

# The Community of St. Matthew

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

21<sup>st</sup> annual



*Served every Friday  
February 19 - March 26*

## All You Care To Eat Fish

(baked or fried) with baked potato, vegetable,  
salad bar, bread, dessert, milk and coffee.

*Take-out available with generous portions.*



Senior special served 4-5 p.m.  
General public served 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Adults ..... \$9.50  
Children (ages 4-13)..... \$5.50  
Children under 4 ..... FREE  
Senior Special (4-5 p.m.)..... \$8.00

## St. Matthew's Social Hall

510 Hall Ave., St. Paul

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Each year the First Sunday of Lent offers us the account of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. This year, the Year of Luke, presents us with the temptation story from the beginning of the fourth chapter of Luke's Gospel.

Following his baptism in the Jordan Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness there to fast for forty days. Following his fast the tempter confronts him with three temptations – temptations that reflect the seduction of believing one is in charge of one's own destiny. This is the fundamental rejection of God and the glorification of the self. This is the sin condemned in the first commandment – the central command of faith – “I am the Lord your God, you shall not have other gods before me.”

The first temptation is to find one's happiness in material things – food, possessions, money.

The second temptation is to find one's happiness in the exercise of power – power over others, domination, control.

The third temptation is the most seductive of all. T. S. Elliot in *Murder in the Cathedral* refers to it as “this is the greatest treason to do the right thing for the wrong reason”. This is the temptation to believe that my good works can cause God to grant me the gift of salvation.

Opening the first week of Lent we are asked to carefully and deeply examine our consciences – what place do material things have in my life? How am I possessed by

my possessions? How much energy do I give to making sure I have “enough” – and what is “enough” – is it ever “enough?”

Do I manipulate others to have power over them? How do I respect the freedom of others? Do I use others for my own satisfaction? Do I seek to control the actions, beliefs, time and energy of others? Do I insist on being the bride at every wedding and the corpse at every funeral?

Do I believe that my good works make me better than others? Do I look down on others because they are not as religious as I am? Do I make a show of my religious practice? Do I really think that anything I do can make God love me more? Who are my religious practices for – the glory of God or my self satisfaction – “see what a good boy I am”, “thank God I am not like the rest of people.”

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### LISTENING HOUSE SOCK DRIVE

Please bring a donation next week for Listening House. Athletic socks, underwear, and personal hygiene products are needed. Listening House provides a place for the homeless in St. Paul. Clean, dry socks--something we take for granted--helps people avoid foot problems. Please help.



### ST. MATTHEW'S FISH FRY!!

Invite you family, neighbors, friends, co-workers. Every Friday February 19 through March 26 from 4:30-7:30 pm. Coordinated by the St. Matthew's Men's Club and our co-sponsors, Home & School; Boy, Cub, and Girl Scouts; Rosary Society; Street Children of Bucharest, and Casa Guadalupana. Flyers, for posting, and volunteer information, we can always use some help, are available at the Scrip table. Questions? Tim Nowak 612-269-9471.

### AN EVENING OF REFLECTION ON MARRIAGE & LIFE

The Office of Marriage, Family and Life invites you to an evening of education and reflection in support of marriage and life. The event will be held on Thursday, February 25, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Church of St. Joseph, West St. Paul. Fr. Bill Baer will explain the Biblical, philosophical and spiritual foundation of Christian marriage. Legal scholar Dan Kelly will help us understand the legal battle. Call 651-291-4488 or visit [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family) for more information.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Each First Friday of the month the chapel is open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:15 AM to 5:15 PM in the parish chapel. Mass follows at 5:15 PM. We welcome you for any hour or half hour at any time of the day, but we have special need for people at 8:15 AM, 12:15 PM, 4:15 PM. Can you give one hour a month to pray for peace in our world? Call the Parish Center, 651-224-9397.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

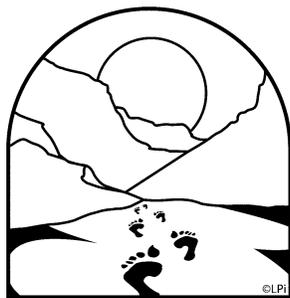
A GOOD APPETITE

Fasting is not an isolated discipline, but one of a trinity of holy practices: Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. Each of these gives support and meaning to the others. Prayer befriends the soul. It re-fixes our sacred purpose and turns us toward the tasks at hand. Fasting befriends the body — which is to say that the body is good, very good, and worthy of whatever form our fasting must take. Almsgiving befriends our neighbor with whom we share what we might otherwise have hoarded.

To fast, accompanied by prayer and almsgiving, is to be healed. Fasting is good for the body, the “body politic,” and the “mystical body.” Fasting helps to make the body whole.

Fasting is necessary now if we are ever to enjoy feasting. A good appetite allows us to enjoy the earthly gifts that we have been given. So fasting is not so much a deprecation of the flesh, but a sharpening of earthly joys. The Talmud says: “One will have to give an account on the judgment day of every good thing which one might have enjoyed — and did not.” Fasting helps us savor God’s goodness.

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**Lent**

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
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
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, MC	First Communion Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
2:45 PM, MC	Children’s Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 25</b>
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 26</b>
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
4:30-7:30 PM, SH	Fish Fry
5:15 PM, MC	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 28</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?*

Sharing Last weekend: \$9,135 was given in the usual manners. Thank you! The Sunday average stayed at \$9,142 for each Sunday since July 1; that is still below the budget.

Additional donations: \$130 to the food shelf; \$72 in school envelopes; \$50 for holydays [Christmas]; \$40 in fuel envelope; and \$6 in initial envelope. Thanks for each.

Service: care of pet and it's needs... drove someone to mass... volunteered at school

Prayer: daily mass, rosary, prayer, spiritual reading... thanksgiving for a nephew home safely from Iraq... prayer for those in Haiti and the aid workers helping them

Children: \$4.50, Thank you! They wrote: played with my cousin... helped clean up... made breakfast... helped shovel

125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish...is next year. [The actual anniversary date is March 9. That is the day of the meeting with Archbishop John Ireland when he gave his blessing to the establishment of the Church of Saint Matthew to serve the needs of the German immigrants on this side of the river. [St. Michael's church had begun the previous year].

A steering committee has begun discussion about how this event can be celebrated. There will be some specific ideas, and ways to be involved. What might each of us offer to the celebration?

The following year—2012—is the 125<sup>th</sup> of the school.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010  
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Fax..... 651-228-9448  
 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 and KLT ..... *Shar Lavelle*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service ..... *Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer ..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center ..... 651-224-1459  
 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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum  
 Connie Aligada Joyce Osborne  
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