

The Community of St. Matthew

CELEBRATING SCOUTING AT ST. MATT'S!

Parishioners are invited to the Social
Hall after Mass to see scouting
displays and share refreshments.



SCOUT SUNDAY • FEB. 13 • 10:30 AM MASS

For scouting information, call Diane Heitzinger at Parish Center: 651-224-9793

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Today we begin the First Week of Lent. During this Season of Lent I invite you to reflect with me about the call we have to be “salt of the earth” and “light to the world”. In last week’s gospel Jesus uses those terms to describe those gathered around him, ordinary people – just like you and me. People with no special credential, other than the invitation of Jesus to be His disciples – and thus to be “the salt of the earth and the light to the world”

Forty years ago, the Second Vatican Council came to a close – December 7, 1965. This monumental and historic event sought to reexamine the life of our church and to prepare us to live our faith more strongly in the 21st century.

When the Council reflected on the meaning of the church, the vocation of members of the church, the mystery of Christ present in the church – the council called that document **Lumen Gentium – Light of the World. The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.**

The challenge always is to take what is theoretical and make it practical. Theoretical understand has value, but it does not really live unless it is put to work, put into practice. So, the Second Vatican Council, after reflecting on the nature of the Church needed to issue a practical statement about the Church, a statement that would put into practice the theoretical reflection. So, the final document issued by the Council was called **The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.** Pastoral means practical.

The teaching is found in two parts. The first part takes up practical reflections on some basic truths and realities:

1. The Dignity of the Human Person
2. The Human Person Lives in Community
3. Human Activity is for the Betterment of Life
4. The Church as Partner with the Whole Human Community

The second part of the document takes up specific issues and challenges in light of the, and continues to make practical the meaning of the Church. These specific issues include:

1. Fostering the Nobility of Family
2. The Development of Culture
3. Economic and Social Life
4. The Life of the Political Community
5. The Fostering of Peace and the Promotion of the Community of Nations

I will reflect on the first part of the teaching this Lent. The Adult Enrichment Committee through the Pot Luck Suppers will address the second part of the teaching.

May this season be a time of renewal and challenge for each of us.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

THANK YOU DEBRA LINDSTEDT

Deb, our parish business administrator, has accepted another position and will be leaving St. Matthew’s at the end of this week. I am grateful to her for the time and energy and competent work she has given to our parish, and she will be missed. The Parish Council and Finance Council agreed that the position will be filled on a temporary basis until further discussions about parish staffing can take place.

FIBERGLASS LADDERS

Thank you to Leo and Marci Kegler for their donation of an 8 ft. ladder. The maintenance department is still in need of a 10’ or 12’ fiberglass ladder.

PASTOR’S RESIDENCE

My 94 year old mother has been in a transitional care facility for the past few weeks and will be moving into a permanent facility where she can receive the care that is necessary because of her frail condition. In the spring of the year, I will move into the family home on Delaware Avenue. What becomes of the residence at 507 Hall Avenue is under consideration and discussion by the Parish Council. Parish members will be updated on these discussions and you are more than welcome to speak with any council member about your ideas.

SOCKS FOR LISTENING HOUSE

The Rosary Society is collecting socks, personal care items and good clean clothing for men and women. These items will be given to The Listening House for distribution. We will be accepting items through the end of February, please place items in the boxes in the back of church marked for Listening House.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

St. Matthew's School will be hosting Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday, February 24 at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the school. If you have a child who will be turning five before September 1, 2005, please join us and meet the teachers and principal, see the classroom and meet other parents. If you would like more information or to RSVP call 651-224-6912.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Parents and students preparing for their First Communion are reminded of class on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM in the church. Father Steve will present the "Mass of Explanation." First Communion celebrations will begin after Easter.

Lenten Potluck Conversations

Based on the Pastoral Constitution
Gaudium et Spes
Wednesday, February 16, 2005
The role of the church in the Modern World
"Building a better world based upon Truth and Justice
Potluck Supper: 5:45 PM
Discussion: 6:30 PM
School Library
All are welcome.

LOOKING FOR A LENTEN PRACTICE?

We invite you to join a small group of St. Matthew parishioners who meet each Thursday in the church chapel at 9:30 AM to pray to our Lady of Fatima for world peace. Questions call Eleanor Bisciglia at 224-9964.

SCRIP

SCRIP is available after all masses and at the school during the week. SCRIP is a great way to help St. Matthew's school while doing your regular shopping. We can accept VISA and MasterCard at the school, a 2% fee will apply. Thanks to St. Francis of Assisi parish, we sold over \$1,000 in SCRIP there this past weekend during our monthly visit there.

SHARE YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH OUR ADULT CHOIR THIS YEAR

If you are musically inclined and are looking for an enriched Lenten experience, consider joining the choir. We practice in the church on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. For more information, call Dana at 651-224-9793; or leave her a message at 651-310-0830.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday
10:30 A, MC
3:30 PM, MC
5:00 PM, CH
5:45 PM, SH

February 13
Scout Sunday
Confirmation Class
Confirmation Mass
Confirmation Dinner

Monday
3:00 PM, SH
6:45 PM, XC
7:00 PM, MC

February 14
Loaves and Fishes
Boy Scout Meeting
Stations of the Cross

Tuesday
7:15 AM, CH

3:00 PM, SH
7:00 PM, MC

February 15
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Loaves and Fishes
First Eucharist Class

Wednesday
12:00-7:00 PM, PC
3:00 PM, SH
5:45 PM, SC

6:30 PM, SC

February 16
St. Mary's Clinic
Loaves and Fishes
Lenten Potluck & Discussion
Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10

Thursday
9:30 AM, CH
3:00 PM, SH
5:00 PM, MC
7:00 PM, MC
7:00 PM, PC

February 17
Prayer Group
Loaves and Fishes
Youth Choir
Adult Choir
AA Meeting

Friday
4:30-7:30 PM, SH

February 18
Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday
4:00 PM, CH

February 19
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday
February 20

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$9,119.75
School Fund	\$1,100.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$4,110.00

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 13	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners 5:00 PM Confirmation Candidates
Monday, February 14	6:45 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, February 15	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM Parishioners
Wednesday,	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Thursday,	6:45 AM Amanda Weyer 12:10 PM James Kilburg (anniversary)
Friday,	6:45 AM Carol & James Kilburg 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday	5:00 PM Tim Jack, Robert Norton, Arlene and Clarence Kammerer
Sunday	8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr. Larry Simmons 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2005

Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19/ Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9

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 *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *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
KLT Kids 651-665-0786
Child Care Center 651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
Prayerline Receiver 651-222-3622

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

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Larry Sachi	Connie Aligada

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
Education Advisory Richard Dunn
Liturgy