:00 pm, followed by a delicious chicken kiev dinner. A cash bar will be available. This year's grand prize is \$1,500; the second prize is \$750; and the third prize is \$300. Additional prizes will be awarded, and a silent auction will be offered. Tickets are \$50 per person, and can be purchased at the school, Parish Center, or in the back of church following mass.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

The 2004 candidates for Confirmation will be presented to the parish at the 10:30 mass on April 18. Students—remember to RSVP for the brunch and rehearsal which will immediately follow the mass. Several students have not turned in their service journal pages—remember, these are a requirement for the completion of the sacrament preparation. Turn in your 3 pages to the Parish Center by this Wednesday.

LEISURE CLUB

St. Matthew's Leisure Club will meet on April 14 at 1:30 pm in the Social Hall. Come and bring a friend to share the fun. The St. Paul Winter Carnival Senior Royalty will entertain us. A short business meeting will follow the entertainment. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND DANCE FUNDRAISER ON MAY 8

Amanda Ahlman, a SSP freshman who previously attend St. Matthew's School and is an active parishioner has been selected by the People to People Organization (originally started by President Eisenhower) to represent American youth abroad. She is one of only 39 young people selected this year to travel to Australia and New Zealand, and this fundraiser will help her get there. Dinner & dance—\$10 adults; \$5 for 5-16; under 5 free. Dinner only is \$7 adults; \$5 for 5-16; under 5 free. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm; if you would like to donated raffle items, or volunteer your time, please call Deann Ahlman at 651-554-0786. If you would like to contribute a check, please make it out to People to People, 1405 Upper 55th St #319; Inver Grove Hts, MN 55077

Thank you in advance for your support.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday April 11
Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Monday April 12
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday April 13
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes
No Rosary Society Meeting

Wednesday April 14
12:00-7:00 PM, PC St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH Leisure Club Mtg
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC Religious Educ.

Thursday April 15
Happy Birthday Fr. Steve!
12:00-7:00 PM, PC St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC Adult Choir
4-8 PM Arby's Sbarro Fundraiser Night

Friday April 16

Saturday April 17
11:30 AM; SH Rosary Society
Spring Salad Buffet

Sunday April 18
10:30 AM, MC Presentation of
Confirmation Students,
rehearsal follows mass

Plan Ahead

St. Matthew's School's 11th Annual Red and White Dinner is Saturday, April 24.

Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church
CH – Chapel
PC – Parish Center
SH – Social Hall
SC – School
CC – Child Care
XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Donations for Sunday, April 4 were not available at the time this bulletin was sent to the printer. Envelope collections and donations will be recorded in a later bulletin.

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me. sj. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 11	8:00	Gerald Allers Wayne Buse
	10:30	Parishioners Juli Hafiz
Monday, April 12		Jacob & Anna Block
Tuesday, April 13		Robert Stickler Sr.
Wednesday, April 14		Philip Snaza
Thursday, April 15		Shirley Capistrant
Friday, April 16		World Peace
Saturday, April 17 5:00		Leonard Voto George Lackner Bernard Bukowski
Sunday, April 18 8:00		Ralph O'Brien William O'Donnell Robert Caro
	10:30	Confirmation Students

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 11, 2004

Sunday, April 11:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
Monday, April 12	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 13:	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 14:	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 15:	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 16 :	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 17:	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday, April 18:	Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

ROSARY SOCIETY'S SPRING SALAD BUFFET

Please join us for the Spring Salad Buffet next Saturday, April 17, from 11:30 –1:30 pm. If you have not turned in your raffle tickets you may mail them to the Parish Center or bring them to the Buffet on Saturday. Rosary Society members and parishioners who wish to contribute a salad or dessert may bring them to the Social Hall on Saturday after 9:00 am. Thank you for helping us to support church, community, and international programs.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM
1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Tuesday..... 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.

Parish Council Members

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
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Committee Chairs

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