

The Community of St. Matthew

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



April 15, 1942

**Celebrate
Birthdays
this week**

Two Leaders of the Church



April 16, 1927

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the past six weeks individuals and families of the parish and community have donated funds to purchase new, energy efficient windows for the Saint Matthew Parish Center – formerly the Saint Matthew convent.

We are close to finishing the fundraising part of this project – there are some more windows yet to be purchased. There is still time to help in this effort. The price of each window opening is \$677.00. Any amount of money will be deeply appreciated – you can purchase a window or contribute toward the purchase of a window.

The windows are special order and will be installed in the spring and summer of this year. The new windows will conserve energy and are maintenance free – with the obvious exception of the need to

wash them. The old windows were wooden, single pane crank-out windows.

This successful effort once again attests to the generosity of parish members and families. With a fairly low-profile effort almost \$70,000 has been raised for this work.

Thank you for your generosity. Remember, contributions can still be made for the final window purchases.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

There will be no coffee hour after masses this weekend. The confirmation candidates and families were be celebrating their upcoming confirmation with a brunch in the social hall after the 10:30 AM Mass. Coffee hour will resume next Sunday, April 22 after both masses.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 14, 5:00 PM—Donovan Gleb, KeVaught Wiley, Juan Diego del Mund. Sunday, April 15, 10:30 AM Aleyandro Hernandez, Amaranta Maldonado, Aliyah Rodriguez, Sierra Rosario-Uhl. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

FATHER STEVE OUT OF TOWN

Father Steve will be away from the parish from Wednesday afternoon, April 18 until Monday, April 23. There will be no morning mass on Thursday, April 19. A visiting presider will join us for the weekend liturgies..

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS BEING SOUGHT

We are now beginning the discernment process for new Parish Council members which culminates on Pentecost Sunday, May 27. If you feel you are called or you know someone who you believe might be a good candidate, please give the name to the parish center office. These people will be contacted by a member of the current Parish Council. There will be an informational meeting next Sunday, April 22 at 9:00 AM in the parish center for those interested in learning more about the role of the parish council member. This is a very important position in our parish and we are looking for persons who are willing to help give direction to our ongoing mission. If you have any questions, please contact a current council member or call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2007

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join friends and family at Arby's this Thursday night, April 19, after you place your order tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. Hope to see you there.

A SINCERE & GIANT "THANK YOU!"

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's Triduum Liturgies -- Holy Thursday thru Easter Sunday. Liturgy is the "work of the people" -- as worshiping assembly & as liturgical ministers serving the needs of the liturgy -- and our Triduum liturgies were wonderfully & prayerfully celebrated. There was also ALOT of "behind the scenes" work that went on to prepare for & facilitate these liturgies. Thank you to the Liturgy Committee for their careful planning & thank you to Mary Ann K. & Ann R. for their joint effort as MC/Sac for the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday. This 3 day period is unique & intense in the degree of detail that needs to be overseen. Thanks to those who worked on preparing the ENVIRONMENT: Katie B., Carolyn F., Mike M., Mike L., Ed & Pat P., Joanne M., Ted & Suzanne S., Pat T., Lu F., Max S., Shirley & Larry S., Anthony M., Dan S., Steve M., Samantha, Jan & Peter C.; Ginny R.; Ann R.; Mary Ann K.; & Judy B.; & our WORSHIP AIDS: Gerry M.; Bernie G.; & Mary R. THANK YOU TO THE GOOD FRIDAY "GOSPEL" PLAYERS: Reba B.; Samantha C.; Marlo F.; Ava G.; Becca, Dan & Rachel G.; Anne & Theresa S; & Sadie W. THANK YOU TO THE INSTRUMENTALISTS: Theresa B., Liza M., Jackie S., Vickie M., THANK YOU TO THE GUITAR GROUP: Mark & Jake E., John D., Chris S., & Ann B. & Michelle P. And finally, THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR MEMBERS: Lori D., Carol S., Mary B., Margie K., Stephanie S., Nicole J., Theresa & Anne, S., Michele B., Becca & Rachel G., Linda S., Cathy B., Jane N., Dana D., Anne B., Andy S., Jack H., Anthony M., Ralph B., Rich S., Larry S., John R., Rick K., Dennis E. & the members of St. Matt's Men's Club. If any names have been missed,, we apologize. There are many hours of dedicated work represented here. Thank you for blessing the worship with your selfless efforts.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIST NEEDED

The Cerenity Care Center is searching for a part time organist to volunteer at Building 514 for Saturday afternoon mass. If interested please call Peg Leach at 651-292-1125.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	April 15
10:30 AM, MC	Presentation of Confirmation Candidates
11:30 AM, SH	Confirmation Brunch
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	April 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	EAC Meeting
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	April 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Home and School Association Meeting
Wednesday	April 18
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	April 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
4:00-8:00 PM	Arby's/S'Barro Night
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
6:30 PM, SC	Girl Scout Troop 163
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	April 20
Saturday	April 21
9:00 AM, SH	District Pinewood Derby
Sunday	April 22
9:00 AM, PC	Council Candidates Questions and Discernment

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living in joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time, too, “men and women in great numbers” will be “added to the Lord.”

Thank you for the following examples and encouragement witnessed on the stewardship envelopes. You are invited to take time each week to reflect on your life of prayer and service the previous week. Please be an example by witnessing to your own life of prayer and good works.

Prayer: Night prayers with our children; Sat. AM prayer hour; prayed for the sick each day; daily Mass; daily rosary; morning and evening prayer; scripture study; First Friday adoration

Service: hosted a Bible study; cleaned candles at Church; worked at fish fry; worked at Birthright; helped a family member; gave rides to others.

Sharing: Last Sunday—Easter—much was given. Thank you. The total for electronic, Sunday envelope and all the plate was \$13,664. Easter envelope total was \$5,617. As well, there was \$868 given on Holy Thursday and \$310 given on Good Friday. Thank you. \$50 was in school support envelopes.

Deferred giving: Saint Matthew received \$1,500 from the estate of a former parishioner. This gives an example to each of us—to include the church in our financial plans. There are many ways that this can be done; please call John at the parish center if you have questions.

Young people’s stewardship: \$11.80. A few of them wrote about the time they spent in prayer at meal-time and bedtime. Examples of time spent in service this week were doing chores, helping Dad at the bakery, cleaning the art area, and playing with sister.

Electronic giving [automatic deductions]. Five more parishioners have begun contributing financially in this manner. It’s simple, easy, and confidential. Please call John at the parish center with questions. All electronic givers please remember: the financial part transaction is easy. However, each of us is invited to use the envelopes in the pack to record our stewardship of prayer and service

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Jennifer Slaten*
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830

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*

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....
 Education Advisory..... Richard Dunn