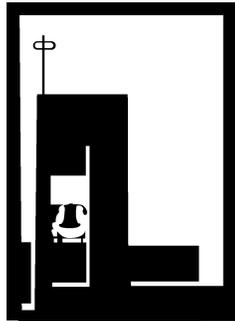


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew's Community and Visitors:

This spring marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last letter written by Blessed John XXIII to the world. A few weeks before his death, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1963, he wrote a letter called "Peace on Earth", *Pacem in Terris*. In this letter he invited all people of goodwill to undertake a serious and committed search for peace – peace within the self, peace in relationships, peace in community and peace among peoples.

During the season of Lent we will have the opportunity to reflect on the words of John and examine our own lives and our culture in light of his words. Educational activities are being planned for the season of Lent – opportunities for adults, youth and families.

During the season of Lent the 5:15 pm Mass on each Friday will be a Mass for Peace; and from 3:00 to 7:00 pm on the Fridays of Lent the chapel will be open for people to gather and pray for peace.

All of us are mindful of the delicate and troublesome international condition of today – the Middle East, Eastern Europe, the Korean Peninsula.

We seek justice, peace and respect among people. We desire that all people enjoy freedom from oppression and want. We know that the work of peace is in the hands of human beings.

War is evil, it is always evil, it is never good! Sometimes people decide that war is the only alternative left open – and that the evil of war must be used to overcome a

greater evil. This is a last resort, a failure in human diplomacy and effort.

If our nation does declare war, on that day we will gather at Church at 9:00 pm and celebrate Mass for Peace.

As a high point of our Lenten observance of the anniversary of *Pacem in Terris* there will be a panel discussion on Sunday afternoon, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in Saint Matthew's Church.

I have invited people who were actual participants in the work and deliberations of the Second Vatican Council, people who can share some of the spirit of that Council, some of their assessment of the life of the church two generations after the council.

I will write more about this in the weeks to come. Please mark your calendars for March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. There are not many participants of the Second Vatican Council still living.

As we prepare for the season of Lent, let us take some time to open our hearts and spirits to the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God's Peace. Remember, the first gift of the Risen Lord to his disciples is peace. "Peace be with you. My peace I give to you."

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### PARISH ENRICHMENT TO HOST LENTEN POTLUCKS

Once again this year the Parish Enrichment committee is preparing to host Lenten Pot-lucks on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. They are busy preparing materials around reflecting on John XXIII and his final encyclical "Pace in Terris" which was published 40 years ago this April. See Father Adrian's article in this week's bulletin and watch the bulletin for more information.

### THIRD QUARTERLY DEANERY MEETING

All women of our parish are invited to attend the Third Quarterly Deanery Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Randolph and Albert Streets in St. Paul. Registration is at 8:15 AM, Mass at 12 noon and lunch at 1:00 PM. The program will be present by the Community of Concerns Commission, speaker, Sister Irene O'Neill, who will talk about "Sharing our Love and Ministry. The Organization Commissions program's topic is "Who is the Tater Family?" Call Carol at 651-4576067 by February 17 so that reservations can be made. Thank you and God's blessing and peace to you all.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

This Thursday is St. Matthew's night at the Arby's on Robert Street. Treated yourself to a meal out and tell them you are from St. Matthew's and they will donate 20% of the proceeds to our school. Thanks for your continuing support of our school.

SCOUTS RECOGNIZED

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts would like to thank everyone who joined them in celebrating Scouts at St. Matthew's last Sunday. Congratulations to Caryn and Brian Benish, Adult Scouters of the Year, Samantha Casillas, Scouter of the Year, Daniel Schletty and Jeff Brown, Eagles Scouts. Congratulations to Anne Schletty on receiving the Junior Girl Scout religious award, "I Live my Faith."

SOCIAL ACTION

Call and give your opinion of the proposed war in Iraq to the Bush White House opinion line: 1-202-456-1111. Calls accepted from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST, Monday-Friday. You will be asked for your home state and indicate, *I oppose* or *I approve*.

MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN DAY OF REFLECTION

The women of FAMILIA invite you to a Mother's Day of Reflection at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Inver Grove Heights (455-3863) on Saturday, March 1 from 8:30 Am-1:30 PM. Speakers include Kathleen Laird, Brother Chad Wahl, L.C., and Bishop Richard Pates. Cost is \$25 or \$25 at the door. Please call FAMILIA at 763-208-8891 or Kathy Angstman at 651-455-3863 for more information.

JOSEPH'S COAT IS CLOSING ITS DOORS

Joseph's Coat has been ministering to the working poor, the homeless, the mentally ill, those in the midst of crisis and those in transition, in shelters, and in treatment programs in St. Paul since 1989. For the last two years, they have served about 600 adults each week. There is a very real need in this community for Joseph's Coat to continue this ministry. They do not plan to close their doors permanently, they are working out a way to maintain their presence in St. Paul, They need your help. Have a heart that sees Christ in the poor. Make a commitment to show your love and concern for the poor by sharing a little of what you have financially with Joseph's Coat.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 16</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, PC 7:00 PM, PC	<b>February 17</b> Loaves and Fishes Finance Committee Catholic Order of Foresters
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>February 18</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	<b>February 19</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 4:00-8:00 PM 6:45 PM, SH	<b>February 20</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Arby's/S'barro Night Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 23</b>

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for February 9, 2003: \$8,638.62  
 Youth treasure for February 9, 2003: \$28.45 donated in children and young people's envelopes.

*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 16 8:00 am Lloyd Erickson, Albert Hartmann, Margaret Siegler Rosenberger  
 10:30 am parishioners  
 Monday, February 17 Jack Heininger, Cub Kilberg  
 Tuesday, February 18 Robert Norton, Carol and Cub Kilberg  
 Wednesday, February 19 Parishioners  
 Thursday, February 20 Tony Kraft  
 Friday, February 21  
 Saturday, February 22 Bernard Ferber, John and Irene Pachl, Robert Stickler  
 Sunday, February 23 8:00 am Sadie Monsour, Lorraine White  
 10:30 am Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2003  
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:13-11:1; Mk 1:40-45  
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1  
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19  
 Next Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

### IT'S LENT! RETREAT!

Enrich your Lent with a day of retreat as you reflect and pray about the meaning and practice of this holy season. Come to St. John's Abbey in Collegeville from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM on either March 7 or April 4 or both. \$50 includes two meals plus retreat program and materials. You can register by calling (320)363-3929 or online: [www.saintjohnsabbey.org/slp](http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/slp)

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor ..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Priest in Residence.....*Father Marty Warren*  
 Deacon ..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
 Pastoral Administrator  
 Dir. Education & Formation .....*Scott Breimhorst*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Dana McCarthy*  
 Dir. Pastoral Ministry..... *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*  
 Dir. Child Care.....*Maureen Gitlin*  
 Business Administrator .....*Patty Flynn*  
 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

Monday.....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
Wally Nelson	John Sekevitch

### Committee Chairs

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