

The Community of St. Matthew

St. Matthew's 12th Annual
Red and White Endowment Dinner
"Faith in Every Student"



Saturday, April 23, 2005

Liturgy: 5:00 p.m.

Social/Silent Auction: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:45 p.m.

Chicken Marsala

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Prince Edward Vegetables

Salad

Rolls/Butter

Dessert

Coffee

"The Game" to follow

1st prize - \$1,500

2nd prize - \$750

3rd prize - \$300

Tickets are available for purchase after all weekend masses and during the week at the parish center and school office.

The ticket proceeds support St. Matthew's School endowment fund, the interest on which is used to provide financial assistance to St. Matthew's students and to provide continuing education for St. Matthew's staff.

Money raised at the Silent Auction goes directly to the school's operating budget.

KLT will offer child care the night of the event. Call Jennifer at #651-665-0786 for more information.

For general information about this wonderful evening please call the school office at #651-224-6912.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter. We are in the Easter Season. Easter is more than a Feast; Easter is a period of time when we celebrate and walk deeply in the mystery of the Risen Lord. The season culminates with the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost -- the rounding out and fulfillment of the Resurrection of Jesus.

During the Easter Season we will initiate young people to the table fellowship through the ritual of First Holy Communion. This practice brings young, baptized persons into full "communion" with the Church. These events are family events and take place on successive Sundays of Easter at one or other of the Sunday liturgies. It is important for the whole community to welcome these young people to the Table of the Lord. First Communion is not a "private" moment -- it is a "community" moment, a time when a young person is incorporated more deeply in the church community. For that reason, at Saint Matthew's we celebrate this moment in the life of a young person with the community of which they and their family are a part.

We also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with young adults at the Saint Paul Cathedral. These young adults have been preparing for this sacrament all school year. In the Sacrament of Confirmation they are fully initiated into the life of the Church and are called upon to exercise their responsibilities as full members and they are entitled to all the rights of full members of the Church. At Saint Matthew's we generally celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10th grade -- a practice

encouraged and urged by the Archdiocese. It is believed that at 10th grade a young person has the maturity and the clarity to make a faith decision for himself or herself; he/she certainly has more maturity than the student who is a seventh or eighth grader.

The Sacrament is celebrated at the Cathedral because Confirmation incorporates a young adult into a large church community -- the local church, the Catholic community of the Archdiocese. It is for that reason that the Archbishop is the ordinary and regular celebrant of Confirmation.

The Easter Season is the high point of the Church year. We truly celebrate and express who we are as the Body of Christ, and we initiate new members of the church through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Use these moments as opportunities to recall your own initiation into the church. Do you know where you were baptized? Do you have a copy of your baptism certificate? Do you ever revisit the church of your baptism? The same questions could apply to First Communion and Confirmation. Those events are sacred events in your life and events which are meant to mark you as a member of the Body of Christ. These events have conferred upon you an identity and a dignity as disciple of the Lord.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW'S

The new Constitution of the Church of St. Matthew is ready for parishioners to review and ratify. Parish Council members have been developing the new constitution for several months, and are eager to have the parish community see it. Paper copies are available at the back of church this weekend. An especially important section is Article III, Membership, and Nomination and Selection of Members by Discernment Process. This section explains the process which is replacing the election process for new council members. This Easter season will be the second time we will use the discernment process. Please spend some time reading the entire document and preparing to vote next weekend, April 9 and 10.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

10:30 AM Mass: Lindsay Rae Trost, Raylene Thompson and Dignisio Zafke-Varela.

ILLUMINATING THE WORD: THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

The title of a new exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Perhaps you've seen the TPT show about this monumental project of St. John's University. Talented artists and calligraphers using both medieval techniques and 21st century computer technology have been working for years, and it's not finished yet! The Parish Enrichment committee has arranged for a tour of this beautiful exhibit for members of the St. Matthew's community. The date is Sunday, April 24, at 2 p.m. The tour lasts 30 minutes and there is video to watch after the tour. Price is \$5. If you are interested, please leave your name and payment at the Parish office by 12 noon Friday, April 8. There are no exceptions to this deadline, as payment must be made two weeks ahead. We will meet in the lobby of the Art Institute, 2400 Third Ave. S. in Minneapolis, at 1:45 p.m. on April 24. If you need a ride, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office when you reserve your spot, and a member of the Enrichment Committee will contact you. We need a minimum of 10 people for the tour; it will be cancelled if we don't have this number. Hope you can join us!

