

The Community of St. Matthew

Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, February 21, 2008
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Come

- **Meet the Teachers and Principal**
 - **Get School Information**
 - **Talk with fellow Parents**
 - **See the Kindergarten Room**

St. Matthew's School
The Catholic School on the West Side
497 Humboldt Ave
St. Paul, MN 55107

For more information or to RSVP call: 651-224-6912
Financial Assistance is available

"Catholic Schools Light the Way"

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Saint Matthew's School is a small, Catholic elementary school committed to excellence in education and religious formation.

Our school boasts small class size. The average class size this year is 16 students. This small teacher/student ratio allows for direct attention to each student – at Saint Matthew's School no student is left behind.

Our school is a Catholic school. We accept students of every religious persuasion, and we offer all students a formation in values founded upon Catholic faith and tradition.

Our school is fully accredited and our teachers are licensed and for the grades they teach. Our students excel. As they leave Saint Matthew's School and enter public or private high school most of them enter their 9th grade above level and are placed in honors classes. Almost all of our graduates make high school honor roll each semester or trimester.

Each of our students is provided with breakfast daily. A start of the art hot lunch program provides nutritious home made lunch opportunities daily. Our school meals are prepared on site – this is not true for most Twin Cities schools.

No family is ever denied the opportunity for an education at Saint Matthew's School for financial reasons. The majority of students at Saint Matthew's

receive tuition assistance. The *Alumni and Friends of Saint Matthew's School* are committed to raise \$150,000 in new tuition aid funds to assist 50 new students for the school year 2008-2009. Half of those funds are already in hand. We can offer very generous aid to new families.

On Thursday, February 21st we have a Kindergarten open house at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. If you have a child ready for kindergarten next school year this opportunity is for you. If you have neighbors, friends, co-workers, family members who have a student ready for Kindergarten next school year this opportunity is for them. Please encourage them to take advantage of this Open House. Please accompany them to the Open House. Often the invitation of a friend or family member is just what is need to spark interest in others.

Remember: NO FAMILY IS EVER TURNED AWAY FROM SAINT MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FOR FINANCIAL REASONS!

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday from February 8 through March 14. All you can eat Fish Fry (fried or baked) from 4:30 to 7:30. Baked Potato, vegetable, roll, salad bar, milk, coffee, and dessert are included. Adults \$8.75, children 4-13 \$5.00, under 4 free. Special senior hour from 4-5 pm \$7.50. Our 19th annual Lenten Fish Fry.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by St. Matthew's Rosary Society - thanks to the women who serve. Hot coffee, treats and conversation will be featured in the social hall. All are welcome to come on down.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP

This week the St. Matthew's Parish Community enters into a period of discernment to select new members for the Parish Council. It is an opportunity for each Parishioner to prayerfully consider his/her own personal talents and consider serving the parish community in this leadership role. You can participate in this important procedure in two ways, either by offering your own name as one to continue in the discerning process, or by submitting the name of another parishioner that you recognize has leadership talents. Kindly provide your own or another person's name within two weeks to the parish office at (651) 224-9793. A Parish Councilor will then contact these persons with further details.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

IT'S TIME TO TURN IN THOSE BOX TOPS

The big day is almost here! Time to gather up that stash of Box Tops you've been collecting and bring them to church or drop off at school before February 22. We need to submit them by February 28. Also, if you've asked any friends, neighbors or family members to help you save Box Tops, this is a good time to gather up their Box Tops, as well. Thank you for your help in raising money for our school.

SOCK DRIVE

For many years Sister Colleen sponsored a sock drive. The socks went to Listening House, a facility in downtown St. Paul near St. Joseph's Hospital which provides a place for homeless men to gather during the day, receive counseling, get clothes, and trade in the socks they are wearing for a clean pair. Many of these men are veterans; many have mental health problems or substance abuse issues. A staff member said they really need men's T shirts and shorts in medium and large sizes. The Rosary Society will collect underwear, white tube socks, and personal care items February 16-24. If you are fortunate to have a warm home this winter, could you please purchase a clothing item or donate slightly used items. These men will be grateful for a new T shirt or a clean pair of socks. Please help.

