

The Community of St. Matthew

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday Mass & Blessing of Palms—5:00 PM
Sunday Mass & Blessing of Palms—8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Parish Reconciliation Service—2:00 PM & 4:00 PM

Monday of Holy Week

Mass—6:45 AM
Individual Reconciliation—4:00 PM

Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass—6:45 AM & 12:10 PM
Individual Reconciliation—7:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass—6:45 AM & 12:10 PM
Individual Reconciliation—4:00 PM

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer—9:00 AM
Solemn Celebration of the Supper of the Lord—6:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration—7:00-10:00 PM

Good Friday

Morning Prayer—9:00 AM
Procession and Stations of the Cross—3:00 PM
Solemn Liturgy of the Word, Cross & Communion—6:00 PM

Holy Saturday-The Great Vigil

Morning Prayer—9:00 AM
Solemn Liturgy of Word, Light, Water & Eucharist—8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Easter Mass—8:00 & 10:30 AM

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A year and a half ago, Rafael Harrington, a graduate of Saint Matthew's School, Cretin Derham Hall and St John's University, spoke at Mass of his desire to volunteer for two years assisting orphan kids in Honduras. We contributed more than \$7000 to help him do this. He writes back to tell us of his work. Rafael will be back at St. Matthew's on May 20-21 to speak to us of his work. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please send your contribution to the Church office and mark it "Farm of the Child".

Stephen Adrian

Dear Friends and Family.

I hope you find yourselves well settled as winter dies down and new life eagerly waits its beginning. I write to you from the Farm of the Child in Honduras, Central America.

I want to update and share with you a little of my experience on and off the orphanage and what we have been up to recently. I got a chance to go to Venezuela for about nine days during December. It was a very short trip but filled with so many emotions. I was so happy to once again see my Venezuelan family after 15 months of not seeing them. Finding out certain realities about my family was painful such as family fights now and in the past. One of the hardest parts for me going back to Venezuela is trying to explain to them that I am currently living in Honduras volunteering in an orphanage and not getting paid. This is incomprehensible to them. How can I have a college degree, be a United States citizen and not be taking of the "endless" opportunities it offers me to make a lot of money? Most of my Venezuelan family cannot begin to comprehend why it is that I would work somewhere for two years and not want to get paid. I really have come to realize more and more that what I am doing is a great privilege that most people in the world don't have.

In January I got the opportunity to go on vacation with a family of five brothers from the orphanage. Two of them are adolescents that live with me in the house I am in charge of running. We went to a town that is about two hours away to go visit their family, which consist of mostly uncles and cousins. It was so great for me to see where they came from and better understand them. Going back brings them a lot of happiness but also awakens sad memories of when their mother and father were alive. As sad as their pasts may be, their spirituality and thanks to God always amazes me.

At the end of January and early February, Laura (a volunteer in charge of the adolescent girl's house) and I led a small two day retreat for the adolescent's boys and girls. The purpose of the retreat was to create community and friendship amongst the adolescents. It was a great success! This particular group of adolescents are more afraid to open up to others than the average adolescent. It makes sense; their parents have either died or are in no condition to be able to take care of them,

olunteers come and go every year, and not one person has been a consistent adult figure in their lives. We are working on them creating stronger bonds with one another because essentially, they themselves are all the family they have to support one another. We want them to create strong enough relationships so that they can maintain them for life and be there for one another. They were able to reach out to one another, affirm each other and let their guards down some and show the other adolescents that they are important to one another.

In hopes of continuing the community bonding amongst themselves, we are having a once a month testimony. This means the adolescents pick one Honduran person whom has a strong faith in Christ to give his or her life testimony, talk about his/her struggles and how they have overcome them. In doing this, we hope good conversations will spark up and the adolescents will feel more comfortable opening up to one another. After our first testimony, Wilder, one of our adolescent boys voluntarily was able to give his testimony to all the others adolescents and myself. It was so great to see Wilder face his fear of opening up to others and not worry about what they may think or say. Later on in the evening, he expressed to me that he fought his fear and made himself share things with all of us that he had never shared before. His hope is that others will one day get the courage to do what he did.

The "new" volunteers are well of on their way. They arrived in October and are now six months well into their work. One of them, named Kevin, lives with me at the adolescent house. He is in charge of maintenance at the Farm and supports me in any way that need be. He and I make a great team. Time has flown; it is hard for me to believe that I have been here for well over 17 months. I am trying to make the best of the little time that I have left here. This December I will be done with my 27 month commitment. I have been with the adolescent boys for a little over a year now and am extremely happy to be working with them. I have the honor of working with them over this next year as well.

We are working hard on better structuring their lives. When they move to my house (normally at age 15) they step into what we call phase two. It is a step in their life where they continue their education, learn a vocation, gain independence, learn about community living and sharing, work on creating a mentality of service to others, grow spiritually and share with one another their faith. Phase two is very important for phase 3 which is 100% living independently without having any support from the Farm. Essentially we want the older children to leave the Farm with good understanding of Honduran life and ready to attack it because they have been prepared in many aspects of life.

