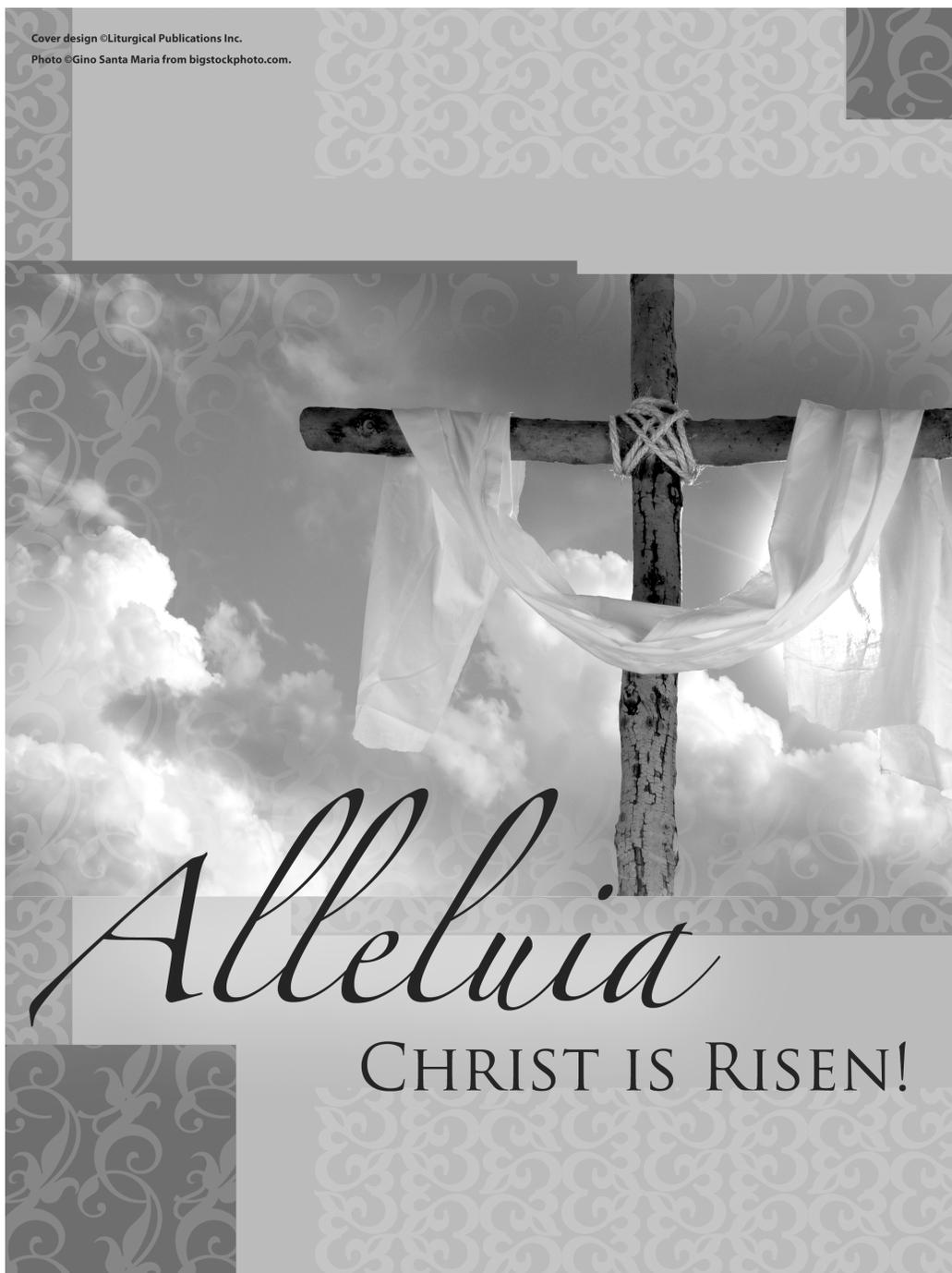


# The Community of St. Matthew

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

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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

May the peace of the Risen Lord fill your lives and the lives of all with whom you live and work.

Peace is the first gift of the Risen Lord to his disciples. On the night of Easter Sunday, while those disciples were gathered in the upper room with doors and windows shut and locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them.

He said to them: "Peace be with you."

The quest and yearning for peace – peace within and peace among peoples – is present in every age and ear of human life. Yet, the quest and yearning is for much more than the absence of conflict and disunity; it is the desire for that right relationship between creature and creator and the right relationship among human beings with each other.

Peace is founded on truth, justice, charity and freedom.

Without these four qualities peace is not possible. Oh, one might for a time experience détente, cease fire or a cold war; but true peace can not emerge unless first we recognize and become obedient to the truth – the ultimate truth of God, the source of all life.

The challenge which faces Western peoples is the secularity that makes no room for God and goes about businesses day after day as if God did not exist.

The acceptance of God, the source of life, who intervenes in creation and let's His will be known is able to draw people together as sisters and brothers, children of the

living God.

