

The Community of St. Matthew



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**Confirmation
Cathedral of St. Paul
May 4, 2006**

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend the Annual Red and White Gala takes place on Saturday evening after the 5:00 pm Mass. This annual event helps fund the Saint Matthew Educational Endowment. This modest \$300,000 educational endowment is invested and maintained by the Catholic Community Foundation. Annually Saint Matthew receives a check for a portion of the annual investment return. The principal is never touched, and as the principal grows the annual interest return to Saint Matthew's grows.

A donation to this endowment is a good way to make a gift to your parish education ministry that will work for generations to provide opportunities to young people of our community. Gifts are made annually by parish members, community institutions, alumni of Saint Matthew's School and bequests. The educational endowment is made up of four sources:

The Saint Matthew Scholarship Fund
The Tom Cullen Scholarship fund
The George Gubash Scholarship Fund
The Pastor's Scholarship Fund

Our education ministry to young people includes Saint Matthew's Day School, Saint Matthew's Religious Education, Saint Matthew's Child Care and Saint Matthew's KLT extended day program. This is an ambitious program for an inner city parish to undertake. Yet, the education of the young

has been a principal piece of our parish mission since the beginning, 1886.

This ministry is offered to the community. More and more the children enrolled are neighborhood children, but not necessarily children of parish families. So, this ministry is a work of evangelization. We continue in this work not because our students are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.

The financial struggle to maintain this effort is great. Often people say, "You can't afford to do this work". Well, we have never been able "to afford" this diverse ministry. That has not kept us from doing it. And we will do it as long as we can.

As the years go on, the cost of education grows by leaps and bounds, the ability of our families to afford education becomes less and less, and we must find new sources of income to support our work.

I encourage your continued support of our education ministry. We play a vital role in the lives of families. In some instances we are the only opportunity families have for a value centered and safe educational environment.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 29, 5:00 PM: Joseph Smith, Marissa Ruiz, Santino Satar, Andre Huerta-Friedman.
Sunday, April 30, 10:30 Mario Sierra, Micaela Remackel, Nia Rivera-Prescott, Calla Morrissey and Ruby Tetmeyer. Please welcome them to the Lord's table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

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.*

VOTING ON THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

After several meetings and discussions, the Constitution is now ready to be voted on. Copies of the Constitution and related materials are available in the back of Church, on the website or by calling the Parish Center. On Saturday May 6 at 4:00 PM and Sunday May 7 at 9AM in the Church proper, some Council members will be available to answer any questions. Voting will take place on Saturday May 20 and Sunday May 21 before and after the Masses. Absentee ballots will be available after May 8 by contacting the Parish Center.

New Parish Council Members Being Sought

We are now beginning the discernment process for the next Parish Council members which culminates on Pentecost Sunday (June 4). If feel you are called or you know someone who you believe might be a good candidate, please give the name to the Parish Center office. These people will be contacted by a member of the current Parish Council. They will be expected to attend two informational and discernment meetings on Wednesday May 10 at 7:00 PM and Sunday May 21 at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center. This is a very important position in our Parish and we are looking for persons who are willing to help give direction to our ongoing mission. If you have any questions, please contact a current Council member or call the Parish Office.

COFFEE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

All are welcome to stop by after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday masses for coffee and donuts staffed by Family Sunday - thanks. . To the folks bringing in baked goods thanks from all of us who enjoy your work (including St. Matt's school kids at lunch). All items offered are welcome and get eaten. Please note that next week (5/7/06) there will be no coffee hour as the Men's Club will be hosting the St. Matthew's student athletes breakfast. Coffee Hour will resume 5/14/06 and hosted by the St. Matthew's Student Council.



KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAY

St. Matthew's School will host a Kindergarten Visit Day on Friday, May 12 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Visit Day is open to all students who will be entering Kindergarten in the 2006 - 2007 school year and are either enrolled or considering

enrollment at St. Matthew's School. Students will participate in free play, art, singing and other activities. To make your reservation please call Peg Mike in the school office at 651-224-6912. We look forward to meeting you. Registration for grade 1-8 is ongoing, please call the school office to set up a time to tour the school or to receive a registration packet.

