

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



## WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I am writing this piece on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the day Pope Benedict arrives in the United States for a five day Papal visit.

The Pope, the Bishop of Rome, is both head of the Universal Church and head of state of Vatican City – the smallest sovereign state in the world.

Thus his visit is both a diplomatic and a religious event. He will be received with all the protocol any head of state having diplomatic relations with the United States would receive. Thus, his reception at the White house will be like the reception accorded Queen Elizabeth last year. It is also in his capacity as head of state that he is able to address the Nations of the World through the United Nations.

This role of head of state allows the Pope to have direct connection with other heads of state through out the world. Such opportunities have often been very important in brokering peace treaties and human rights efforts.

In addition to this being a “state visit” it is also a “pastoral visit” to the United States Catholic Church by the Universal Pastor. In this capacity Benedict will celebrate Eucharist, engage the bishops of the United States, meet with presidents of Catholic universities and colleges, gather with leaders of other churches and religions in the United States and preach to the American Catholic community.

The principal role of Peter – and thus Peter’s successor, the Bishop of Rome – is to be a sign and preserver of unity within the Body of Christ. This is the principle reason Benedict authorized the optional use of the pre-Vatican Council Latin Mass of 1962. Since the Council a number – hundreds of thousands – of Roman Catholics have left the Church under the

leadership of Archbishop Lefebvre. They started their own version of Catholic Church, rejected the Vatican Council and refused to accept any Pope since Pope Pius XII. This church is not in communion with the Catholic Church. One such church community worships in our neighborhood – in the church building on the corner of Manomin and Annapolis. Hoping to drawn this schematic church back into union with the Roman Catholic Church Benedict offered to restore the pre-Vatican liturgy as an extra-ordinary opportunity for Catholic worship. Unfortunately this effort proved unsuccessful in that the followers of Archbishop Lefebvre want the *entire* teaching of Vatican Council II overthrown.

To be an instrument of unity among more than 1,000,000,000 Catholics is no small challenge, yet that is Benedict’s job. So he comes on a pastoral visit to a local church – the American Catholic Church, and he comes to us representing the Universal Church.

May he truly be for all an instrument of unity – that unity for which Jesus prayed. “I pray that they all be one, as you Father are one in me and I am one in you; that they may be one in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me”.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by The Romanian Travelers (Judy and Bob De Nardo, Becky Montgomery and Dave Haley, Florida and Joe Stevens, Rick and Barb Kraft). All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. You can also learn about the good work for the children of Romania and the support presented there in the name of the St. Matthew’s community.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held here at St. Matthew’s on April 26 and 27 at all the masses.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for another season. This year we know our work week early enough for everyone to work it into their summer schedule. We will be working July 14 through 18 at Van Cleve Court in Minneapolis. The only requirement is a willingness to be a good steward. Either catch me after church or call me at 651-222-2867. Ginny

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 19, 5:00 PM - Victor Gonzales, Lisette Horne, Joanna Lozano, Kimberly Eras. Sunday, April 20, 10:30 AM - Dante Luopa, Thomas Harrity, Semyia Navarro. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

MINISTRY FAIR

St. Matthew's will be hosting the 3rd Annual Ministry Fair on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8 following all Masses. Everyone is invited to attend to see the many wonderful opportunities there are for involvement in our Parish. If you would like to be included in the Ministry Fair and have not been contacted, please call Jason Delmont at 651-225-8103 or e-mail at jandjdelmont@comcast.net. We'll see you there!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SPRING FESTIVAL

St. John Vianny Church, South St. Paul, is having it's Spring Festival on April 26th starting with a special Mass at 4:00 PM, Followed by the Taste of St. John's (many special foods), silent auction, kids games and raffle (grand prize is a full vinyl siding of a 1500 sq. ft. house).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

It's time to prepare the summer schedule. This schedule will cover from Saturday May 31 [the weekend after Memorial Day] through Sunday August 31 [the weekend before Labor Day]. All scheduling requests need to be in by 5:00 pm Wednesday May 7th. Please either call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail GBD1252@comcast.net. If you would like to become a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Gift Bearer or Sacristan please contact us using the information above and someone will get back to you.

GIRL SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS PATCHES AWARDED

This year Andrea Gilberg will receive the "Live My Faith" patch from the Girl Scouts and Mason Gilberg will receive the "Light of Christ" patch from the Boy Scouts.

CDH EMPTY BOWLS EVENT A SUCCESS!

Thank you to the St. Matthew parishioners who attended this year's Empty Bowls event at Cretin-Derham Hall. Thank you to the students of St. Matthew's School who collected \$408.07 during Lent for the Heifer Project and donated it to the Empty Bowls event. The St. Matthew's School 8th graders, Mrs. Volkenant and Mr. Lieser attended the lunch seating of the Empty Bowls event and presented the check at that time. This year's event raised almost \$10,000.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 20</b>
4:00 PM, SH	Cub Scout Pack mtg.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Committee mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 23</b>
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 24</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 25</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 26</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 27</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*“The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells his disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards.*

*But we are told in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading what gifts we have: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

*Great promises; great challenges. We can be up to the task!*

Prayer: Spiritual ready everyday...bible reading every morning...rosary everyday...Lenten Mass every weekday... bible study every Monday...45 minutes of prayer on 3 days of the week. Thanks to all for witness and invite.

Service: worked at the last fish fry...read with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders... volunteered at Roosevelt school...volunteered at Neighborhood House...volunteered at St. Matthew’s school...taught religious education...visited the sick...was a greeter at 8:00AM mass...worked with votive candles...brought Eucharist to some who are homebound...was a caregiver to some who are elderly...did the ministry of a money counter. Thanks to all, too, for witness and invite.

Sharing: Last weekend \$8,395 was given through envelopes, the plate and via electronic transfer. Thank you to each faithful steward.

As well, thanks for \$196 is school fund envelopes; \$40 as a parish center window payment; \$22 in holyday envelopes; \$12 for the food shelf and \$10 for the Romanian orphans. Thank you for each contribution; the money will be put into the proper “pots” for distribution.

Youth Stewardship: \$8.33 Thank you! They wrote about helping to fold laundry, planting tomatoes, visiting grandpa in the hospital, reading bible stories, and saying meal time prayers.

St. Matt’s School Reunion Sunday—May 4, 2008. 10:30 Mass; complimentary brunch; and tours of the school [including the little room in the kindergarten]. All alums are invited; a special invitation to those in the anniversary years; most especially to the class of ’58—celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of finishing 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

RSVPs are needed for the brunch: 651-224-6912 [alumni@st-matts.org]

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 20, 2008

- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
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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..... *Shar LaVelle*  
 Dir. KLT Kids .....*Cherri Trapp*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service ..... *Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer ..... *David Rosas*

**Phone Numbers**

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayerline ..... 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 Sister Joanna Illg  
 Jason Delmont Mark Thomford  
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