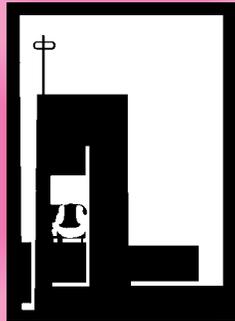
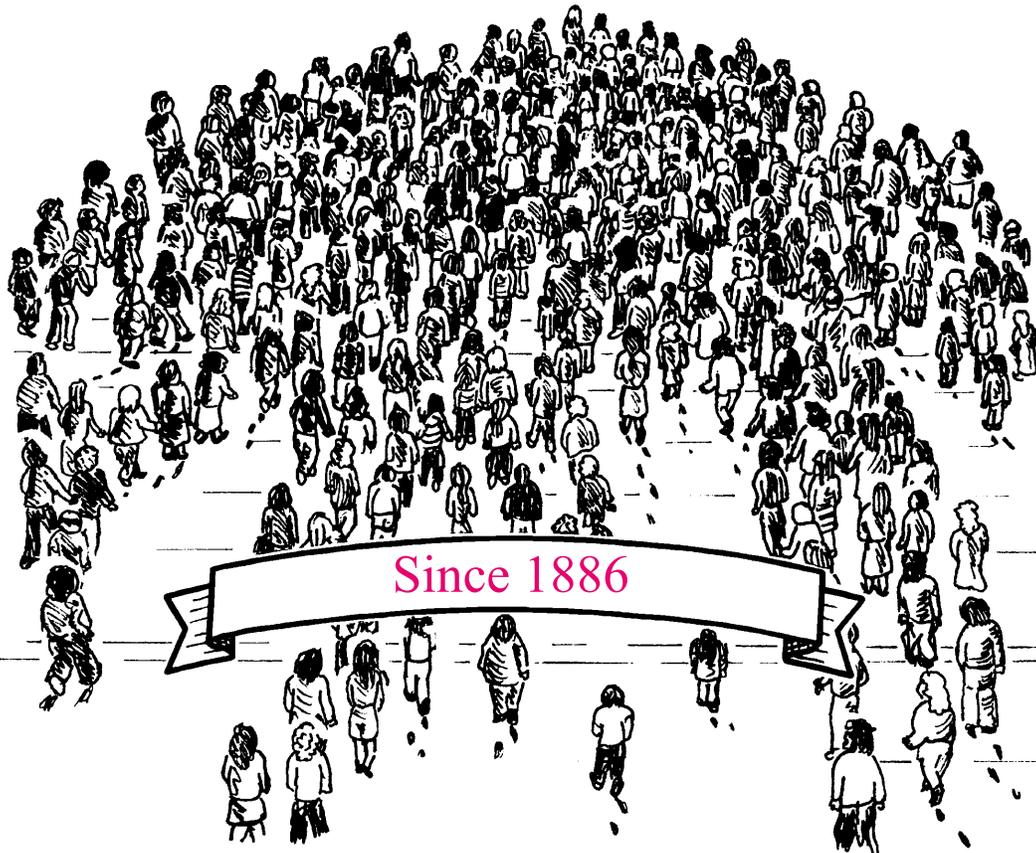


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Last weekend at each Mass a member of the Saint Matthew Pastoral Council spoke about a new form of governance for Saint Matthew's and a manner of selection of lay leadership for the Saint Matthew Pastoral Council.

**This new form of governance flows from faith.** We believe that through baptism all members are of the Body of Christ and all are called to take a vital and active part in the building up of the Body of Christ. We believe that baptism constitutes us as a Pilgrim People, people on a journey. We believe that we are the People of God and that we are all called to holiness of life.

Faith, to be real, must be concretized and implemented in daily life.

**This new form of governance reflects the recommendations of the American Bishop's Committee established in Dallas, 2003.** The recommendations clearly call for the church to be inclusive and open in its decision making, to seriously involve the lay leadership of the church, to see a real partnership between clergy and laity that reflects the faith we profess.

One way to work toward accomplishing this is to structure the Parish Pastoral Council as the instrument of parish governance. The Council is made up of Pastor and nine lay leaders of the parish. Thus the Council is made up of ten people, each committed to reflect and discern the priorities and directions of parish life, each committed to a growing prayer life, each committed to set aside personal preferences and passions and commit to the common good of the parish.

This model holds that the Pastor cannot act in matters of governance without the consensus of lay leadership, and that lay leadership cannot act in matters of governance without the participation of the Pastor.

The role of the Council is **not** the day-to-day operation of parish life. Such work is undertaken by staff people, parish members, and participants in the various ministries.

The role of the Pastoral Council is to model discipleship, strengthen and promote the sacramental life of the parish community, foster and develop parish leadership, advance the parish vision and mission, evaluate the goals and objectives of this mission and call parish organizations, working groups and ministries into participation in that mission, foster parish communication, determine priorities and in light of those priorities approve parish budget, participate in annual performance review of pastor and when appropriate appoint and monitor a pastor selection committee.

Is the Lord calling you to bring your gifts to the work of our Pastoral Council? Is the Lord inviting you to step back from your present commitments and involvements and give yourself to the work of the Council? I invite you to participate in the two meetings schedule for Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER

The Child Care Center folks are selling Cinco de Mayo buttons. The cost is \$2.00 each, with \$1.00 of each button benefiting the Center. Your button entitles you to enter a raffle for airline tickets, sports tickets and more. Stop by the Center to buy yours today. Mark your calendars for May 6th and 7th for the Staff Craft/Bake Sale. Our wonderfully creative staff will have many lovely things available. The staff and families appreciate your continuing support of the Center. Please remember, you are always welcome to visit or volunteer.

