

The Community of St. Matthew



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
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



For more information or to RSVP call:
651-224-6912

Financial assistance is available.

We have faith in every student.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Among all people, believers and non-believers, there is the opinion that all things on earth should be related to the human person as their center, the conviction that human beings are the center of the created universe.

What is the human being? Probing of the nature of the human person has occupied philosophers, moralists, artists and religious thinkers from the beginning of time.

Judeo-Christian believers find an answer in the first two chapters of the Book of Genesis. Millions of years after the first life forms appeared on the earth, men and women of faith told stories about the meaning of the earth and the meaning of the human person.

People of faith asserted that all that exists comes from God – whether spontaneous creation, big bang theory, a billion years of evolution – whatever the manner in which life comes about – the action of God is at its origin. People of faith also affirm that all that is, is good! And people of faith affirm that human beings are made “to the very image of God”.

Although the human person is created in the very image of God and called into communion with God, from the very beginning human beings have sought their own will and have rejected union with God.

The story of salvation is the story of the renewal of all of creation in right relationship with God; it is the call to all people to live out the very human nature that is theirs.

In the depth of human conscience, one detects a law which does not impose itself, but which holds one to obedience. This inner voice of conscience speaks to the heart and calls one to seek the good and avoid what is evil. For in the human heart is written the law of the Creator – and to live that law is the very dignity of the human person.

Only in freedom can the human person truly pursue goodness. The blessings of human freedom are the right of every human being – freedom from coercion and force, freedom from fear and want, freedom from ignorance and danger; also freedom to seek the good, to seek the face of God, to develop one’s potential, to live in peace and tranquility.

Christ died for all persons, died to ransom us from sin and death, died to unite us again to the living God, died to reconcile all of creation to God. Since the ultimate vocation of the human person is in fact one, and divine, we believe that the Holy Spirit, in a manner known only to God, offers to every person the possibility of union in the mystery of Christ.

The human person is the very Image of God, endowed with a vocation, a call, to union with the creator, and is endowed with a moral sense and a thirst for freedom which allows him to pursue his destiny. The respect for the human person and the dignity of the human person is the fundamental principal of moral living.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE COMING

Mark your calendars!! On Holy Saturday, March 26, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM the American Red Cross will be at St. Matthew’s in the social Hall. Be willing to again give the Gift of Life. Watch the bulletin for further details.

DON’T MISS THIS WEEK’S FISH FRY

Join us again this Friday from 4:30-7:30 PM in the social hall for a delicious meal (all the fish you can eat, salad, beverage and dessert) Don’t forget to purchase a raffle ticket for the quilt. Proceeds from the Quilt Raffle will go to the St. Matthew’s Home and School. See you all there.

SCOK DRIVE

For many years, Sister Colleen sponsored a sock drive. The socks went to Listening House, a facility in downtown St. Paul which provides a place for homeless men and women to gather during the day, receive counseling, get a haircut, and trade in socks they are wearing for a clean pair. Many are veterans; many have mental health problems. In honor of Sister Colleen, the Rosary Society will collect, new, white, tube or athletic socks from February 13-28. We will also collect clean, gently-used clothing, and personal care items. If you have a closet overflowing with usable, casual clothes that you no longer wear, please give a few items. If you have been lucky enough to go to the dentist, do you have extra tooth brushes, and tooth paste? If you have been fortunate to go on vacation, do you have small bars of soap and bottles of shampoo? These people will be grateful for a clean pair of socks, a flannel shirt, or a bar of soap. Please help.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

There will be religious education class on Wednesday, February 23 for Grades 1-10. Students should meet in their classrooms at 6:30 PM.

Lenten Potluck Conversations

Based on the Pastoral Constitution
Gaudium et Spes
Wednesday, February 23, 2005
Economic and Social life
Justice and equity demand the removal of the
immense economic inequalities that exist.
Potluck Supper: 5:45 PM
Discussion: 6:30 PM
School Library
All are welcome.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Consider Birthright. Birthright is a non-profit, emergency pregnancy service. Since 1968 Birthright has been available to all single and married women and their families who have problems coping with a pregnancy. Birthright needs new volunteers who can be a friend without passing judgment. Birthright helps thousands of women a year, with your help; we can help even more! Our next training session is in March, if you would like more information please call Ryann Lawrence at 763-784-2045.

AA MEETING

For the last 8 years, St. Matthew has hosted a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in the parish center. This group meets each Thursday night at 7:00 PM in the large conference room. All that is required to attend is a desire to stop drinking. You are welcome to join us.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 20
Monday	February 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	February 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	February 23
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM, SC	Lenten Potluck
	Dinner & Discussion
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
Thursday	February 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
Friday	February 25
4:30-7:30 PM, SH	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	February 26
Sunday	February 27

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	\$8,393.63
School Fund	\$89.00

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 20	8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr. Larry Simmons
Monday,	10:30 AM Parishioners 6:45 AM Carol & Paul Corey
Tuesday,	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Wednesday,	6:45 AM Alma Becker (106 Birthday) 12:10 PM World Peace
Thursday,	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday,	6:45 AM Sally Fee (Ann'y) 5:15 PM Parishioners
Saturday	5:00 PM Joseph Karas Bernice DeRusha
Sunday	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 20, 2005

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
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

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	