

DEAR SAINT MATTHEW COMMUNITY & VISITORS

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

On Wednesday, April 2nd, Mr. Scott Breimhorst resigned as Director of Education for the Church of Saint Matthew. During the preceding weeks he and I spoke often of his concern about the distance of Saint Matthew's from his home and his need and desire to be more available to his family.

I was deeply saddened to accept his resignation. Scott is a bright, energetic, eager, creative, strong, decisive, challenging educational leader. He is a fine teacher and a good administrator -- more than that, he is a Christian gentleman.

I am sorry to lose him as a key player on Saint Matthew's team, although I do understand the personal issues that made this decision necessary for him.

I am preparing a search committee to assist in seeking a new Director of Education for Saint Matthew's.

Below I include a statement written by Scott Breimhorst.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

For the past month I have been considering an employment opportunity that has presented itself to me at Shakopee Area Catholic Schools (SACS) near my hometown in Chaska. I have been discussing this opportunity with Father Steve throughout this time as well as considering it deeply with my wife and family. I have made the

decision to resign my position as St. Matthew's Director of Education, effective June 30, 2003.

It is important for me to clearly state that this decision in no way reflects any feelings on my behalf of inadequate compensation, poor working conditions, or an unfavorable outlook on the future of St. Matthew's school. My decision is centered upon the opportunity I will have to spend a good deal more time with my family, be much closer to home, and to be a part of the school my daughter will most likely attend beginning the year after next.

In the two years I have been a part of St. Matthew's, I have been honored to work closely with a talented staff and teaching faculty, an incredible group of volunteers, a selfless and dedicated education committee and, of course, a visionary leader in Father Steve Adrian. 90% of our parents (according to a March survey) strongly or mostly agree that our school provides a quality education to their children. Our new childcare director, Maureen Gitlin, is succeeding in her leadership of the childcare organization. We are seeing the center grow and improve rapidly. Our religious education program has grown and will continue to grow and develop. I have developed friendships that I hope will live long after I leave St. Matthews. When asked about St. Matthew's in the future, I will always speak fondly of the organization and the people: Parents, students, faculty, staff and volunteers. I consider it a gift to have been given this time with all of you.

Though this decision has been incredibly difficult, it is the right one for my family at this time in our lives. Thank you again for all you have given to me. My hope is that, in some small way, I have been able to give back as well.

Scott Breimhorst

PARISH EVENTS

FISH FRY EVENTS PROVE SUCCESSFUL

Thanks to everyone hard work the fish fries were once again a rousing success. Thanks to everyone who attended one or all of the fish fries. Thanks to the Men's Club, Rosary Society, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Children of Bucharast and the Catholic Order of Foresters for all their hard work. We'll be back next year, look for the first Fish Fry on Friday, February 27, 2004.

THE REMEMBRANCES AND REFLECTIONS OF VATICAN II ATTENDEES VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE

St. Matthew's Community was honored to host this unique event which brought together four Vatican II attendees on March 30, this afternoon of remembrances and reflections was professionally videotaped. Purchase a copy of this historic event for only \$19.95. Videos are now available at the parish center for pick up. "We grow as a people by telling stories and tonight we have had some wonderful storytellers who were present at that council.—Gene Scapanski, March 30, 2003.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL—CLASSES RESUME

School resumes on Tuesday, April 22.

Religious Education classes resume on April 23

SPRING SALAD BUFFET, SATURDAY, APRIL 26

The Rosary Society/Council of Catholic Women needs a little help. We could use a few more salads for our Spring Salad Buffet than our members can provide. If you have a delicious salad recipe, would you please consider making it for us? Your donation will be graciously accepted Saturday morning. The buffet will feature hot and cold salads, fruit and vegetable salads, fresh fruit, breads, and desserts. Come and win one of many door prizes. The cost is \$6 for adults and children 10 and older and \$3 for children. Buffet tickets and raffle tickets may be purchased the day of the event. Please turn in your raffle tickets in the collection plate. Raffle winners will be announced at the buffet, and need not be present. With your support, the Rosary Society/CCW can continue and expand its programs.

29TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN RECOGNITION MASS & CELEBRATION

Sponsored by Catholic Charities-Division of Aging Service, will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at the Church of St. Michael, Prior Lake. Check-in begins at 10:00 AM with Mass being celebrated by Archbishop Harry J. Flynn at 10:45 AM followed by a lunch and entertainment.

Registration is required and must be received by April 30, 2003.

Forms are available at the parish office (includes a map). Cost for the event is \$15 with participants providing their own transportation.

To register, send name, address, phone number to: Catholic Charities, 216 Old 6th St., St. Paul, MN 55102-1077, attn. Lynette Friesen, SSND, plus the \$15 (Check made payable to Catholic Charities). For more information call Sr. Lynette at 651-552-9241.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Help! After years of dedicated behind the scenes organizational service both Barb Strom and Bill Brengman are moving on. If you are interested in doing bulletin notices, bulletin boards, newspaper announcement, liaisons with other parish organization or in kind donations call Ginny at 651-222-2867.

PEACE THOUGHTS

Violence never again! War never again! Terrorism never again! In God's name, may all religions bring upon the earth Justice and Peace, Forgiveness and Live, Love! — Pope John Paul II, Day of Prayer for Peace in the World, January 24, 2002 Assisi, Italy.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	April 20
Alleluia, Alleluia, Easter Sunday!	
Monday	April 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves & Fishes
Tuesday	April 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves & Fishes
Wednesday	April 23
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves & Fishes
Thursday	April 24
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves & Fishes
Friday	April 25
Saturday	April 26
11:30 AM, SH	Rosary Society/ Council of Catholic Women Salad Buffet
Sunday	April 27
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for April 13 \$9687.46

Youth treasure for April 13: \$38.58

School Education Envelopes: \$140.00

.Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 20	8:00	Bernard Ferber Rose Garcia Susanna Allers Bernard Bukowski
	10:30	Parishioners
Monday, April 21		Ralph O'Brien
Tuesday, April 22		Watt Adrian
Wednesday, April 23		Marie A. Willems
Thursday, April 24		Daniel Vondrasek
Friday, April 25		Hazel Melsing
Saturday, April 26	5:00	John & Irene Pachl Margaret M. Johnson

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 20, 2003

Sunday, April 20:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
Monday, April 21:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 22:	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 23:	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, April 24:	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday, April 25:	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, April 26:	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday, April 27:	Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

AMERICAN LEGION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Sunday, April 27 the Challenger Post will offer this breakfast at the National Guard Armory in West St. Paul. Sausage, milk, coffee, juice and all the cakes you can eat. 8 am—1 pm..

HOLY FAMILY ADOPTION AGENCY LUNCHEON

& SILENT AUCTION

St. Augustine's Church in South St. Paul is hosting the first Annual Salad Luncheon and Silent Auction sponsored by the Holy Family Adoption Agency. Everyone is welcome to attend on Wednesday, April 23 from 11:00 am -1:30pm. Nursery service is available. Suggested donation is \$6. For more information, call Gerrie Soine at 651-298-0133 or DorisBringgold at 651-451-1645.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office 651-224-9793

Pastoral Staff

Pastor	<i>Father Stephen Adrian</i>
Priest in Residence.....	<i>Father Marty Warren</i>
Deacon	<i>Rev. John Murphy</i>
Pastoral Administrator	
Dir. Education & Formation	<i>Scott Breimhorst</i>
Dir. Music & Liturgy.....	<i>Dana McCarthy</i>
Dir. Pastoral Ministry.....	<i>Sr. Mary Colleen Hau</i>
Dir. Child Care.....	<i>Sue Shandley</i>
Business Administrator	<i>Patty Flynn</i>
Administrative Assistant.....	<i>Nicole Johnson</i>
Dir. Food Service	<i>Alice Schletty</i>
Parish Engineer.....	<i>David Rosas</i>

Phone Numbers

Fax.....	651-228-9448
Parish School.....	651-224-6912
Extended Day.....	651-228-1535
Child Care Center.....	651-224-1450
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

Monday.....	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 Goldstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
Wally Nelson	John Sekevitch

Committee Chairs

Finance	
Education Advisory	Michele Edwards
Liturgy	