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Centering Prayer Group will meet on the following Saturdays in April: April 2, 16 and 30. The time is 9:30-11:30 AM. Please feel free to join us. There is a library of spiritual reading located in the Meeting Room at the parish center. You are welcome to check out books. The library is self serve, both check out and return.

A BIG "THANK YOU!"

To everyone who helped enrich the Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgies this year with your time and talent. Thank you to those who participated in our Holy Thursday Foot Washing and Chapel Procession and Vigil. Thank you to those who dressed the altar during our Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil liturgies. Thank you to the cross and candle bearers at our Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Thank you to all our faithful lectors, communion ministers, altar servers and ushers/greeters. Thank you to our MC/Sacristans who handled the extra demands of special ritual and crowd management with liturgical grace (Mary Ann, Anne, Joanne, Ginny, Doris, Carol, Katie). Thank you to those who helped produce over 1000 worship aids & kept Dana out of the looney bin for Holy Week: Gerry, Eileen, Bernie, Joanne, Jonelle, Jeanne & Julianna. Thank you to everyone who helped with the high demands of an ever changing environment: Jan, Samantha, Peter, Dan, Mark, Lu, Ron, Pat, Joanne, Gerry, Kali who spent MANY hours memorizing and rehearsing their presentation: Anthony, Sadie, Samantha, Brian, Daniel, Anne, Becca G, Rebecca B. and Chelsea. Thank you to the Men's Club and Jackie for their leadership at the 8:00 AM Easter Mass. And finally, thank you to our hard working music ministers: Our Adult Choir, Cantors & Instrumentalists -- Rachel, Theresa S, Larry, Denny, Dana D., Linda, Arlene, Mary, Michele, Jaentra, Lori, Andy, Rich, Anthony, Jack, Carol, Paul, Liza, Theresa B.; Our Guitar Group -- Chris, Dan, Mark, Jake, Beth, Michelle, John; and our Adult HandBell Choir -- Kelsey, Bernie, Eunice, Joanne, Michelle, Liza, Vickie, and Pat. If anyone's name was missed, I'm sorry. Thank you to you ALL!!!

THANKS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS—CT. 367

Thank you to the Men's Club for all their work at our matching fund fish fry on March 18. We also thank all the other workers and school children who worked so hard. Due to the snow, the attendance was down. The profit was only \$1005.00 and Catholic Order of Foresters will match that amount.

LEISURE CLUB

St. Matthew's Leisure Club's April 13 meeting will be held in the Social Hall at 1:30 PM. Florie Petersen from Petersen's Travel will talk about cruises—especially Alaska!! She'll answer all your questions, what to pack, what to expect, etc. Everyone welcomed—refreshments will also be served. Any questions, call Gayle Stelter at 651-228-0856.

CORRECTION

There is a new contact person if you are interested in volunteering to help with the 25th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, please contact Steve Johnson at 612-725-2000, extension 2050.

CHILDREN'S AND TEEN'S STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for young people who were like to make contributions of time, talent and treasure to the St. Matthew Community.

HOST A CHILD FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10-or 11-year old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the program's 32 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this coming summer will arrive in the Twin Cities, June 27, 2005, and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 3, 2005. Call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at www.cpmi.org to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	April 3
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	April 4
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	April 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	April 6
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	April 7
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	April 8
Saturday	April 9
8:00 AM-1:30 PM	District Pinewood
SH	Derby
5:00 PM, MC	First Communions: Roberto Franco
Sunday	April 10
10:30 AM, MC	Ryan Martineau Stefon Randle
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

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$6,803.65
School Fund	\$50.00
Holy Day	\$6,754.00

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 3	8:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society, Arthur Geis
Monday, April 4	10:30 AM Parishioners Marie Cafilisch (Birthday)
Tuesday, April 5	Parishioners
Wednesday, April 6	World Peace
Thursday, April 7	Parishioners
Friday, April 8	
Saturday, April 9	Deceased members of the Haas Family
Sunday,	8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe
	Anthony Argo
	10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2005

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
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:	Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

QUILT RAFFLE WINNER

St. Matthew's Home and school would like to congratulate Bethany Ludka. The winner of the quilt Raffle. St. Matthew's appreciates the volunteer that donated the beautiful quilt to the Home and School. The money collected from this quilt raffle helps provides student activities for the students of St. Matthew's.

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.....	Dimary Rosado
Dir. Marketing & Development.....	Maureen Gitlin
Business Administrator	
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 651-454-5021

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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Larry Sachi	Connie Aligada

Committee Chairs

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