

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For more than a year plans have developed to update our parish census. Recently the Archdiocese has acquired software which all parishes will use for their accounting and record keeping.

A hard working committee has spent many hours developing a comprehensive census form which will allow us to have current and accurate information about parish members and households. This will become one common data base which all departments of parish life can use. Up to this time each parish program and organization had to develop its own data base – this duplication of effort and time will no longer take place.

Some parishioner information will be held secure by the parish office and not offered to other parish programs or organizations, e.g. a parishioner's contribution record. No information, including name, address and phone number will be shared with any person or organization other than parish programs. **We do not make our membership list available to any outside interest.**

You will receive a census form and instruction sheet to record information. You will also receive a return envelope to use in returning the census information to the Church office through mail or by placing it in

the Sunday collection basket.

I appeal to all parish households to take the time and make the effort to fill out a census sheet and return it.

Because this is a central data base you will not need to duplicate this information for educational programs or parish clubs and societies; neither will you have to provide this information to schedulers for parish ministries and volunteer efforts. This system is efficient and saves you time and effort.

Additional packets will be available at Church and in the parish office. If you have friends or neighbors who would like to join the parish, please provide them with a registration/census packet.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by The Chris and Stevens Family – thanks... All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 5, 5:00 PM - Adam Lannon, Mikeala Wild, Alexa Wild, Riley Wild. Sunday, April 6, 10:30 AM - Elias Jackson, Xavier McCoy, Marcus Harvey, Kaleb Carroll. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

LEISURE CLUB

St. Matthew's Leisure Club meet on Wednesday, April 9, at 1:30 PM in the social hall. Please come and bring a friend!

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join St. Matthew's School families for an evening of good food and lively conversation on Thursday, April 17, from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Arby's/S'barro on Robert Street. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school receives 20% of your total order. Hope to see you there.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PAINTING RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling chances to win a beautiful framed painting of flowers by Robert Lau. The chances are \$5 apiece, or 3 for \$10. You may see the painting and buy a chance after each Mass. The painting is valued at \$800. The proceeds from the painting will be used to fund the Wakota Life Care Center on 1140 Robert Street. Don Danneker and Joe Stevens from the Knights, will be in the back of the church at all Masses selling chances. Thank you for your support.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next Rosary Society Meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, at 6:45 in the social hall. A panel of guests and members have been invited to update us about the Catholic Worker House on the West Side, Casa Guadalupana, which is in the works to move into the St. Matthew's Rectory house. All women parishioners are invited to attend.

MINISTRY FAIR

St. Matthew's will be hosting the 3rd Annual Ministry Fair on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 -27 following all Masses. Everyone is invited to attend to see the many wonderful opportunities there are for involvement in our Parish. If you would like to be included in the Ministry Fair and have not been contacted, please call Jason Delmont at 651-225-8103 or e-mail at jandjdelmont@comcast.net. We'll see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER

The West Saint Paul Knights of Columbus are holding The Sixth Annual Knights for Life Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction to benefit Wakota Life Care Center. Since 1976, Wakota Life Care Center, on Robert Street near Signal Hills Shopping Center, has provided alternatives to abortion programs that support, encourage and assist women in carrying their pregnancies to term. In 2006 they assisted over 2000 women and provided their babies with critical needs. Wakota also provides immunizations, doctor visits and medical assistance to the women in financial need. The event will be Saturday May 3, 6:00 p. m. at St. Joseph's Church, 1154 Seminole West St. Paul. Tickets or more information call Dave Plum at 651-686-2806. *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Jeremiah 1:5*

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	April 6
Monday	April 7
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	April 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Home and School
6:45 PM, SH	Rosary Society
Wednesday	April 9
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club
Thursday	April 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	April 11
Saturday	April 12
Sunday	April 13
10:30 AM, MC	Confirmation
	Students Presented
	at Mass

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

Sharing: Stewardship contributions last weekend—the 5th weekend of March—were \$7418. Thank you.

As well there was \$200 given in holyday envelopes; \$75 in school fund envelopes; \$62.25 in Rice Bowls and \$5 given for the food shelf.

A check was written at the end of March for \$323 for Neighborhood House food shelf. That amount is 50% of the money given for that purpose. [The balance is kept here for emergency response.] Thanks to each person who chooses to fund this important outreach effort.

Young People’s stewardship: \$10.25, Thanks! They wrote about saying mealtime payers and helping to fold clothes.

Annual Catholic Appeal—now is the time for action. The Archdiocese has a “follow-up phoning” program in place for all non-responders. You can save your household the interruption of a phone call by filling out the response form—regardless of the amount [if any].

Reunion Sunday is in 4 weeks. All St. Matt’s school alums are invited to worship at the 10:30AM Mass that day; to enjoy a complimentary brunch and then tour the school. Extra effort is being taken to make sure all those in the anniversary classes: 25, 30, 35, 40...75, 80 are invited. Will you help by inviting someone you know? RSVPs are necessary for brunch: 651-224-6912; alumni@st-matts.org; 490 Hall Av.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 6, 2008

- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- 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 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Cherri Trapp*
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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Phone Numbers

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline 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*

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
 Jason Delmont Mark Thomford
 Tony Palmer Sheila Brunelle
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