

# The Community of St. Matthew

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God's love.*

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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Today is Easter Sunday. Today we celebrate God's reconciliation of all creation through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Gospels tell us that on Good Friday, late in the afternoon, a man named Joseph came to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, and asked if he could claim the body of Jesus of Nazareth. Pilate gives permission to take possession of Jesus' body. With the assistance of a number of women – including Mary, the mother of Jesus – Joseph removes the mutilated and torn body of Jesus from the cross of execution and hurriedly arranges for the burial of his body in a new tomb hewn out of a rock. There is no time to complete the burial rites according to Jewish custom because sun set is occurring and the Sabbath begins. So, Joseph wraps the body of Jesus in a linen winding cloth and leaves it in the tomb. To keep the body from being molested by dogs or rodents and to keep it from being stolen he rolls a large stone to the entrance of the tomb and Joseph, along with the women accompanying him, leaves the tomb and all return to their homes to keep the Sabbath.

Early on Sunday morning women return to the tomb and bring with them the spices and ointments necessary to wash the body, anoint it and complete the burial rituals. They arrive at the tomb and find the large stone has been rolled back and the tomb is empty!

During Sunday Jesus appears to many people throughout the day, as the Gospels testify. He is risen. He is seen by many, although most at first do not recognize him. His "glorified" body is no long bound by physical laws – he appears and disappears, he passes through solid object; yet he is physical and people touch his flesh – the wounds in his hands and side.

"Resurrection" is the term we give to what occurred in that tomb between Friday evening and early Sunday morning. During that time God caused the torn and mutilated dead body of Jesus to be transformed into what we call a "glorified" body. During that time the Jesus of Good Friday becomes the Jesus of Easter. Did this transformation take place slowly over a period of hours? Did this transformation take place in the twinkling of an eye? The "how" is hidden. No one was inside of that tomb; no one saw what happened and how it happened. Eye witnesses record the actions surrounding the dead Jesus of Good Friday, and eye witnesses record the experience of encountering the risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

The mystery of the resurrection is the mystery of the tomb; it is the work of God in recreating reality and turning business as usual upside down. It is the mystery of creation made new.

The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins says of the resurrection, from that moment on "the world is charged with the grandeur of God."

We need the eyes of faith to "see" our world made new. We need the eyes of faith to "see" the world reflect the grandeur of God. Easter is a mystery of faith, Easter is a way of life, and Easter is a way of being. We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTION

Pastoral Council selection process will be completed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Parishioners are invited to enter the discernment process, or to suggest the names of others who should be invited [current council members will do the inviting]. Contact any one of the council members--or call the parish office--for more information.

#### BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scout Troop 288 will hold it's Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at St. Michael's Church in the cafeteria, 335 E. Hurley Street, West. St. Paul. Cost for the all-the-pancakes-you-can-eat breakfast, which includes orange juice, sausages, milk and coffee is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under and \$16.00 for Family (includes children 12 and under). Tickets will be available at the door. Takeout is also available.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE FREE TUTORING IN READING THIS SUMMER?

The East Side Learning Center will provide one-on-one tutoring in reading this summer for students from St. Paul in grades K-4. Students need to attend every day, Monday through Friday, from June 28 through July 20 for one hour. Tutoring will take place both in the mornings and afternoons at North End Elementary, 27 E. Geranium Av. Student does not need to be in summer school to attend tutoring. There is a \$5 non-refundable registration fee or special arrangements can be made. Call (651) 793-7331 for more information or to register. Openings will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Registrations close June 15.

TRADITIONAL LEBANESE DINNER

Holy Family Maronite Church is having a traditional Lebanese dinner on Sunday, April 18, 2010, serving from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Holy Family Dining Hall, 1960 Lexington Avenue South, Mendota Heights. Tickets: \$15.00 Full Dinner, \$8.00 Half Dinner. Take out items available at deli counter. Ticket sales end April 11. Call 651-291-1116 for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH GIVING

Here is the total of children and youth giving for the first three months of 2010: \$104.98, Thank you! Here are the totals by envelope number: 21 total: \$2.00, 22 total: \$1.28, 23 total: \$0.75, 24 total: \$3.00, 25 total: \$1.00, 26 total: \$4.00, 29 total: \$9.75, 30 total: \$20.00, 31 total: \$2.25, 33 total: \$1.00, 41 total: \$3.25, 42 total: \$3.25, 44 total: \$5.00, 45 total: \$11.05, 46 total: \$18.00, 47 total: \$10.00, 48 total: \$1.40, 52 total: \$5.50, 53 total: \$1.00, 56 total: \$1.00, 63 total: \$0.50. Thank you all for your faithful stewardship!

THE CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

“Why Germany Loves Jews: Jewish Life in Berlin Today” Leslie Morris, associate professor of German literature at the U of M, is lecturing on the fast growing Jewish population in Berlin. She will explore the enormous changes that have taken place since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, including the vital role of the American Jewish community in the rebuilding of Jewish life in Germany. Included is a photographic tour of Jewish Berlin. This event is Free and Open to the Public. It takes place April 13, 2010, at 7:30 PM, Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Avenue, 651-698-3881.



THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 4</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
8:00 AM, MC	Mass
10:30 AM, MC	Mass
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, PC	Liturgy Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 6</b>
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 7</b>
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
3:30 PM, PC	Finance Committee
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
6:30 PM, PC	Festival Committee
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 8</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 11</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*In the second reading today, Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “be intent on the things above rather than on the things of earth.” We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!*

Sharing

\$7,052 was given in the four usual ways. Thank you. That is \$3,098 ahead of last year, but \$615 less than two years ago.

Other donations: \$358 in school envelopes; \$230 in envelopes for Easter; \$13 for Romanian orphan children. Thank you.

Also, \$1,002 was given after the penance service to help with the feeding and housing of the poor in the city. Thank you to all who are helping with this part of the mission of our parish.

CHALLENGE: thanks for the first responses to the challenge by a parishioner couple. The window for this challenge will be open until ‘tax day.’ Please mark your donation accordingly: ‘regular donation’ and ‘challenge donation’. Thank you. [For those who are reading this the first time: the challenge is to raise \$7,000 to cover the regular collection shortfall; the parishioner couple will match, dollar-for-dollar, each dollar given for this effort.]

Service: Choir practice... money counter... liturgy committee.

Prayer: Daily mass, rosary, scripture reading... family intercessory prayer.

Children: They gave: \$6.00, Thank you! They wrote: helped rake yard... cleaned living room... vacuuming living room... entertained my sister... let my brother have the chair he wanted

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 4, 2010

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*  
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... *Shar LaVelle*  
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 Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
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 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Prayer line ..... 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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*

Karen Thompson                      Georgann Henjum  
 Connie Aligada                      Joyce Osborne  
 Jason Delmont                      Anthony Minus  
 Dean Steinbrenner                      Chris Stevens  
 Stephen Adrian                      David Burrows