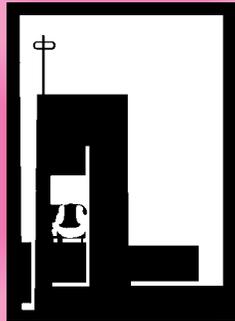
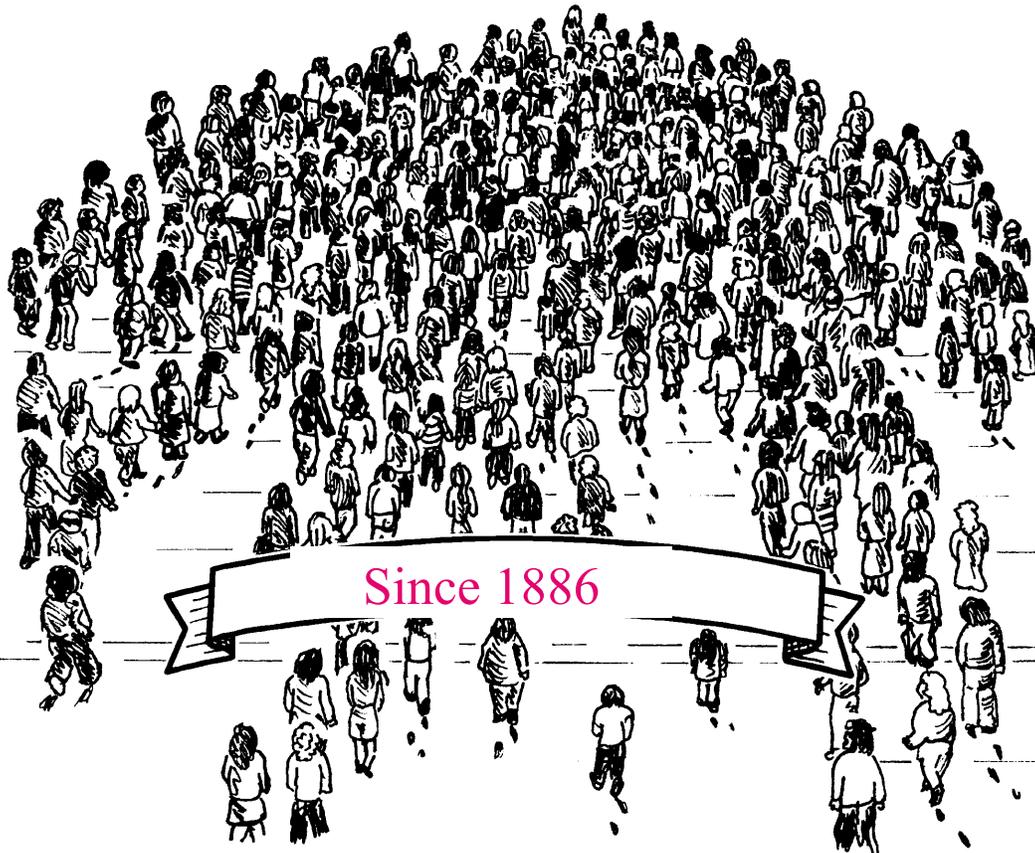


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community Member:

We stand on the very edge of the grace-filled Season of Lent. Each year we are blessed with the opportunity to enter deeply into the central mystery of our faith by walking with Jesus for the six weeks of Lent and celebrating most solemnly His suffering, death and resurrection.

This year we look to the writings of two American spiritual leaders to help us on our journey. Both came to a deep and intimate knowledge of Jesus and reflected that in their lives. They are Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day.

The following is the schedule of worship and educational opportunities this Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday, February 25th

This is a day of fast and abstinence
Mass and distribution of ashes: 6:45 AM and 5:15 PM
Scripture and distribution of ashes: 8:30 AM, 12:15 and 7:00 PM

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass

Monday through Friday: 6:45 AM
Tuesday through Thursday: 12:10 PM
Friday: 5:15 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday: 7:15 AM
Saturday: 4:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Monday: 7:00 PM

Panel Presentation on Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton

Sunday, March 28th: 4:00-6:00 PM
Saint Matthew's Church

Visit to the Ade Bethune Collection at the College of Saint Catherine

Sunday, March 7th, 3:00 PM
Reservations required. Please call 651-224-9793.

