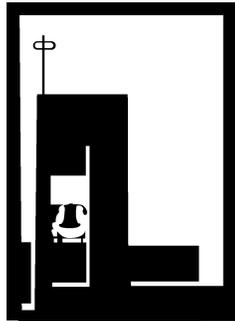


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Thank you to all who contributed to the flowers and environment fund for our observance of Lent and celebration of the Easter Season.

Thank you to lectors who prepared so well and shared the Word with us during Lent and Holy Week.

Thank you to the young people who provided so well the Passion Reading on Good Friday.

Thank you to Confirmation Candidates who presented the Passion reading on Palm Sunday.

Thank you to the Men's Club Choir for their song leading on Easter Morning.

Thank you to the Saint Matthew Choir who did us tremendous service during Lent and Holy Week and Easter – your work and preparation make our celebrations memorable.

Thank you to the Contemporary Ensemble, you bring a special vitality to worship.

Thank you to the Bell Choir for your preparation and accompaniment of our worship – the bells add so much.

Thank you to the "Kids Choir" – it is always a pleasure to have you lead our sung worship.

Thank you to cantors – adults and youth, for your leadership and prayerful song.

Thank you to instrumentalists who accompany our song and add so much elegance to our worship.

Thank you to ushers and ministers of hospitality – you provide a welcoming and efficient service to all – your presence and smile and willing assistance makes for a comfortable experience.

Thank you to altar servers – in season and out of season you are here to assist in worship.

Thank you to those who lead "Children's Church" on Sunday morning.

Thank you to Eucharistic ministers for your dedication and the careful manner in which you do your ministry.

Thank you to those who took the opportunity to donate blood on Holy Saturday morning, and to those who helped with the blood drive.

Thank you to those who assemble our worship aids – your quiet and hidden work makes it possible for all to participate.

Thank you to those who assisted at Monday evening Stations of the Cross.

Thank you to those who decorate and prepare the worship space, throughout Lent and Holy Week you provided a worthy setting for our worship.

Thank you to Mass coordinators for all your work to make

sure that everyone is "clued in" and all goes smoothly.

Thank you to those who participated so faithfully in our weekday Lenten worship – you entered into the Season fully and with devotion.

Thank you to the Adult Enrichment Committee for hosting and sponsoring the Lenten pot luck suppers and thank you to all who participated.

Thank you to the Adult Enrichment Committee for planning and hosting the Forum on Vatican Council II. This even was truly a high point of the year for Saint Matthew's.

Thank you to those who gathered on Friday evening to pray for Peace – this effort and example is so very important.

Thank you to those who took time to pray for peace privately in the Chapel on Fridays between 3 and 7 pm.

Thank you to those who participated in the Mandatum on Holy Thursday – without your cooperation this important ritual could not take place.

Thank you to all who participated in the "outdoor" Stations of the Cross on Good Friday – the day was overcast and cold – BRRRRR, yet you stayed the course and made this prayer a memorable event.

Thank you to all who supported and assisted those who received Initiation Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Thank you to those who took up the collection for the hungry at our Palm Sunday Penance Services – this collection truly advances the central work of the Gospel.

Thank you to our maintenance people who carefully and faithfully clean and prepare our space for worship.

Thank you to the parish liturgy committee for coordinating and planning our worship.

Especially, Thank you to Dana McCarthy who is our "Ring Leader". She oversees the work of the liturgy committee, prepares and rehearses all the music, lays out and produces the worship aids, coordinates the various ministries – and always seems to be able to do this with a spirit of enthusiasm and delight.

And finally – thank you to all who bring your faith and devotion to worship – without you there is no church, there is no celebration, there is no observance of the Mystery of Christ.

You are the Church. The Mystery of Christ lives in you.

Thank you to visitors who augment our assembly and bring your enthusiasm and faith. Thank you to parents who bring their children with them – your children – noisy as they can be – are a delight!