QUILT RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Barbara Kraft for winning the beautiful quilt, raffled off by the St. Matthew's Home and School Association, on April 7. The quilt was donated for raffle by Barb Ludins, aunt of students Samantha and Ben Plante. Thank you very much to everyone who entered the raffle.

CHILD CARE IS GEARING UP FOR SUMMER

The St. Matthew's Child Care Center is gearing up for another summer of fun. Due to the number of field trips and other activities the Center is requesting donations of paper products to be used on these days. Special needs include paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, plastic silverware and paper towels. Donations may be brought directly to the Center during the week or to the back of the church (near the collection bins) after masses. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 through 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA

The Parish Council will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 6:45 PM in the parish center. Facilitator and Contact Person: Becky Montgomery

Draft Agenda:

- I. Approval of April 5th, 2006 Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Report from Finance Committee
- IV. Voting Process for Ratification of Parish Constitution
- V. Spring 2006 Discernment Process for Parish Council Membership
- VI. Review Written Committee and Task Force Reports
- VII. Report on Parish Council Initiatives
 - A. Brochures and Communications—Connie
 - B. Parish Council Annual Meeting—Becky
 - C. Parish Enrichment Plan for Lifelong Learning—Lucus
 - D. Stewardship—John
 - E. Hospitality Events
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Agenda Items for June 2006 Parish Council Meeting

Adjourn

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

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| Sunday | April 30 |
| 12:00 PM, CH | Baptism |
| 12:30 PM, CH | Baptism |
| Monday | May 1 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:45 PM, XC | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | May 2 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| Wednesday | May 3 |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| Thursday | May 4 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 5:00 PM, MC | Youth Choir |
| 7:00 PM, MC | Adult Choir |
| 7:00 PM, | Confirmation— Cathedral |
| Friday | May 5 |
| Saturday | May 6 |
| 5:00 PM, MC | First Communion Hannah Delmont |
| Sunday | May 7 |
| 10:30 AM, MC | First Communions Claudia Rosario, Albert Burns, Maya Tackaberry |
| 11:30 AM, SH | St. Matthew's School Athletic Banquet |
| 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

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| Plate and envelope-April 16 | \$7,112.29 |
| Needed per week: | \$9,457.00 |
| Plate & envelope to date: | \$390,350.00 |
| Need to date: | <u>\$406,651.00</u> |
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| School Fund | \$100.00 |
| Holy Day | \$188.00 |

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

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| Sunday, April 30 | 8:00 AM +Ed Maher +Dorothy Kammerer 10:30 AM +Klotine Mosby Parishioners |
| Monday, May 1 | Parishioners |
| Tuesday, May 2 | +James and Carol Kilburg |
| Wednesday, May 3 | Klingner Family, +Arthur Geis |
| Thursday, May 4 | World Peace |
| Friday, May 5 | 6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace |
| Saturday, May 6 | +George Lackner, +John Williams, +Joseph Karas, Sr. +Joseph Karas, Jr. |
| Sunday, May 7 | 8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society, +Helen Savard 10:30 AM Parishioners |

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 30, 2006

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| Sunday: | Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48 |
| Monday: | Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29/ Mt 13:54-58 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14 |
| Thursday: | Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51 |
| Friday: | Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59 |
| Saturday: | Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69 |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18 |

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office 651-224-9793
 Web site: st-matts.org
 Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon.....*Rev. John Murphy*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator..... *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 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*

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| Becky Montgomery * | Larry Sachi |
| Marty Olson | John Sekevitch |
| Connie Aligada | Sister Joanna Illg |
| Lucus Ecker | Mark Thomford |
| Tony Joe Wenker | Stephen Adrian |
| *- Facilitator | |

Committee Chairs

Finance..... *Linda Sellars*
 Education Advisory..... *Richard Dunn*