I want you to know that I pray for all of you that have and continue to support me through prayers, letters and finances. Without you my mission would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

Rafael

PARISH EVENTS

PREPARING FOR THE TRIDUUM

Have you checked out the sign-up sheets at the back of church? We need help with special ritual needs on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil). These are the holiest days of the liturgical year; your participation will enrich the entire community's experience as well as your own spiritual journey. (The dates are April 13, 14, 15.)

LITURGY OF THE HOURS "MORNING PRAYER"

will be celebrated in the church at 9:00 AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. This ancient liturgy offers 20-30 minutes of prayer in psalmody and scripture. Joining our voices to millions of others voices around the world, this prayer form marks the sanctity of time in God's creation. **On Holy Thursday**, the Liturgy Committee will begin preparing the church space for the Liturgies of the Triduum -- including some light cleaning of the chairs & wood surfaces. Come to pray and, if you have the time, stay to help prepare for the Great Three Days. We should be done cleaning before 11:00 AM.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING—TUESDAY, APRIL 11

The Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:45 in the Social Hall. We will elect officers for next year. The Deanery will meet on Thursday, April 20, at the Church of St. Peter in Mendota. The meeting begins at 8:30. The speakers include Deacon Marty Shanahan and Jo Tolck and Joe Langfeld of the Human Life Alliance. To register, call Beth Geis by Easter Sunday.

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone who participated. Saturday was a huge success, I hope you all feel the way I feel; knowing inside that we made the world a better place by helping just one school paint just one gym. I have pictures for anyone who is interested and hope your volunteer work does not end on April first 2006. Sincerely, Joe Foss

LEISURE CLUB MEETING—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

The Leisure Club will meet on Wednesday, April 12 at 1:30 PM in the social hall. Spring Luncheon tickets will be available. Bring a friend to celebrate spring.

SPECIAL FOOD SHELF COLLECTION—HOLY THURSDAY

We invited everyone attending the Holy Thursday evening service to bring a non-perishable food item to church. As always these gifts will be a part of our offertory procession. Thank you for your generous contributions to this ministry.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**Sunday**

2:00 PM, MC
4:00 PM, MC

Monday

3:00 PM, SH
4:00 PM, CH
6:45 PM, XC
7:00 PM, MC

Tuesday

7:15 AM, CH
3:00 PM, SH
7:00 PM, CH

Wednesday

9:00 AM, MC

12:00-7:00 PM, PC
3:00 PM, SH
4:00 PM, CH

Thursday

9:00 AM, MC
3:00 PM, SH
6:00 PM, MC

7:00-10:00 PM, CH
7:00 PM, PC

Friday

9:00 AM, MC
3:00 PM, MC

6:00 PM, MC

Saturday

9:00 AM, MC
8:00 PM, MC

Sunday

8:00 AM, MC
10:30 AM, MC

April 9

Parish Reconciliation
Parish Reconciliation

April 10

Loaves and Fishes
Individual Reconciliation
Boy Scout Meeting
Stations of the Cross

April 11

Individual Reconciliation
Loaves and Fishes
Individual Reconciliation

April 12

School Mass — Special
Friends Day
St. Mary's Clinic
Loaves and Fishes
Individual Reconciliation

April 13

Morning Prayer
Loaves and Fishes
Solemn Celebration of
the Supper of the Lord
Eucharistic Adoration
AA Meeting

April 14

Morning Prayer
Procession & Stations
of the Cross
Solemn Liturgy of the
Word, Cross and
Communion

April 15

Morning Prayer
The Great Vigil, Liturgy
of the Word, Light and
Eucharist

April 16

Easter Mass
Easter Mass

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 2 | \$9,512.18 |
| Needed per week: | \$9,457.00 |
| Plate & envelope to date: | \$363,792.00 |
| Need to date: | \$378,280.00 |
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| School Fund | \$952.00 |
| Holy Day | \$25.00 |

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished. sj. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday, April 9 | 8:00 AM Larry Simmons Robert J. Stickler, Sr. Richard Charbonneau, Jr. 10:30 AM Harry & Margaret Newmaster, Parishioners |
| Monday, April 10 | 6:45 AM Parishioners |
| Tuesday, April 11 | 6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace |
| Wednesday, April 12 | 6:45 AM World Peace 9:00 AM School Mass 12:10 PM Parishioners |
| Thursday, April 13 | 6:00 PM Solemn Celebration of the Supper of the Lord |
| Friday, April 14 | 3:00 PM Procession & Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Word, Cross & Communion |
| Saturday, April 15 | 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 PM Joseph Palermo |
| Sunday, April 16 | 8:00 AM Ralph O'Brien, Bill O'Donnell, Phillip Gilberg 10:30 AM Harry Borowicz, Joseph Karas, Sr., Joseph Karas, Jr. |

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 9, 2006

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| Sunday: | Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39 |
| Monday: | Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday: | Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| Wednesday: | Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25 |
| Thursday: | Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Rv 1:5-8/ Lk 4:16-21 |
| Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15 |
| Friday: | Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19:42 |
| Saturday: Vigil: | Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7 |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9, or Mk 16:1-7 |

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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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
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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

Must be a registered member. Couples make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon six months prior to wedding.

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

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