

The Community of St. Matthew

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



**St. Matthew's
Red & White
Dance!**

**April 29, 2006
8:30 - 11:30 pm**

featuring

gary berg -- sax, harmonica

mikkel romstad -- piano

phil hey -- drums

Merle Knudson -- saxophone

cookie coleman -- vocalist

bruce "pooch" heine -- bass

john ahern -- trumpet

\$20.00 tickets are available
after all masses, at school
and the parish center

Live Jazz
Sponsored by "NOVA"

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Our parish has over the years entered partnerships and relationships with other church communities and individuals. We have tried to see the mission of Saint Matthew as broader than our local neighborhood – but a mission with a wide dimension. The Church is bigger than us!

A few years ago we began a partnership with the Catholic Community of Bucharest, Romania. Last week, as an insert in the bulletin, you received a letter from the Archbishop of Bucharest indicating the effect of our partnership and support.

The fall of the Soviet Union was a good news/bad news event for the various countries in the Soviet Bloc. The good news was the opportunity to develop a democratic form of self government, the re-opening of churches and the free exercise of religious practice, the economic partnership between East and West, the thawing and melting of the Cold War and so much more.

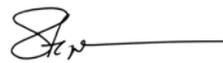
The bad news involved the upheaval and displacement that such a monumental and immediate change created. In some places this rapid change sparked civil war. In other places large parts of the population were disposed and out of work. In some cases families were divided and some family members disappeared. While many became victims of this “bad news”, often the most victimized were children and youth.

In Bucharest thousands of youth were dispossessed and took to the streets and the sewers of the city. They formed community among themselves and foraged to provide for themselves. The Catholic Church sought ways to assist these young people, recognizing that these youth were the future of a new nation, the future of a new Romania.

Saint Matthew’s parish, with the encouragement of Monica O’Kane – who had spent some weeks in Bucharest helping with the feeding of the children, undertook to help support the efforts the church was making to house and educated and job train these youth.

The proceeds of last Friday’s Fish Fry go to that effort. In your April packet of envelopes there is an envelope titled “Romanian Orphans” – a second collection will be taken up next weekend, Palm Sunday weekend, to assist the Archdiocese of Bucharest in its work with these youth. I encourage you to be generous to this effort. The fall of the Soviet Union inaugurated a new world dynamic. The flowering of that new way of being is in the hands of the young people of both the East and the West. Your assistance will help the future of Romania be bright and promising.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 9TH
SATURDAY MASS & BLESSING OF PALMS-
5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASS & BLESSING OF PALMS-
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE
2:00 PM & 4:00 PM

You are invited to join our community in observance of the Lenten Season. Perhaps it has been some time since you have been to church. Not to worry. Come and join us at St. Matthew’s. No questions asked. You are invited to follow Jesus with us, and you will never be excluded because of your race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or any of those things often used to rate, rank or exclude people.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS "MORNING PRAYER"

Morning prayer will be celebrated in the church at 9:00 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. This ancient liturgy offers 20-30 minutes of prayer in psalmody and scripture. Joining our voices to millions of others voices around the world, this prayer form marks the sanctity of time in God’s creation. **On Holy Thursday**, the Liturgy Committee will begin preparing the church space for the Liturgies of the Triduum -- including some light cleaning of the chairs & wood surfaces. Come to pray and, if you have the time, stay to help prepare for the Great Three Days. We should be done cleaning before 11:00 AM.

PREPARING FOR THE TRIDUUM

Have you checked out the sign-up sheets at the back of church? We need help with special ritual needs on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil). These are the holiest days of the liturgical year; your participation will enrich the entire community’s experience as well as your own spiritual journey. (The dates are April 13, 14, 15.)

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

There will be no religious education class this week for students in grades 1-10. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 PM.

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA

The Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:45 PM in the parish center. This month's meeting facilitator and contact person is Becky Montgomery.

Agenda

- I. Approval of March 5th, 2006 Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Ratification of Draft Parish Constitution and Parish Council By-Laws
- IV. Spring 2006 Discernment Process for Parish Council Membership
- V. Review Written Committee and Task Force Reports
 - Finance Committee Reports (February and March minutes)
- VI. Report on Parish Council Initiatives
 - A. Monthly Calendar of Events
 - B. Brochures and Communications – Connie
 - C. Parish Council Annual Meeting – Becky
 - D. Parish Enrichment Plan for Lifelong Learning - Lucus
 - E. Stewardship – John
 - F. Hospitality Events
- VII. Other Business

EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER AT CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

Join the students of Cretin-Derham Hall in a fundraiser for Heifer International on Wednesday, April 5 from 11:00 AM –2:00 PM and 4:00-7:00 PM in the auxiliary gym at Cretin-Derham Hall. Free will donations will be accepted. Enjoy soups and bread from local restaurants and browse the silent auction. Take home a pottery bowl made by students and local artists. All donations will be given to Heifer International which promotes self-reliance throughout the world. Take out is available.

COFFEE HOURS AFTER SUNDAY MASSES (8:00AM & 10:30 AM)

All are welcome to stop by after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday masses for coffee and donuts hosted by the Kevin and Donna Jenniges Family – thanks. . To the folks bringing in baked goods thanks from all of us who enjoy your work (including St. Matts school kids at lunch). All items offered are welcome and get eaten.

PANEL DISCUSSION—“IN GOD’S IMAGE”

Join us on Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 PM when four panel members will bring their experience and reflections to the question of racism in light of Archbishop Flynn’s pastoral letter “In God’s Image”

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 4:00 PM, MC	April 2 Panel Discussion “In God’s Image” a pastoral letter on racism by Archbishop Flynn
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, MC	April 3 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	April 4 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:45 PM, SC 6:45 PM, PC	April 5 St. Mary’s Clinic Loaves and Fishes Lenten Potluck Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, PC	April 6 Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir AA Meeting
Friday 4:30 7:30 PM, SH	April 7 Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	April 8 Retreat— Home bound Ministers
Sunday 2:00 PM, MC 4:00 PM, MC	April 9 Parish Reconciliation Parish Reconciliation

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-March 19	\$8,335.88
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$354,280.00
Need to date:	<u>\$368,823.00</u>
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School Fund	\$120.00
Holy Day	\$5.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 2	8:00 AM Roger Klingner, Helen Savard, Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, April 3	6:45 AM Arthur Geis
Tuesday, April 4	6:45 AM Marie Caflisch 12:10 PM Parishioners
Wednesday, April 5	6:45 AM Klingner Family 12:10 PM Thomas Needham
Thursday, April 6	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday, April 7	6:45 AM Sr. Colleen Hau 5:15 PM Vicki Traynor
Saturday, April 8	John Williams, Anthony Argo, Vincent Plumbo
Sunday, April 9	8:00 AM Larry Simmons Robert Stickler, Sr. Richard Charbonneau, Jr 10:30 AM Parishioners Harry & Margaret Newmaster

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2006

Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33; Scrutinies (Cycle A): Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Dir. Education & Formation..... *Doug Lieser*
Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator *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
Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
Prayerline Receiver 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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

Parish Council email: parishcouncil@st-matts.org

Becky Montgomery*	Larry Sachi
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian
*- Facilitator	

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
Education Advisory Richard Dunn