

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Today the Church puts before us the image of Jesus with his disciples in the upper room. He stands among them and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.....as the Father has sent me, so do I send you".

The Holy Spirit is alive and active in each of us as individuals and in the community of the Church as a whole. Often there seems to be a conflict between the internal and the external voice of the Spirit. As is most things, we make a mistake in adopting an either/or posture. The Spirit is always both/and. The following is a reflection on the Holy Spirit offered by the Papal Household Preacher.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

"There are two guides of the Holy Spirit. It is deadly to forego either of the two. When the interior voice of the Spirit is neglected, we easily fall into legalism and authoritarianism; when the exterior voice of the Spirit is neglected, we fall into subjectivism and fanaticism....

"When everything is reduced to just the personal, private listening to the Spirit, the path is opened to an unstoppable process of division and subdivision, because everyone believe they are right. And the very division and multiplication of these beliefs, often contrasting each other in their essential points, demonstrates that the same Spirit of truth in speaking cannot be in all, because otherwise he would be contradicting himself....

"We should recognize however that there is also the opposite risk: that of making the external and public

voice of the Spirit absolute, ignoring the internal voice that works through the conscience enlightened by grace. In other words, it is the risk of reducing the guidance of the Holy Spirit to only the official teaching of the Church, thus impoverishing the variegated action of the Holy Spirit.

"In this case, the human element, organizational and institutional, can easily prevail. The passivity of the body is fostered and the doors are opened to the marginalization of the laity and the excessive clericalization of the Church.

"Even in this case, as always, we should rediscover the whole, the synthesis, that is truly 'catholic.' It is the ideal of a healthy harmony between listening to what the Spirit says to me, as an individual, and what the Spirit says to the Church as a whole and through the Church to individuals."

--Raniero Cantalamessa OFM Cap.
Preacher of the Papal Household

Lenten Reflection

27 March 2009

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

REUNION SUNDAY

Any and all alums are invited to return for Mass, brunch, and school tours. Sunday, May 3 is the date. Come to the social hall before Mass to get re-acquainted [rumor has it that some of the nuns who taught will also be present]; the brunch is complimentary for you and your family [RSVPs required]; and Sousa music is promised during the school tours—so all can remember the rite of dismissal! Call the parish office, 651-224-9793 to RSVP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT FOR WAKOTA LIFE CARE CENTER

The West Saint Paul Knights of Columbus are holding The Seventh 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, has provided programs that support, encourage and assist women in carrying their pregnancies to term. They have assisted thousands of women and provided their babies with critical needs. Wakota also provides immunizations, doctor visits and medical assistance to the women financial need. The event will be Saturday, May 2, at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church in West St. Paul. The speaker will be Fr. Lee Piche, "The Culture of Life 2009." Tickets \$50. To purchase tickets or for more information call Dave Plum at 651-686-2806.

COFFEE SUNDAY

There is no coffee hour after either Sunday morning masses as the Confirmation Class Brunch is happening in the Social Hall. Congratulations to all who are being confirmed.

PARISH PASTORAL COUCIL MEMBERSHIP

Parish pastoral council is seeking new membership and leadership. Whom do you know who should be invited into the discernment process? Please call the parish office, members will do the asking. 651-224-9793.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 19, 2009

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/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: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	April 19
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	April 20 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC	April 21 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Committee mtg.
Wednesday 9:15 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 2:45 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	April 22 School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Children's Choir Loaves and Fishes HummDingers Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	April 23 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	April 24
Saturday	April 25
Sunday	April 26

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The Christian community described in the Acts of the Apostles understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed. How is our progress toward that level of “community?”

Sharing Thanks to all for contributions both toward “Sunday” and towards “Easter.” The money counters understood clearly from those using envelopes. The plate was different. Regardless, we apportioned the giving this way: Sunday--\$7,202; Easter \$7,842. Thanks to each steward—giving to the common “pot” to be “distributed to each according to their need.”

Other dollars received: Annual Catholic Appeal \$160, Easter decorations \$157, School envelopes \$108; Ascension \$10.

Young People’s Stewardship: \$5.19 Thank you!

Service sent seasonal cards to relatives; helped some neighbors who are elderly; helped with our Easter dinner; all the musicians [choir, cantors, keyboardists, instrumentalists] for the liturgies of the Triduum [Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday].

Prayer: attended the liturgies of Holy Week and the Triduum, attended extra Masses; read the story of King David; spent 10 hours in prayer; attended Stations of the Cross; prayed 45 minutes each day; daily rosary and prayers; daily spiritual reading; daily prayers at bedtime.

Catholic Services Appeal is drawing to a close. In fact, the parish part of the campaign closes this week; thereafter, there will be follow-up phoning by the Archdiocese. Remember, that Saint Matt’s will not receive a 25% rebate on any money pledged during that part of the campaign. So...pledge now; have some money returned to St. Matt’s and you’ll avoid a phone call beginning in the middle of May.

Web designer being sought—both to work on a page for Alums and Friends as well as work on the parish website. Is that your gift? Is that a hidden talent? Please contact John [651-224-9793; administrator@st-matts.org] at the parish center with your questions or interest.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Prayer line 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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	David Burrows
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Joyce Osborne	Chris Stevens
	Stephen Adrian