

The Community of St. Matthew

SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 1st, 2004

St. Matthew's Social Hall

Doors Open at 5 PM

**\$10 per Person
(12 yrs & under FREE)**

*** BIG SCREEN TV**

*** Snacks and Refreshments During the Game**

*** Food at Halftime**

*** Paddlewheel Games**

*** Drawing of the SUPER BOWL RAFFLE
During Halftime**

Raffle tickets available after mass.

(Proceeds fund St. Matthew's youth activities.)

SUPER BOWL XXXVIII



Carolina Panthers



New England Patriots



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The Winter Carnival reminds us each year of the myths which undergird the rhythms of life and the seasons of life.

The annual playing out of the battle between Boreas and Vulcanus is an ancient Norse winter ritual and celebration that is the foretaste of spring and the coming of the sun's warmth.

The Church has been wise and inventive at taking these mythical and fundamental stories (found in all cultures) and giving them a Christian focus and opportunity to celebrate.

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, it is also known as Candlemas Day. It is a day in which we are reminded the light which enlightens the hopes of Israel and the promise of the Gentiles is Jesus Christ. On this day candles are blessed and in an era when candles provided light for the house, this feast was a strong witness to the true light of the world.

This light brings brightness, warmth, hope and promise to all people.

He is the light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people, Israel.

Culture is a strong and very elemental aspect of human life. We are formed and molded within our culture. We see life through the lenses of our culture.

The process of evangelization, the work of bringing the truth of the Gospel to others involves a serious respect for the cultural life of a people. Culture overcomes logic. Culture is stronger than reason. Culture is bred in our bones and courses through our

veins. The truth of the Gospel must find its home within a people's culture, language, images and stories.

Those primal, basic, fundamental images of soul that are the stuff of culture are not to be disturbed, abused or discarded. The new life of the Gospel must carry the trappings of those images.

That is why the life of the church seems so different from place to place, the celebrations of faith are so varied and the practices of faith so multiple.

"Inculturation" is the term used to describe the process by which disciples of Jesus enter into the culture of a people and discover words and signs and symbols of that culture that are worthy to carry the truth of God and the Gospel.

When you visit the Ice Palace, when you meet the Winds, when you observe Vulcan careening through the streets of the city, when you stand before Boreas Rex remember, you have walked back thousands of years into the mythology of Norseland peoples. The wonder of these myths is that they serve human beings, the hopes and fears of human beings, in all times.

The curious twist on this myth is that we have made Boreas the "good guy"; in reality the myth sees him as the symbol of frozen, ice encrusted, dark life; the myth sees Vulcan as the promise of summer, the promise of light, the hope of a people - and thus in the end, good vanquishes evil.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

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

THEY'RE STARTING AGAIN!

Are you ready?

Next week's bulletin will tell all!

Think Lent. . .

HAVE YOU CALLED IN YOUR SCHEDULING REQUESTS & CONFLICTS?

If you are an Altar Server, Gift Bearer, Usher/Greeter, Lector or Communion Minister, NOW is the time to call us. Our next Scheduling period runs from February 29 through May 30. We plan to work on the new schedule on Saturday, February 7th. If you are aware of any scheduling conflicts, or have any requests, please contact Ginny Roethler before February 4th. You can leave a message for her at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

A special thank you to everyone who attended the Chili lunch, school open house, “Wizard of Oz” play, the Kindergarten round-up sessions, and the School Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week. Your support is appreciated. If you know of a student (grades K-8) who is interested in attending St. Matthew’s School next fall, you can call the school office at 651-224-6912 for enrollment information.

METROOLITAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMS TODAY!

Today, Sunday, February 1 the orchestra presents two family concerts at St. Matthew’s Church. You are encouraged to bring your family to this free event. The presentation is 1 hour long, and there is a performance at 2:00 pm and again at 4:00 pm. One of the pieces this year will be a narrated symphonic presentation of “Peter and the Wolf.”

CONFIRMATION STUDENT REMINDERS

We meet again next Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 pm in Church. We will be discussing the biography of Dorothy Day, so bring along your handout. Also remember to bring along your BIBLE. We will be verifying Confirmation names at this meeting (website: www.wordbytes.org/saints). Community service journal pages can also be turned in.

WEEKDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 25th, we have need for liturgical ministers throughout the weekdays of Lent. If you can help with any of the Ash Wednesday masses/services, or any of the weekday Lenten masses please sign up on the schedules posted on the counter in the main Sacristy. Feel free to sign up for as many masses as you wish—we can use the help! If volunteer Lectors would like to receive copies of their readings in advance, leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830.

COME SEE THE DANCERS

Before Christmas, many of us ordered and bought dozens of homemade tamales as part of a fundraiser to assist Jose and Sabrina Garcia to study with a Master Mexican dance teacher in Mexico City. Many asked Jose if they could see him dance. And so, this is your chance! On Sunday, February 15, from 9:30-10:00 am in the Social Hall the dancers will perform. This is a fundraiser so at the end of the performance the sombrero will be passed around. Come after the 8:00 am Mass, or come early for the 10:30 Mass.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR IS HIRING A RECEPTIONIST

For details on this full time job opportunity, call Mary at 651-227-0336.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 1
2:00 PM, MC	Metropolitan
4:00 PM, MC	Symphony Orchestra
5:00 PM, SH	Super Bowl Party
Monday	February 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	February 3
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	February 4
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	February 5
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	February 6
Saturday	February 7
Sunday	February 8
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
3:30 PM, MC	Confirmation Mtg
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January 25 Contributions

Sunday envelopes & plate	\$7,258.56
Youth & Children's envelopes	\$ 13.95
Holy Day (late Christmas/New Year)	\$ 250.00
Initial collection	\$ 120.00
Vigil Candles	\$ 19.56

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 1	8:00 am	Agnes DeFoe Tom Guido Norma Faser
	10:30 am	Parishioners
Monday, February 2		Donna Marie
Tuesday, February 3		Arthur Geis
Wednesday, February 4		Cecilia Larson
Thursday, February 5		
Friday, February 6		John Lissck
Saturday, February 7		World Peace
Sunday, February 8	8:00 am	Larry Simmons Ed Maher
	10:30 am	Juli Hafiz Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, February 1	Jer 1:4-5; 1 Cor 12:31-13, Lk 4:21-30
Monday, February 2	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Tuesday, February 3	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 4	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Mk 6:1-6
Thursday, February 5	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday, February 6	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday, February 7	1 Kgs 3:4-13, Mk 6:30-34
Sunday, February 8	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

ELDERS COUNSELING ELDERS PROGRAM

This program sponsored by Little Brothers/Friends of the Elderly is recruiting volunteers of diverse backgrounds, age 55 and over, who would like to become peer counselors in Ramsey/Hennepin County. There is a free 12 week training program (one day a week). Applications are due by March 5. Call Barb Seivert Vallecillo at 612-721-6215 for details.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Dir. Education & Formation..... *Beth Behnke*
Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator *Debra Lindstedt*
Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
Parish School..... 651-224-6912
Extended Day 651-228-1535
Child Care Center 651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622 or 651-224-2903-

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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Peter Grayson
Education Advisory Michele Edwards
Liturgy