

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week Pope Benedict makes a short visit to the United States. The primary reason for his visit is his desire to speak to the world through the United Nations. Yet he also seeks to speak with and be present to the Church of the United States and all citizens of our nation.

A great concern for Benedict is the rapid secularization of western society and the diminishment and/or eradication of the place of God in the social fabric of the West.

The Catholic Church of the United States has a unique gift to offer to the Universal Church. Our 234 year experience of democratic society and the free exercise of religion is unique in all of history.

The Catholic Church in the United States has been and is a minority – never more than 24% of the population. Yet, we have learned some lessons on how to be a minority within a pluralistic society can maintain identity as well as play a role in civic life.

A minority must have a clear sense of its own identity. It must define itself, and not let the majority define them. It must be clear about who it is and what it seeks to become. It must hold and live out basic principals and values which under gird its

identity.

A minority must have a strong sense of community and belonging. There is no place for the “lone ranger” or the “rugged individual”. There is no place for the anonymous Catholic. To be Catholic is to be rooted to a community of faith in which one is known and knows others, in which one is respected and respects others, in which one is cared for and cares for others.

For a minority to take its rightful place within the pluralistic society it must strive for and achieve excellence in what it does – and as such earn the respect of the majority.

The hallmarks of identity, community and excellence provide a recipe for the Church to thrive and grow within a secular society. The cultural matrix of the United States provides such an opportunity for the American Catholic Church.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ST. MATTHEW'S 500 CARD CLUB

March 500 Winners: 1st place-2980-Ann Marthaler & Sr. Joanna Illg. 2nd place-2910-Arlene Kempe & Jeanne St. Martin.

COFFEE SUNDAY

There is no coffee hour after either Sunday morning masses as the Confirmation Class Brunch is in the Social Hall. Coffee Hour will resume next Sunday on April 20. See you then.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for another season. This year we know our work week early enough for everyone to work it into their summer schedule. We will be working July 14 through 18 at Van Cleve Court in Minneapolis. The only requirement is a willingness to be a good steward. Either catch me after church or call me at 651-222-2867. Ginny

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MINISTRY FAIR DATE CORRECTON!!

Due to a scheduling conflict, the date for the Ministry Fair has been changed! St. Matthew's will be hosting the 3rd Annual Ministry Fair on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8 following all Masses. Everyone is invited to attend to see the many wonderful opportunities there are for involvement in our Parish. If you would like to be included in the Ministry Fair and have not been contacted, please call Jason Delmont at 651-225-8103 or e-mail at jandjdelmont@comcast.net. We'll see you there!

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 12, 5:00 PM - Henry Trost, Aaron Jenniges, Nick Molstad, Becca Molstad. Sunday, April 13, 10:30 AM - Anna Petrie, Alexis Kramer, Keenan Morrisey. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER

The West Saint Paul Knights of Columbus are holding The Sixth Annual Knights for Life Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction to benefit Wakota Life Care Center. Since 1976, Wakota Life Care Center, on Robert Street near Signal Hills Shopping Center, has provided alternatives to abortion programs that support, encourage and assist women in carrying their pregnancies to term. In 2006 they assisted over 2000 women and provided their babies with critical needs. Wakota also provides immunizations, doctor visits and medical assistance to the women in financial need. The event will be Saturday May 3, 6:00 p. m. at St. Joseph's Church, 1154 Seminole West St. Paul. Tickets or more information call Dave Plum at 651-686-2806. *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Jeremiah 1:5*

WILDER SPRING FESTIVAL GARAGE SALE

Wilder is having a Spring Festival! It takes place at 508 Humboldt Ave., April 18, 19, 20 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be garage sale items, bakery, raffles, a silent auction, treats and refreshments.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

A special Marian Pilgrimage from the Twin Cities will visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois, Aug 1-Aug 4, 2008. The cost for the entire trip by bus, lodging at the Ramada Inn Motel in Fairview Heights, Illinois, for three nights, six meals and a Fun Day trip to St. Louis is only \$380.00 (double occupancy). A private room will cost \$475.00. **Please register early!** For complete information and application blanks, contact: Marie Larson, 1235 Arkwright St., St. Paul, MN, 651-587-1439 cell, 651-776-1065 or Duranda Hansen, 1-800-436-1242.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 10:30 AM, MC	April 13 Confirmation Students Presented at Mass
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 6:30 PM, SC	April 14 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting EAC Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	April 15 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	April 16 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes HummDingers Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 4:00-8:00 PM	April 17 Loaves and Fishes Arby's/Sbarro Night
Friday	April 18
Saturday	April 19
Sunday	April 20

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus says: “I came that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

Service: Funeral lunch ministers....these parishioners make themselves available to prepare the social hall and serve the food after funerals. They serve when called upon and available. They have served four times in the last two weeks; some lunches were quite large. They served twice in one day. MORE members are being invited. Is this a ministry to which you're being called? Start with your questions and response at the parish office. Thanks in advance.

Remembrance: The parish received a wonderful surprise donation from a couple in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary: \$2,500. This couple has not lived in the parish for many years. Father Steve witnessed their marriage in 1983.

This is a great example and model for all who mark milestones in their life.

Sharing: Last weekend \$11,679 was given [of which \$3,119 was done electronically]. Thank you to each faithful steward. To date, \$376,181 has been given since July; that is \$12,119 behind budget—41 weekends—about \$295 per weekend.

Young Peoples Stewardship: \$5.45 Thank you!

The dishwasher is installed...and works wonderfully!! Our replacements have been completed: dishwasher, convection oven [we went from 1 to 2] and 10 burner stove! Thank you very much to all who were able to contribute toward the purchase price and installation costs. The Loaves and Fishes teams are going to fund-raise in their churches and businesses to help with these costs.

St. Matt's School Reunion Sunday—May 4, 2008. 10:30 Mass; complimentary brunch; and tours of the school [including the little room in the kindergarten]. All alums are invited; a special invitation to those in the anniversary years; most especially to the class of '58—celebrating their 50th year of finishing 8th grade.

RSVPs are needed for the brunch: 651-224-6912 [alumni@st-matts.org]

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 13, 2008
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
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 Prayerline 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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 six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

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