

The Community of St. Matthew

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CONFIRMATION
APRIL 27, 2004

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CONFIRMED ON APRIL 10, 2004
MICHAEL MOLINA

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Today is the Octave of Easter. We launched into the Easter Season, 50 days in which we celebrate and live the life of the Risen Lord and remember the gift we have received in the waters of baptism.

The season of Lent was a gift of grace for many people at Saint Matthew's, I can attest to that. And many members of the community came together to observe the season and celebrate the Feasts.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge the many who brought their gifts and time to our Lenten Season.

The Liturgy committee planned and orchestrated the many and various aspects of the season.

The Adult Enrichment Committee planned the potluck suppers and organized the discussions that were fruitful and stimulating for many. They also planned and brought together our panel presentation on Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton. This panel culminated a series of reflections and discussions on these two great spiritual figures of our time. Members of the Funeral Meal Ministry prepared the hospitality for after the panel discussion.

Our music ministry enhanced and strengthened our worship – the bell choir, the adult choir, the youth choir, adult cantors, youth cantors, instrumentalists; dozens of people spent hours preparing and hours of time at our worship leading us in song and praise.

Children's liturgists and assistants prepared strong liturgies of the word for our children at the 10:30 Sunday Mass.

Ushers and hospitality ministers – individuals and families – attended to the details of hospitality and welcome each time we gathered for worship.

Religious education teachers prepared young people to pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday and adults gathered on Monday evenings to pray the stations with the help of the deacon and musicians.

Lectors prepared and proclaimed the Word to us daily, not only at Sunday liturgies but also at the weekday morning liturgies and the liturgies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12:10 pm. Likewise, Eucharistic ministers were available and prompt in their ministry at Sunday liturgy and weekday liturgy, as well as the communion services at Wilder and bringing the Eucharist to those who are sick and/or homebound.

The environment committee and many others helped to decorate the church for worship and provided us with a simple, yet elegant setting in which to come to pray and celebrate. Maintenance people struggled to keep the church clean amid so many and varied uses during the season of Lent.

Altar servers willingly gave their time and energy to assisting at worship, they took time to rehearse the solemn celebrations and were on time and available for the Sunday liturgies.

Our parish Mass coordinators did yoe-women service, not only at Sunday worship, but especially during the Sacred Three Days of Holy Week and Easter.

Confirmation candidates and young people prepared and presented the solemn reading of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and Palm Sunday.

Generous souls, 14 in number, offered to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday evening. Many parish members took advantage of the hours of adoration in the chapel on Holy Thursday evening.

More than a hundred stalwart souls participated in the outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The wind was brisk and the air was chilly, yet we walked and prayed and remembered the events of the suffering and death of Jesus. Men and women took turns carrying the cross, young people accompanied the procession with percussion, and choir members led us in song.

Saint Matthew School teachers prepared children to celebrate Mass during Lent and introduced them to various practices associated with Lent and Holy Week.

More than 50 people offered the gift of blood at the Blood Drive on Holy Saturday morning and dozens of parish members and Red Cross staff worked the blood drive.

Hundreds of parish members made financial contributions to purchase the flowers and decorations that enhance our church for the Easter Feast and Season.

I am especially grateful to Father Warren, who even though he has a full time job as professor at the University of Saint Thomas made himself available to celebrate morning Mass during Lent; he also was available for anointing and reconciliation services at Wilder and he was available to hear most of the pre-Easter confessions.

Saint Matthew office staff and volunteers worked with Dana McCarthy, our Director of Music and Liturgy to prepare and assemble the many worship aides and parish mailings this season.

It is no exaggeration to say that more than 400 individuals stepped forward and took a roll in our worship this Lent so that when thousands of us came together to celebrate we might pray and worship in spirit and truth.

The work of a parish is the work of its members, and the strength of a parish is found in the ownership a community has for its faith life. The parish is not mine, nor is it yours; it is ours. The common good and the faith life of all are the object of care and concern for "the parish". All of us are called to build this community of faith, we are called to live the life of faith in such a way that the world which is ours will know that we are disciples of Jesus. My job as pastor is to encourage such ownership and participation and then keep out of the way.

During the coming weeks the Saint Matthew Pastoral Council will seek to draw all of us into a deeper sense of "we are the church". They will lay out a process for the selection of parish leadership and reflect on a model of parish governance – a model that respects the ownership and participation of all members of the parish.