### CONFIRMATION 2004

Candidates for Confirmation, their sponsors, and their families all participated in a brunch and rehearsal last Sunday. A beautiful brunch was organized, prepared, and served by Peter and Jan Casillas, Samantha Casillas, and Steve and Josie Mike. A special thank you to John Plante for volunteering to bake 200 muffins for the event. Your volunteering showed the Holy Spirit at work in our community! A heartfelt thank you to the Men's Club for their generous donation of \$100 and a multitude of fruit, and to the Rosary Society for their generous donation of \$50 and salads. We hope that all parishioners will continue to hold the students in their prayers, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27th at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

### CORRECTION

The South Robert St. Business Association matching grant to the Fish Fry was \$1,000.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FINAL CLASS AND EARLY REGISTRATION

Religious Education students and their families are invited to the final celebration of the year this Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Early registration for next year's Religious Education classes has begun. Complete and turn in the 2004-05 registration form before April 28 and receive a \$10.00 discount off your total fee for next year. Registration forms are available in the parish and School office.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The new schedule covering June 6th through September 5th is coming up soon. If you have any scheduling conflicts or requests for this time period, please contact Ginny Roethler NOW. You can leave a message for her at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com. This applies to ALL Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters and Gift Bearers.

FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 24, 5:00 PM, Jack Smith, Dimitiri Cuneo. Sunday, April 25, 8:00 AM, Austin Zweber and 10:30 AM, John Remackel, Ben Plante, Joshua Viellieux.

FISH FRY THANK YOU

The Saint Matthew's CT #367 C.O.F. want to thank all the people that worked at our matching fund fish fry on April 2nd.

Income	\$2675.01
Expenses	<u>\$527.87</u>
Net	\$2147.14
Matching Fund	<u>\$1500.00</u>
Total	\$3645.17

ROSARY SOCIETY/CCW THANK YOU!

The Rosary Society/CCW Buffet was truly a "Spring-like" event. Thank you to members of the parish community who brought so many and varied salads and hot dishes. They were delicious! Floral centerpieces were won by 25 guests at the Buffet. Marie Cafilisch's famous Money Hat Raffle was again a big hit and a huge success. The hat was won by Barb Nerka, who generously gave the money back to the Rosary Society. Thank you, Barb! Door prize winners were Rita Plantenberg, the Kitchen Basket; Shirley Smith, Gerten's gift certificate/garden basket; Betty Lange, \$50 gift certificate for R.C. Dick's; Catherine Fee, \$60 gift certificate for the Cherokee Sirloin Room; and Doris Bisciglia, \$100 gift certificate for Cub Foods. Congratulations to all of you. Thank you to those who gave so generously of their time, setting up and cleaning up the Spring Garden-like environment of our Social Hall. May God's blessing be with you always.

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND DANCE FUND-RAISER FOR AMANDA AHLMAN

A spaghetti dinner and dance will be held in Saint Matthew's Social Hall on Saturday, May 8th. Dinner is from 6:30-8:15 PM, with the dance from 8:30-11:00PM. Amanda, an active member at Saint Matthew's and former student here, has been accepted to represent American youth as a student ambassador in Australia and New Zealand through the People to People Organization, originated by President Eisenhower. For additional information, to volunteer your time, to contribute items for the raffle or to make cash donations, please call Deann Ahlman at 651-554-0786.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 25</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 26</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 27</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 28</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Final celebration of Religious Education. Prayer service and gathering afterwards in the Social Hall.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 29</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 2</b>
12:00 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, April 18 Collections:

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7507.00
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$17.45
School Fund	\$1010.00
Holy Day	\$270.00

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 25	8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, April 26	Earl Cafilisch
Tuesday, April 27	Alphonse Kooh
Wednesday, April 28	Parishioners
Thursday, April 29	Agnes Stafaniak
Friday, April 30	
Saturday, May 1	Mary Mike George Lackner
Sunday, May 2	8:00 AM Gerald Allers Koopemeiners Family Robert Caro 10:30 Am Parishioners Agnes DeFoe

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of April 25, 2004

Sunday, April 25:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
Monday, April 26:	Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 27:	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 28:	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, April 29:	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, April 30:	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, May 1:	Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday, May 2:	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

### BE A SUMMER TUTORING VOLUNTEER

Partner with the School Sisters of Notre Dame as a Summer Volunteer Tutor! The East Side Learning Center is seeking volunteers who will make a difference by tutoring a child in grades K-4 in reading. Volunteer Monday-Thursday for one, two or more weeks for as little as one hour each day. Our program is scheduled from June 21st to July 22nd. Application due date is June 11th. Orientation and training will be provided June 17th or 18th. For more information please contact the East Side Learning Center at 651-793-7331.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
Web site: st-matts.org

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor.....	Father Stephen Adrian
Priest in Residence .....	Father Marty Warren
Deacon.....	Rev. John Murphy
Dir. Education & Formation.....	Beth Behnke
Dir. Music & Liturgy .....	Dana McCarthy
Dir. Child Care.....	Maureen Gitlin
Business Administrator .....	Debra Lindstedt
Administrative Assistant .....	Nicole Johnson
Dir. Food Service .....	Alice Schletty
Parish Engineer.....	David Rosas

### Phone Numbers

Fax.....	651-228-9448
Parish School.....	651-224-6912
Extended Day .....	651-228-1535
Child Care Center.....	651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....	651-310-0830
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

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

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

### Committee Chairs

Finance.....	Peter Grayson
Education Advisory .....	Michele Edwards
Liturgy	