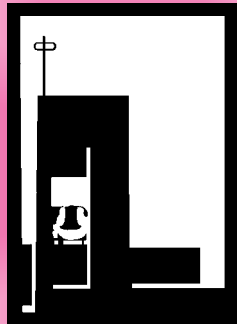
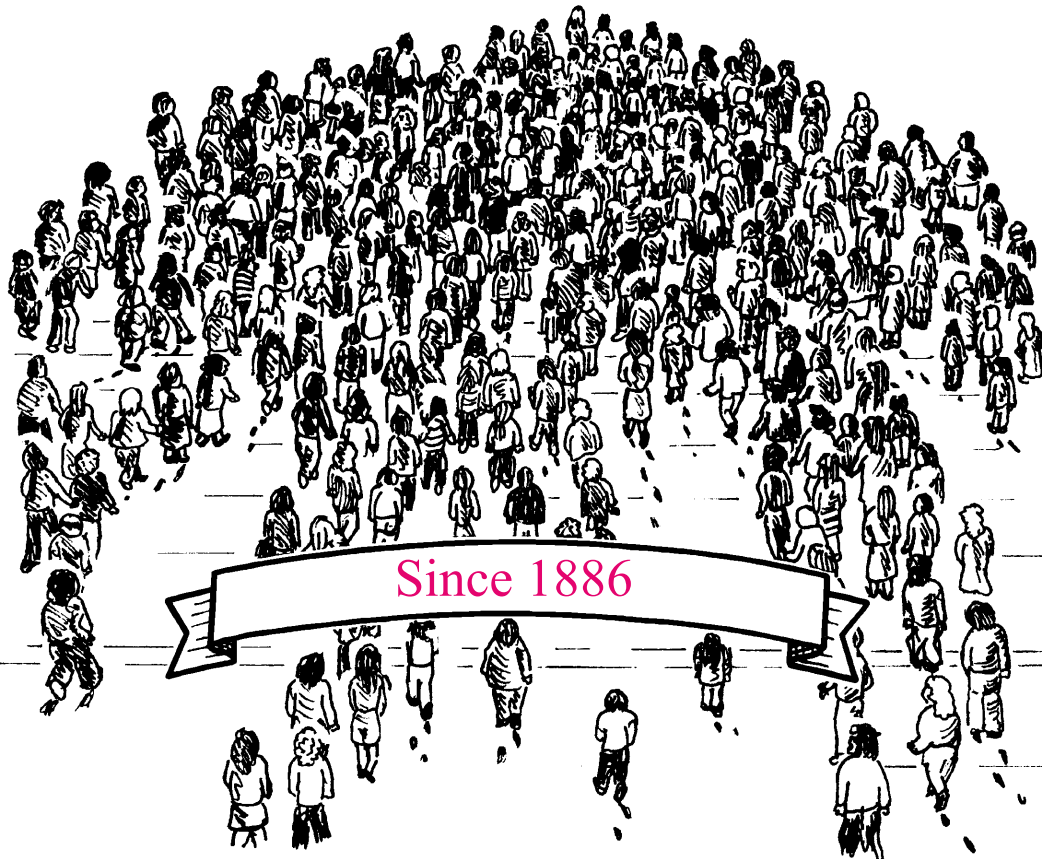


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Two weeks ago the Super Bowl half time show clearly generated more interest and comment than the final minutes of the fourth quarter victory by the New England Patriots.

The finale of Janet and Justin is the most replayed snippet of TV coverage in history—thus far.

The media—TV, talk radio, print, cyber space, etc.—is still filled with commentary, outrage, self-righteous condemnation and rationalization.

What I find particularly discouraging is that fully 90% of the commentary revolves around “sexually explicit” public behavior. Condemnation and outrage centers on nudity.

None of which is the issue—what does one expect from MTV?

The issue is violence. The lyrics of the song, the choreography, the physical actions of Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson all were a less than subtle choreographed act of violence.

Super Bowl Sunday is the day of the year, more than any other, when acts of domestic violence take place. On that Sunday afternoon literally tens of thousands of children and women are slapped, beaten, degraded and assaulted by men-gone-wild.

The half time show did nothing less or more than ritualize what was going on in tens of thousands of homes, motel rooms, party rooms across our nation.

And that is the issue!

Domestic violence remains a deep seated and pernicious wound in American family life. And Super Bowl Sunday seems to give “permission” for boys-to-be boys.

We read accounts of colleges recruiting athletes and using sexually violent activities as a means of interesting young men in a college career. We witness almost weekly news stories of athletes accused of sexual violence, assault, rape. We still live in a society where the victim is often the one blamed, rather than the aggressor.