"40 DAYS FOR LIFE"

"40 Days for Life" began a local campaign on Thursday, February 7, with a candlelight vigil at 7:00 PM in front of HealthPartners' Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Please join in dedicated prayer, fasting, vigil and witness for the most vulnerable and the least regarded people in our nation, our unborn brothers and sisters. Make it your ardent prayer. Help keep the 40-day vigil. Let us all come together as followers of Jesus and make a clear and unequivocal stand for the babies and their mothers. The practice of aborting babies inside HealthPartners' Regions Hospital will not end without a great effort. For more information, visit www.plam.org (Pro-Life Action Ministries) and click on the "40 Days for Life" logo. For more info, call Rich Schletty at 651-222-2526. Let's get a St. Matt's team together to cover a 24-hour vigil period at the abortuary.

A LENTEN "PRACTICE"

If you are wanting to enter into worship in a more profound way and prepare more deeply for Sunday liturgy, consider joining music ministry. Part of our gathering to rehearse each week is to immerse ourselves in the sung prayer of our faith community. In our liturgical singing, we become the Body of Christ—breathing together, moving together, being silent together, becoming a small faith community within the larger community. In our music-making, we become a single body, surrendering our personal preferences to the broader vision of the church, and St. Matthew's community. We are not an exclusive group! No Audition required. Just show up Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM for rehearsals. You will be glad you did. Questions? Contact Bonnie Faber, Director of Music and Liturgy, 651-224-9793 or musicliturgy@st-matts.org

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 17
4:00 PM, SH	Blue & Gold Dinner
Monday	February 18
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	February 19
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	First Communion Class
Wednesday	February 20
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	February 21
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
9:00 AM, SC	Kindergarten Round-up
12:10 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Kindergarten Round-up
Friday	February 22
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
4:30-7:30 PM, SH	Fish Fry
5:15 PM, MC	Mass
Saturday	February 23
Sunday	February 24
Abbreviations:	
MC – Main Church	
CH – Chapel	
PC – Parish Center	
SH – Social Hall	
SC – School	
CC – Child Care	
XC – Extended Day	

STEWARDSHIP

“Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails,” Saint Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share? If I do, I’ll be invited to join Peter, James and John on the mountain, with the Lord.

Prayer: A number of envelope users indicated the regular-ness of prayer. As well...evening prayer with my children...prayed for the prayer chain requests [you don’t necessarily need to know what they are to pray for them]...spiritual reading everyday.

Service: Lent an ear to a person who was troubled...took an elderly family member to the doctor...visited some people in a nursing home...participated in the “cancer drive”...brought Communion to someone who was a “shut-in”...served on the Loaves and Fishes team.

Sharing: Last weekend [very windy/cold] \$11,257 was contributed by faithful stewards. [\$3019 was electronic; there are more households choosing to donate in that manner]. The year-to-date income just passed \$300,000. Thank you. There have been 33 Sundays in the fiscal year; we are about \$9900 behind the budget—about \$300 per Sunday.

Additional donations: \$65 in education fund envelopes; \$55 in fuel envelopes [our latest monthly bill from Xcel: \$18,000!]; and \$8 in initial envelopes. Thanks to each one!

Kitchen equipment: the stove and convection ovens are installed with special thanks to David Rosas, Brian Osborne, and Johnny Edwards. The dish-washer is due in a week or two. Everyone enjoys the new equipment. Alice Schletty, director of food service remarked the first morning: “the hot item served to the 140 school children for breakfast was all done at the same time, they were all at the same temperature and we didn’t have to move the pans around.” Thanks to each person able to contribute toward those purchases.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2008
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Web site: st-matts.org
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care.....*Shar LaVelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Cherri Trapp*
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 Prayerline 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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Joyce Osborne	Stephen Adrian