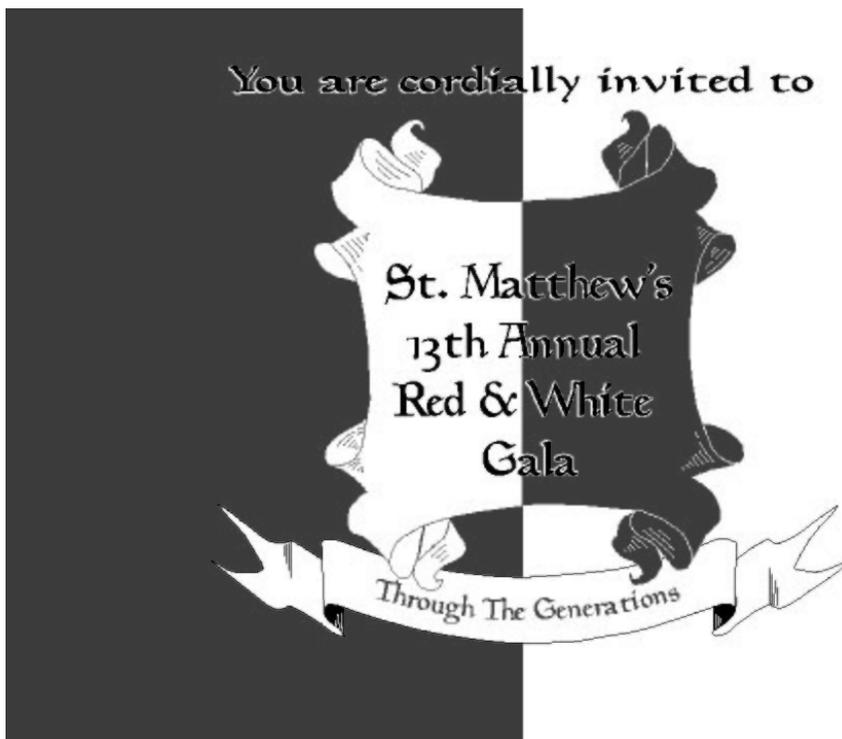


The Community of St. Matthew



Saturday
April 29 2006
Liturgy at 5:00 PM
Social and Silent Auction 6:00 PM
Dinner at 6:45 PM
Dance 8:30-11:30 PM
"The Game" throughout the night
Tickets for sale after all Masses,
at the school office and parish center office
\$50 for dinner and dance
\$20 for dance

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

“Will you still need me; will you still feed me when I’m sixty-four?”

Those of you who are humming remember this line from an old Beatles song. When I first hummed that tune I never thought of myself as sixty-four; yet that is precisely what happened to me on “tax day”. I didn’t do anything, it just happened.

Life changes, times change, we change. Yesterday is different from today; yet in some ways yesterday is just like today.

Birthdays are good times to take stock, assess life, make plans, dream dreams, let go of yesterday and stand ready to embrace tomorrow.

Every culture talks in mythic forms about the “stages of life” -- Shakespeare did it, Rumi did it; and in our time the Linn bothers, Sam Keen, and many others have written.

What we know is that as we age life changes, energies change and we see things differently.

I often suggest to people that they read literature written when the author was your age – see if the world seen through his/her eyes is the same world you see.

I believe that older people have a profound opportunity and responsibility to hand life on to younger people.

There was a time, in a different culture when older folks recognized this role and when society encouraged this role. Family members, neighbors, family friends, teachers and coaches all saw themselves as “generators” of a new generation.

My dad spent most of his work life as a printer. He was a proud and active member of the International Typographical Union. He gave significant hours to mentoring apprentices and journeymen in the trade. I well remember the Saturday afternoons when young men would bring their portfolios of layouts to the house, spread them out on the dining room table, talk with dad for hours as he offered suggestions and critique. “Young printers can’t become old printers without the help of old printers” he would say.

Young folks belong on the center stage of life, but they can’t do that well without the coaching, support, understanding, admiration and challenge of those who have gone before them.

Older folks have a profound opportunity and challenge; they have a lot of work to do – it is not easy to outfit a new generation. What inspires us and keeps us going is the deep rooted hope and confidence that the new generation will truly succeed where we have just done “so-so”.

So, “Will you still need me when I’m sixty-four?” If you some day want to be sixty-four – someone who has been there has to help you get there.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 22, 5:00 PM: Alyssa Galaviz, Jordan Espinoza, Miguel Richardson and Edwin Flores. Sunday, April 23, 10:30 AM: Nicole Brown, Freddy Dunn, Joseph Luna, Mario Solis and Raequon Kelly. Please welcome them to the Lord’s table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

NO COFFEE SUNDAY THIS WEEK

Confirmation candidates and their families are celebrating their upcoming confirmation with a brunch and rehearsal in the social hall after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. There will be no coffee or refreshments served after masses this weekend. Join us next Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:30 masses for coffee, refreshments and fellowship.

