

The Community of St. Matthew



© LPI

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The closer one comes to the center of the mystery of faith the harder it is to find words to express the reality therein contained.

So, no Sunday is more important to celebrate and more difficult to preach on than is Easter.

Resurrection is that dynamic recreation that renders all new and alive. We can talk about the condition before and what we see after – what we have not seen and can not see is “Resurrection”.

On Later Friday afternoon His bloodied and torn body is hastily wrapped in a shroud and laid to rest in a newly hewn grave close by the site of His crucifixion. A stone is rolled to the entrance of the tomb and all depart.

On the third day, early in the morning, as the sun was breaking through the clouds of night, women come to the tomb to finish the burial preparations. They find the stone rolled away, the tomb empty and two men in white tell them “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

Jesus appears to hundreds of disciples in the following days. He is “transformed” – initially unrecognized, but then seen to be himself.

What happened in that dark tomb between sun down on Friday and sun up on Sunday? What is this mischief God did? Did “resurrection” happen in the twinkling of an eye? Did “resurrection” occur slowly, over a period of many hours? There were no eye-witnesses.

What we do know is:

1. Resurrection is beyond human experience and human ability. It is the work of God. In resurrection the final enemy is destroyed – and that enemy is sin and death.
2. The process or event of resurrection transforms and renews the human person – the human body is glorified.
3. Jesus is the first to be raised, and then all who believe in Him.
4. Resurrection begins in the waters of Baptism and at the Table of the Eucharist as we are more deeply configured to Jesus the Lord in His suffering, dying and rising in glory.
5. Resurrection is complete in the Kingdom of Heaven.
6. As Christ becomes more and more real to us; we begin to hunger more and more for heaven and a perfect union with Him.

We are a new creation. The old has passed away and all things are made new. Resurrection is our destiny. We are Easter people; and Alleluia is our song.

I wish you the joy of this Easter Feast and Season. Turn your back on yesterday, and turn your face to the rising sun – you and I are a disciples of Jesus, so Easter is our feast.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

P A R I S H E V E N T S

RED AND WHITE DINNER TICKETS

This year's Red and White Endowment Dinner is the kick off to the school's celebration of its 120th Anniversary. The dinner and silent auction will take place on Saturday, April 14. Tickets are available after all masses. Tickets may also be purchased at the school or parish office during regular office hours. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, April 11,

NO COFFEE HOUR NEXT TWO WEEKS

There will be no coffee hour this Sunday due to the Easter holiday. Next week, April 15 the Confirmation candidates and their families will have a light brunch after the 10:30 AM Mass, so there will be no coffee hour. Join us again on April 22. Volunteers are need to staff future coffee hours. Call John at 651-221-0871

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

We will meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:45 PM in the Social Hall. Maureen Gitlin, Director of Marketing for the school, will talk about her duties and experiences.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL SECRET GARDEN PROJECT

Mrs. Volkenant's 4th and 5th Grade science students at St. Matthew's School are creating an indoor garden on the landing between the main and second floors. Already we have received generous donations of seeds, soil, pots, watering cans, and starter trays from Gerten's Garden Center. Lilydale Garden Center donated two very large planters which will grace the front entrance to our school. If you happen to be visiting either of these businesses please thank them for their generous donations. Our vision is of an abundant flower garden; so if you have plant cuttings, pots, or any other gardening materials, please consider donating them to our project. If you wish to make a donation, please call Lynn Volkenant at the school, 651-224-6912. Please feel free to stop by the school and see the progress of our gardening efforts.

LEISURE CLUB

The Leisure Club will meet on Wednesday, April 11, at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. Special program featuring West St. Paul police officer talking on "Safety Issues." Also June luncheon tickets will be on sale for \$10.00. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

HOME AND SCHOOL ANNOUNCES QUILT WINNER

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the beautiful quilt which was donated by Barbara Ludins, aunt of two of our students. Congratulations to the winner, Betty Waschbusch! Proceeds from the quilt raffle help fund the Home and School's scholarship program for middle school students at St. Matthew's.

THANK YOU TO THE MEN'S CLUB

Another successful season of Lenten Fish Frys has come to a close. Thanks to the Men's Club for their enthusiastic and faithful dedication to this six week endeavor of serving a delicious meal, building community and sharing the proceeds with seven parish organizations.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 8, 2007

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
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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 10:30 AM, MC	April 8 Baptism
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	April 9 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, SH	April 10 Loaves and Fishes Rosary Society Meeting
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:30 PM, SH 3:00 PM, SH 8:00 PM, SH	April 11 St. Mary's Clinic Leisure Club Loaves and Fishes Men's Club
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	April 12 Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
Friday	April 13
Saturday 9:00 AM, PC 5:00 PM, MC 6:00 PM, SH	April 14 Centering Prayer First Communion Red and White Endowment Dinner
Sunday 10:30 AM, MC 11:30 PM, SH 4:00 PM, SC	April 15 First Communion Confirmation Candidates presented at Mass Confirmation Brunch Pack 107 Meeting

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 things of earth.” We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Thank you for the following examples and encouragement witnessed on the stewardship envelopes. You are invited to take time each week to reflect on your life of prayer and service the previous week. Please be an example by witnessing to your own life of prayer and good works.

Prayer: morning and evening prayers daily; participated in First Friday adoration; prayed for the sick; participated in Scripture study; attended daily Mass; was faithful to mealtime prayer.

Service give rides to others; Meals on Wheels; phoned Seniors; read with students; volunteered at my child’s school; helped the kindergarten teacher get ready for conferences; let someone else win at cards

Sharing: last weekend, in envelopes, plate, and electronic transfer: \$9807. Thank you. Other amounts given: \$2478 for “food and housing” from Penance services; \$1838 to Romanian Orphans; \$1096 in school envelopes and plate; \$296 for Annual Catholic Appeal; \$229 for holyday; \$44 for initial, fuel and assessment. Thank you for all; each of these dollars will be put in the appropriate fund and/or delivered to the proper recipients.

Young people’s stewardship: \$11.46. A few of them wrote about the time they spent in prayer. Examples of time spent in service this week were doing chores, helping a neighbor, and drew a picture for my brother.

Electronic giving: last weekend a number of parishioners joined the growing number who are giving by automatic deduction. If you are interested, please call the parish office and the simple process can be begun.

Windows update: Thank you! Thank you! As of last weekend, enough money has been donated for exactly 100 windows! Only 32 left! Still time! Please call the parish office if you can help us “finish this

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM –4:00 PM
 Web site: st-matts.org
 Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon.....*Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator.....*John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
 Dir. KLT Kids.....*Jennifer Slaten*
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
 Bookkeeper *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
 Child Care..... 651-224-1459
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail651-310-0830

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	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....
 Education Advisory Richard Dunn