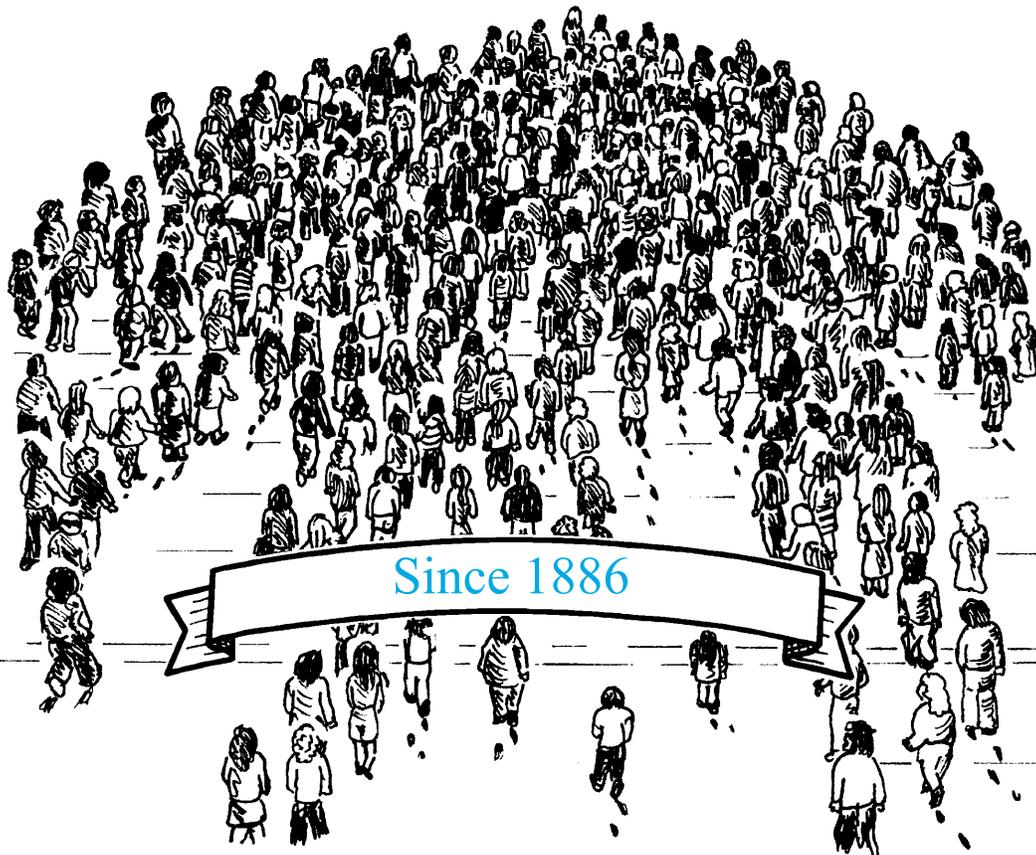


The Community of St. Matthew



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Lent 2010
Church of Saint Matthew
490 Hall Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55107
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Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Mass & Ashes: 6:45 am & 5:15 pm
Service & Ashes: 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

Sundays of Lent
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 pm

Lent Weekday Masses
Monday: 6:45 am
Tuesday through Thursday
6:45 am & 12:10 pm
Friday
6:45 am & 5:15 pm

Stations of the Cross
Monday: 7:00 pm

Confessions
Tuesday: 7:10 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm

Abstinence and Fast Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 60. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



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

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Thursday February 18, 2010. The 3rd Quarterly Meeting of the Saint Paul Deaneries Council of Catholic Women will be held at the Church of St. Joseph, 1154 Seminole Avenue, W St. Paul. Speakers are Bishop Lee Piche', Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis; and Anita Fischer, Office of Worship Diocese of Saint Cloud. Lunch will be served following Mass. Cost of the day is \$10. RSVP by Monday February 25 by calling 651-488-3351 or 651-482-9952. All women of the parish are invited to attend this meeting.