Yours truly,
Stephen Adrian, Pastor
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES PRESENTED

Candidates will be presented to the Community at the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend. After mass, candidates and their family are invited to the social hall for light refreshments and a quick rehearsal. Confirmation is May 8 at the Cathedral.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED

First Communions will be celebrated at most weekend Masses between April 26 and June 1. First Communions this weekend: Peter Lorenzo Estrada, Jay Luna and Katie Luna (5:00 PM), Monica Duran, Emilio Ortega and Mark Coronel (10:30 AM). Please welcome them with open arms and offer them congratulations.

LIVING ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

On Tuesday in the Church at 7:00 PM. Installation of new Rosary officers will occur after this devotion. Intention of the Rosary World Peace and your personal intentions. Please plan on joining us for the Living Rosary.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Tuesday evenings May 6, 20 and 27 join us in the chapel for rosary and benediction at 7:00 PM in the chapel. Come pray the rosary for World Peace.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

Thanks to 48 donors who came, many of whom were “walk-ins” and our goal of 40 units was achieved with a total number of 41 units received. This means that 80 plus people will benefit from your gifts of life. Thank you to Fr. Steve for his encouraging words from the altar, to those who showed up to donate and for their patience because of a long wait to donate in many cases. Thanks, too, to those who volunteered to work at this blood drive. Several donors Jan Casillas, Mary Plante, Scott Goldenstein, Mary Bejblik, Fran Mrozak, Richard Weisman, Sr. Rita Wollschlager, Bob Nowak, Geraldine Bares and Mary Bushboch all received pins ranging from 1 gal. to 8 gal. of blood donated over the years. Thank you again and God’s blessing to all.

THANK YOU

St. Matthew’s Court #367 Catholic Order of Foresters extends their thanks to all those that worked for the fish fry on April 11th. The Officers of Court #367 C.O.F.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO SELL TOOTSIE ROLLS

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls after all Masses this weekend. Please be generous in your support of their programs to help the mentally and physically disabled.

A SMALL BODY OF DETERMINED SPIRITS

Pax Christi Minnesota, St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church Justice and peace Coalition, and the Illusion Theater present an original, new play on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 7:30 PM at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 1500 Franklin Ave. SE in Minneapolis. “A Small Body of Determined Spirits tells the stories of five individuals, men and women, who have different experiences, perspectives and interactions with the Peace Movement. Following the performance will be a discussion on waging peace with the actors and audience. This performance is free due to a generous gift from The Sexton Family Foundation. This performance will be dedicated to the memory and life of Bishop Lucker, leader of Pax Christ Minnesota for many years. For more information call Florence at 651-696-1642. For directions call 612-339-3020 or see www.cabrinimn.org

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	April 27
12:00 PM	Baptism
12:30 PM	Baptism
Monday	April 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	April 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Living Rosary Installation of - Rosary Officers
Wednesday	April 30
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	May 1
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
Friday	May 2
Saturday	May 3
Sunday	May 4
12:00 PM	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 20: \$5650.00
 Easter envelopes and plate for April 20: \$7867.25
 Youth treasure for April 20: \$34.20
 School Education Envelopes: \$45.00

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 27	8:00 AM	Lloyd Erickson, Sadie Monsour Juli Hafiz
	10:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday, April 28		Parishioners
Tuesday, April 29		Carol G. Schubring
Wednesday, April 30		Lorraine White
Thursday, May 1		
Friday, May 2	6:45 AM	Parishioners
	5:15 PM	Bernard Ferber Wesley D. Wiler
Saturday, May 3		Margaret Przblek, John and Irene Pacht, Carol Kilberg
Sunday, May 4	8:00 AM	Clarence Kammerer Agnes DeFoe
	10:30 AM	George W. Reiland Bertha Monzel Lawrence Lang

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 27, 2003
 Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 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: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Dir. Pastoral Ministry *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*
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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

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 Education Advisory Michele Edwards
 Liturgy