Conflicts throughout the world have economic, political, geographic, cultural and social components; yet the common faith of Muslims, Jews and Christians – a faith rooted in the promise of God to Abraham – can become the vehicle which allows for the pursuit of justice.

The children of Abraham share in the covenant promise of God to Abraham – the promise that Abraham would become the father of a multitude of peoples and that in Abraham the favor of God would grace humanity.

When we individually and collectively accept this truth we become in the words of Saint Francis "instruments of God's peace"; and we embrace the gift of the Easter Feast – "Peace is my gift to you".

Forty-six years ago today, just three weeks before his death, Blessed John XXIII spoke his final words to a world he loved and to all people of good will. His letter Pacem in Terris, Peace on Earth still provides for us a blue print for embracing the gift of peace through truth, justice, charity and freedom.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee hours after both Sunday masses are hosted and served by friends of the St. Matthew's Choir in support of St. Matthew's Choir. Our Choir performs for us week in and week out, September thru May, bringing their voices and songs to our liturgies. They've been serving St. Matthew's religious life for many years and today offers a chance for us to stop by the Social Hall where good things to eat and drink are offered and a chance for all to say thanks for their work. Thanks to everyone who supported last week's C4aC benefiting The School Sisters of Notre Dame and thanks to Nikki Stevens for stepping up to help. \$70.00 was raised.

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Werden Family for the gift of the new Easter Candle.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUCIL MEMBERSHIP

Parish pastoral council is seeking new membership and leadership. Whom do you know who should be invited into the discernment process? Please call the parish office, members will do the asking. 651-224-9793.

*Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. - Jn 20:8-9*

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD*

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Come check out St. Matthew's School on Thursday, April 16 from 7:00-8:00 PM - meet the principal, tour the building, learn about our curriculum. We are still accepting registrations for most grade levels for the 2009-2010 school year. Financial assistance is available. For more information call the school office at 651-224-6912.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!!!!** Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10- year or 11- year old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4,000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the Program's 35 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities June 30, 2009 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 6, 2009. Please call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at [www.cpni.org](http://www.cpni.org) to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Please join us on Friday, April 17 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall for Family Fun Night! Leave the cooking and cleaning to us and enjoy free hot dogs, games, cards and a screening of Walt Disney Pictures Bolt. Bring nothing but your family and friends for a fabulous night out of the house!

REUNION SUNDAY

Any and all alums are invited to return for Mass, brunch, and school tours. Sunday, May 3 is the date. Come to the social hall before Mass to get re-acquainted [rumor has it that some of the nuns who taught will also be present]; the brunch is complimentary for you and your family [RSVPs required]; and Sousa music is promised during the school tours—so all can remember the rite of dismissal! Call the parish office, 651-224-9793 to RSVP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT FOR WAKOTA LIFE CARE CENTER

The West Saint Paul Knights of Columbus are holding The Seventh Annual Knights for Life Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction to benefit Wakota Life Care Center. Since 1976, Wacota Life Care Center, on Robert Street near Signal Hills, has provided programs that support, encourage and assist women in carrying their pregnancies to term. They have assisted thousands of women and provided their babies with critical needs. Wakota also provides immunizations, doctor visits and medical assistance to the women financial need. The event will be Saturday, May 2, at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church in West St. Paul. The speaker will be Fr. Lee Piche, "The Culture of Life 2009." Tickets \$50. To purchase tickets or for more information call Dave Plum at 651-686-2806.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 12</b>
8:00 AM, MC	Mass
10:30 AM, MC	Mass
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 13</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 15</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 16</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 18</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like Saint Paul, we share this good news whenever and where we can.*

*“Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole dough?” The gift of stewardship can make a difference in the entire community.*

Prayer: Attended the penance service; spent two hours in prayer for a friend with cancer; prayed the Stations of the Cross; daily: 40 minutes of prayer... rosary...prayer...spiritual reading...Mass.

Service: Visited some people confined to their home and brought them Communion; served at a funeral lunch; worked at Loaves and Fishes; helped at the parish Fish Fry evenings; spent time as a money counter; worked at a craft boutique for a group from a Senior building.

Sharing Thanks to “First Sunday of the month Stewards”...\$12,247 was given. Year to date: \$365,798 is \$15,252 behind budget; \$1,296 greater than last year.

Other money: \$1182 in school envelopes and plate; \$472 for seasonal decorations; \$290 for Easter; \$45 for fuel and \$10 for the diocesan assessment. Thanks to each for each. All money will be directly accordingly.

Young People’s Stewardship: \$5.12, Thank you! They wrote: unloaded dishwasher... helped with laundry.

Happy Birthday to Father Steve: April 15.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 12, 2009  
 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  
 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 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
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Pastoral Staff

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 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... Shar Lavelle  
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 Dir. Food Service ..... Alice Schletty  
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 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

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson  
 Connie Aligada Anthony Minus  
 Jason Delmont Chris Stevens  
 David Burrows Joyce Osborne  
 Stephen Adrian