There is little or no national outcry over such attitudes. While many pious and self-righteous public figures speak of “family values” they fail to see that there can be no value or life within the American family if physical or emotional violence is tolerated, winked at, dismissed or trivialized.

At the source of all value is the dignity of the human person. When a person is demeaned, trivialized, made an object of scorn or abuse—there can be no “family values.”

Janet and Justin did no more than ritualize what is a national cancer—the emotional, verbal, physical, sexual violence that takes place within our homes, schools, churches, neighborhoods, and work place.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We find we are having a shortage of altar servers for the 5:00 PM Saturday, and 8:00 AM Sunday Masses. If you are interested in being an altar server please come to the training on Sunday, February 29 at 9:15 AM in the church. This is a 45 minute training. The age for altar servers is normally 4th to 8th grade, boys or girls. High schoolers may also apply if interested. If you have any questions, please call Larry Sachi at 651-451-8960. Please consider this chance to be a minister to the community worship. WE NEED YOU!

### WEEKDAYS OF LENT

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 25th, we need Lectors and Communion Ministers—Monday through Friday—throughout Lent. Sign up sheets are on the counter in the Main Sacristy by the sign-in board. We need Lectors and Communion Ministers for the 8:45 AM Masses (M-F), Lectors for the 12:10 PM Masses (T-Th), and Lectors and Communion Ministers for Friday masses at 5:15 PM. There are also still openings for ministry at the Ash Wednesday services/masses. Please sign up NOW for as many masses as you wish—we can use the help! If weekday Lectors would like to receive copies of their readings in advance, call Nicole at the Parish Center.



## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John Edwards who received “Scouter of the Year” and Rachel Goldenstein who received “Scout of the Year” Awards. Congratulations also goes to all the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts who earned their religious awards which were presented at Mass.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Scout Sunday a success, especially Lynda Nelson who coordinated the liturgy with Dana McCarthy, Bill Mathews who coordinated the Awards with Father Adrian and Cheryl Kempe who updated the Scout Bulletin Board in the Social Hall.

### LENTEN FISH FRIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The co-sponsors of the St. Matthew's Fish Fries can use your help. Additional workers are needed at all the fish fries. Can you volunteer to help? Sign-up sheets will be at the back of church this week and next. You can also help by telling your friends and neighbors about the fish fries and ask them to come down and enjoy a delicious meal.

### CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

The Centering Prayer Group will meet at 9:30 AM at the Parish Center on the following Saturdays, February 21, March 6 and March 20. Please join us. For further information call Joanne Miller at 457-4717.

### MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

The St. Matthew's Men's Club would like to thank everyone who purchased a Super Bowl Raffle ticket. The prize winners were: Ray Kempe (\$1000), Steve Sanchez (\$500) and Tom Ball (\$300).

### THANK YOU

I wish to extend a sincere thank you for the many cards and prayers at the time of my husband's death; your kindness was deeply appreciated.  
Marie Cafflich

### Trinity II to Perform for Cradle of Hope

Trinity II, World Champions of Irish Dance, will perform in a benefit event for Cradle of Hope at 8:00 PM, Saturday, March 6 at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul., Proceeds will provide financial support to pregnant women in need. For tickets, call The O'Shaughnessy at 651-690-6700. For more information on Cradle of Hope call 651-636-0637.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 15</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 16</b>
No Day School—	President's Day
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 19</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SH	Blue and Gold Dinner
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 20</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 22</b>

### Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

**Sunday, February 1 Contributions**

Sunday envelopes & plate	\$8,906.60
Youth & Children's envelopes	\$ 32.04
School Fund	\$ 265.00
Utilities and Energy Fund	\$ 90.00

*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 15	8:00 AM World Peace 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, February 16	James Kilburg (Ann'y)
Tuesday, February 17	Lorraine Mike
Wednesday, February 18	Carol and James Kilburg
Thursday, February 19	Clara White
Friday, February 20	
Saturday, February 21	Living and deceased members of St. Matthew's Catholic Aid
Sunday, February 22	8:00 AM Lorraine Mike Deceased members of Kammerer Family Jose Soto 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2004

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:	Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday:	Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**BIRTHRIGHT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

Birthright is looking for volunteers who believe that women are important, someone who can be a friend without passing judgment. Birthright helps thousands of women a year, offering care to single and married women facing a problem pregnancy. With your help, Birthright can help even more. Our next training session is March 6 & 7, if you would like more information please call Ryann Lawrence at 763-784-2045.

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