SOCKS FOR LISTENING HOUSE

We will collect tube socks, T-shirts, underwear, and personal hygiene items for Listening House. Their clients are veterans suffering from PTSD, men and women with mental health and/or drug issues, the homeless, and others who have lost hope. Please bring you donations the next two weekends, February 20-28. We will lock up the donations after each 10:30 Mass. Many thanks from the Rosary Society.

GIRL SCOUT COLLECTION

After masses on Feb 20 & 21, St. Matt's Girl Scouts will be collecting food & toiletry items for the local food shelf at Neighborhood House. It is part of an international Girl Scout effort to address world hunger. The need for these items has never been greater and food shelves are struggling to meet the demands. Any contribution you can make is welcome. Thank you for helping the girl scouts as they learn about serving their community.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Eighth Annual KNIGHTS FOR LIFE Fundraisers:
Church of St. Joseph, 1138 Seminole Ave. West St. Paul. FRIDAY Night
April 30 6:00 to 8:00 PM – Family Basket Night. SATURDAY May 1st
6:00 to 9:00 PM - Banquet and Silent Auction with Speaker: Most
Reverend Harry J. Flynn, Archbishop Emeritus. Sponsor: West St. Paul
Knights of Columbus Council 4184 For Wakota Life Care Center. More
information call Tom Alleva 651-451-8474

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

Each Sunday of Lent during our communion procession we sing this refrain:

Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

These are words by John Bell, drawn in part from the scriptures. They are a
Lenten prayer that could be sung also at home, perhaps at a regular time each
day (before the evening meal or at bedtime).

Each Sunday the cantor sings verses. They have the same melody as our refrain
so these too can be sung at home. (If you are not comfortable enough with this
melody to sing it at home, these words can also be sung to the familiar melody
of “At the Cross Her Station Keeping.”) The cantor ends each verse with words
that lead back into our refrain: “But you, O Lord . . .” On the First Sunday of
Lent, the cantor’s verses include:

Eve and Adam’s distant child,
Fasting Jesus not beguiled:
Strengthen us this Lenten while.

The church tells the story of Jesus’ fast and temptations this Sunday and in
doing this remembers Adam and Eve. The Genesis story of how they gave in to
temptation sets the stage for their descendant Jesus, who does not give in. And
so we pray to this Jesus for strength during our Lent.

How in fasting shall we thrive?
Battle greed and greed deprive?
God’s own word in us alive!

Fasting is hard but isn’t about misery. It’s about joy. Clarity. Life. It is a
struggle to overcome all sorts of greed (and so fasting isn’t limited to fasting
from food). Fasting, we are to fill ourselves with God’s word.

One of the verses we will hear each Sunday has these words:

Marked with ashes we have come,
We, the world so troublesome,
We, the members; Christ our sum.

We wear ashes, the remains of what has been destroyed, the whispered
promise of new life. It is our Lenten mark. We wear ashes because we are the
world that God loves no matter what. We who wear the ashes are the body of
Christ, the beloved of God.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 14
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
Monday	February 15
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	February 16
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	First Communion Class
Wednesday	February 17
Ash Wednesday	
6:45 AM, MC	Mass & Ashes
9:00 AM, MC	Service & Ashes
12:10 PM, MC	Service & Ashes
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:15 PM, MC	Mass & Ashes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Service & Ashes
Thursday	February 18
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Open House/New Family Info Night at School
Friday	February 19
4:00 PM, SH	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	February 20
Sunday	February 21

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the opportunity.

Sharing Last weekend: \$15,828 was given by faithful stewards [including one annual gift of \$3,500! Thanks to all! The average weekend since July 1 is \$9,142—still 2.78% behind the budgeted amount, but an improvement from last month. Other money: \$987 in school collection [envelopes and plate]; \$45 in fuel envelopes; \$15 in 'initial' envelopes; \$10 for Christmas and \$4 from children for Haiti. Thanks to each for each.

Souper Bowl: thanks for the many, many cans of soup, etc., as well as \$135.

Service: Serving loaves and fishes... funeral lunches... bringing Eucharist to homebound... money counter... volunteered at school... driving disabled to appointments.

Prayer: Daily rosary, mass, scripture reading... prayers for the health of family.

Children/Youth: \$12.25, Thank you! They wrote: Did laundry... helped clean.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*

Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*

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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

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