PARISH EVENTS

A CASTING CALL
YOUR ROLE IN THE PARISH COUNCIL

Are you being called by the Spirit to offer your services to the parish in a leadership role? Through reflection and prayer have you come to see the gifts and talents you bring to your parish community? If you would like to further explore the role of the Council in today's church and your role within the council please consider attending two meetings on May 2 and May 16 where current council members will share the role of the council at St. Matthew's, spend time in reflecting on the future of the council at St. Matthew's and pray with you as you discern your role in the Parish Council.

RED AND WHITE ENDOWMENT DINNER—LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS!
Please buy your tickets after this weekend's masses or at the parish center or school next week. We need to know a final count by Thursday, April 22. This is a fun event for a great cause. You will have the opportunity to win cash prizes, bid on items at the silent auction, enjoy a delicious meal and socialize with friends. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

FISH FRY THANK YOU'S
The St. Matthew's Men's Club would like to thank everyone involved with this year's Fish Fry. We could not have completed another successful year without the help of the many volunteers that assisted us each night. We were all kept busy serving over 400 dinners each night. Thanks to the South Robert St. Business Association for their \$1,00 matching grant and the Catholic Order of Foresters for their \$1,500 matching grant. Last but not least, thanks to everyone who purchased one of our famous Fish Fry Dinners. We'll start it all up again on the first Friday of Lent in 2005, mark your calendars February 11, 2005!

FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND
Saturday, April 17, 5:00 PM, Austin Magistad and Tiana Hernandez-Colunga.
Sunday, April 18, 10:30 AM, Alicea Deloye, Tristan Lasch, Annica Sierra.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDCARE
The Child Care Center is selling Cinco de Mayo buttons! The cost is \$2.00, with \$1.00 coming to us with each button. Your button entitles you to enter a raffle for airline tickets, sports tickets and more! Stop by the center to buy yours today! Mark your calendars for May 6 and 7 for the Staff Craft/Bake Sale. Our wonderfully creative staff will have many lovely things available. The staff and families appreciate your continuing support of the Center! Please remember, you are always welcome to visit or volunteer.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU
The blood drive held here on Holy Saturday was again successful. There were 49 potential donors and 38 complete units of blood were collected. This means that a possible 100+ persons could receive the "Gift of Life" Thank you, Fr. Steve for the announcements you made at Masses and on Palm Sunday's Reconciliation Service. Thank you to the volunteers, for once again, working so well with the American Red Cross staff, but most of all to all who came to give your "Gift of Life" God bless you always.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	April 18
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
Monday	April 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	April 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	April 21
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
Thursday	April 22
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
Friday	April 23
Saturday	April 24
6:00 PM, SH	Red and White Endowment Dinner
Sunday	April 25

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, April 4 Collections:

Sunday Envelopes and Plate:	\$11,377.98
Youth and Children's Envelopes:	\$50.35
School Fund Envelopes:	\$1394.43
Archdiocese Assessment:	\$10.00
Holy Day:	\$150.00
Penance Service Collection	\$2823.55

Sunday, April 11 Collections

Sunday Envelopes and Plate:	\$10,378.61
Youth and Children's Envelopes:	\$10.50
Easter Envelopes:	\$7,211.00
School Fund Envelopes:	\$86.00

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 18	8:00 AM Ralph O'Brien William O'Donnell Robert Caro 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, April 19	Parishioners
Tuesday, April 20	World Peace
Wednesday, April 21	Parishioners
Thursday, April 22	World Peace
Friday, April 23	
Saturday, April 24	Joseph Karas Myrna Johnson
Sunday, April 25	8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2004

Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16; Rev 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLLS SALE

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be at weekend Masses this weekend selling Tootsie Rolls. The proceeds go to aid people with mental disabilities. Thank you in advance for your generous support

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor.....	Father Stephen Adrian
Priest in Residence	Father Marty Warren
Deacon.....	Rev. John Murphy
Dir. Education & Formation.....	Beth Behnke
Dir. Music & Liturgy	Dana McCarthy
Dir. Child Care.....	Maureen Gitlin
Business Administrator	Debra Lindstedt
Administrative Assistant	Nicole Johnson
Dir. Food Service	Alice Schletty
Parish Engineer.....	David Rosas

Phone Numbers

Fax.....	651-228-9448
Parish School.....	651-224-6912
Extended Day.....	651-228-1535
Child Care Center.....	651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....	651-310-0830
Prayerline Receiver.....	651-222-3622 or 651-224-2903-

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
John Sekevitch	

Committee Chairs

Finance.....	Peter Grayson
Education Advisory	Michele Edwards
Liturgy	