In the Steps of Jesus, an audio-visual presentation

Saturday, March 6th, 10:00 AM
Saint Matthew's Social Hall

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays of Lent, February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2nd
Saint Matthew's Social Hall, 4:00-7:00 PM

Pot Luck Supper and Discussion

Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31
5:40-6:30 PM, Social and Supper
6:30-7:45 PM Prayer and Discussion

Youth Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays, March 24th and 31st, 6:30 PM

Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

In the United States Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are only days of abstinence.

Fast: All adults, ages 21 to 59, are bound to fast. Fasting means eating only one main meal and two smaller meals and eating no food between meals. Pregnant women and those who are ill are not obliged to fast.

Abstinence: All persons over the age of 14 are bound by the practice of abstinence, that is, to refrain from eating meat.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Alma Becker on her 105th birthday February 23rd.

Rosary Society

Meeting: Saturday, March 6th, 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. At 10:, Father Steve will speak and show slides of his trip to the Holy Land. Open to the Parish!

SOCK DRIVE

The Sock Drive for Listening House continues through February 29th. After the 5:00 PM Mass on February 14th the box was overflowing. The variety of personal care items is amazing: hand lotions, foot-care products, bars of soap, and toothbrushes and tooth paste. Thank you for generosity.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SLOTS OPEN FOR LENT

There are still Liturgical Ministry slots open for the weekdays of 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 6:45 AM masses, Monday through Friday; Lectors for the 12:10 PM masses, Tuesday through Thursday; and Lectors and Communion Ministers for Friday masses at 5:15 PM.

SCHEDULES ARE READY NOW!

New liturgy schedules are ready for pick up now. If you are an Altar Server, Gift Bearer, Usher/Greeter, Communion Minister or Lector please pick up your schedule THIS WEEKEND. The new schedule runs from February 28th through May 30th.

A LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Archbishop Flynn will lead a morning of prayer and reflection on the Spirituality of the Eucharistic Minister from 9:30-11:30 AM on Saturday, March 6th, at St. Luke's Church in St. Paul (at the corner of Summit and Lexington). Those attending will reflect on how they are the Body of Christ-the mystery-placed on the Lord's table in the Eucharist. Those wishing to attend should leave their name and phone number with Nicole in the parish center before March 4th.

NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER

With your help we were able to turn in 291 signatures on the Voices for Children petition, asking our legislators to restore funding to programs for young children and families. Four people from our Center were able to attend the Voices for Children Advocacy Day on Thursday, February 19th to speak up for the youngest members of our Community.

We are currently accepting registration for 4- and 5-year old children in our Part-Time Preschool program. This program will run Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM-12 Noon. A healthy snack will be provided each day. Cost for the program is \$28 a day. For more information, or to enroll, please call Dimary at 651-224-1450.

The Child Care Center is currently accepting donations of paper products for use by the Center. We are most in need of paper plates, plastic cups, napkins, paper towels, photo copy paper and drawing paper. Donations can be brought directly to the Child Care Center or left at the Parish Center.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 22
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	February 23 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	February 24 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 6:45 AM, MC 8:30 AM, SC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 12:15 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 5:15 PM, MC 6:30 PM, SC 7:15 PM, MC	February 25 Mass & distribution of Ashes Scripture & distribution of ashes St. Mary's Clinic Scripture & distribution of ashes Loaves and Fishes Mass & distribution of ashes Religious Education, Grades 1-10, Ash Wednesday Service pick up students at the church Scripture & distribution of ashes
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	February 26 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Friday 4:00-7:00 PM SH	February 27 Fish Fry
Saturday	February 28
Sunday	February 29

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 15 Collections

Sunday Envelopes and Plate:	\$7948.81
Holy Day Envelope:	\$10.00
Fuel Collection:	\$622.00
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$6.25
School Fund Envelopes:	\$97.00
Vigil Lights	\$41.12

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 22	8:00 AM Lorraine Mike Deceased members of the Kammerer Family Jose Soto 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, February 23	Parishioners
Tuesday, February 24	Shirley Capistrant
Wednesday, February 25	6:45 AM Sally Fee (Ann'y) 5:15 PM Parishioners
Thursday, February 26	6:45 AM Justin Arland 12:10 PM Philip Snaza
Friday, February 27	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, February 28	Leonard Voto George Lackner Robert Norton
Sunday, February 29	8:00 AM Barbara Barnard Earl Cafilisch 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2004

Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15: 45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20--6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Priest in Residence	Father Marty Warren
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Child Care Center.....	651-224-1450
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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

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