PURCHASE SCRIP FOR MOTHER’S DAY, GRADUATIONS OR FATHER’S DAY

You can find a great selection of gift cards at the St. Matthew’s Scrip table for Mother’s Day, Graduations, and Father’s Day. Give Mom a gift card to Bath and Body Works or to one of the many available restaurants. Dad can always use a Menard’s or Home Depot gift card. Get the graduate a gift card to Barnes and Noble or a gas card. There are many choices available. Stop by the Scrip table and see what we have. There are also great selections for Birthday, Anniversaries and Weddings. Every purchase you make provides funds to St. Matthew’s at NO COST TO YOU! *New information - Marshall Field’s now accepts the Macy’s gift cards.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The second collection on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 will be for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. The Knights will be outside and some inside to give our Tootsie Rolls after church. The proceeds from the sales will go to programs for the mentally retarded. This drive is sponsored by the Lucien Galtier Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. If any parishioner is interested in joining the Knights talk with Joe Stevens or Ed Meyer. Thank you for your contributions

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONCLUDES THIS WEEK

Students, parents and teachers involved in the Religious Education program here at St. Matthew's will celebrate the end of another successful school year this Wednesday, April 26 with a prayer service in the church at 6:45 PM.

Everyone is welcome to join the students as they pray in thanksgiving for the past year endeavors. Students should meet in their classrooms at the usual start time (6:30 PM). Parents should pick up their children at the church at the conclusion of the prayer service. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteer teachers who make this program a success. Registration forms have been mailed to all currently enrolled students, if you are interested in registering for next years program please call the school office (651-224-6912) and they will send you a registration form.

REGISTRATIONS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ONGOING

Registration for the 2006-2007 school year is ongoing for all grades. Call the school office (651-224-6912) to request a registration packet or to set up a time to tour the school, visit with staff and learn more about what St. Matthew's school has to offer your child.

CENTURY CLUB NEWS

The purpose of the Century Club is to raise funds for St. Matt's to cover expenses that fall outside the normal parish budget. These funds are raised thru the dues paid by the members. The Century Club dues are \$100 per year per household. Over the years, the Club has paid several thousands of dollars in emergency expenses, usually construction projects or repairs. Besides the knowledge of belonging to an organization that accomplishes much good, the Club has the added benefit of having only one meeting a year! This year's meeting is scheduled for **May 15** at the **Cherokee Sirloin Room** on Smith Avenue. It consists of a social hour, dinner, a review of our financial position, and a discussion of any projects to be considered. If you are not a member, please consider this an invitation to join by calling **John or Michele Edwards** at **688-7635**.

"ANYTHING GOES" PRESENTED AT SIMLEY HIGH SCHOOL

The Simley High School (Inver Grove Heights) Theatre Guild presents ANYTHING GOES, the story of love, mistaken identity, and delightful Cole Porter songs all aboard the zaniest cruise ship ever. May 4,5 and 6 at 7:30 pm and May 7 at 3:00 PM. Performed in the Simley High School Theatre. Call 651 306 7144 for information and reserved seats. Tickets are \$8.25. There is a dress rehearsal that senior citizens may attend on May 3 at 3:30 PM. There is no reserved seating for this performance and admission is free, though donations are accepted. Sadie Ward, a young member of our community, is participating in this year's production.

WAKOTA LIFE CARE CENTER RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling chances to win a beautiful framed water color painting of the Historic St. Peter Church in Mendota Heights painted by artist Bob Culligan. The chances are \$10 a piece, or 3 for \$20. You may see the painting and buy a chance after each Mass. The painting is valued at \$800. The proceeds from the painting will be used to fund the Wakota Life Care Center on Robert Street. Don Danneker from the Knights will be in back of the church at all masses selling chances. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 10:30 AM, MC	April 23 Presentation of Confirmation Candidates
11:30 AM, SH	Brunch & Rehearsal Confirmation Candidates
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	April 24 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	April 25 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 9:00 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	April 26 School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	April 27 Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
Friday	April 28
Saturday 5:00 PM, MC	April 29 First Communions Joe Smith, Marissa Ruiz, Santino Satar, Andre Huerta-Friedman
6:00 PM, SH	Red & White Dinner
8:30-11:30 PM, SH	Red & White Dance
Sunday 10:30 AM, MC	April 30 First Communions Mario Sierra, Nia Rivera-Prescott, Calla Morrissey, Ruby Tetmeyer, Micaela Remackel

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-April 16	\$8,282.29
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$382,238.00
Need to date:	<u>\$397,194.00</u>
	-\$13,956.00
School Fund	\$50.00
Holy Day	\$6,526.58

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 23	8:00 AM +Agnes DeFoe +John Meyers, +Helen Savard 10:30 AM Confirmation Candidates, Parishioners
Monday, April 24	+Mildred Lasch (Ann'y)
Tuesday, April 25	Parishoners
Wednesday, April 26	Sr. Anne Becker, SSND 9:00 AM School Mass
Thursday, April 27	World Peace
Friday, April 28	
Saturday, April 29	+Earl Cafilisch +Mildred Lasch
Sunday, April 30	8:00 AM +Ed Maher +Dorothy Kammerer 10:30 AM +Klotine Mosby Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 23, 2006

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
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 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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 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 six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish.

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
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 Education Advisory..... *Richard Dunn*