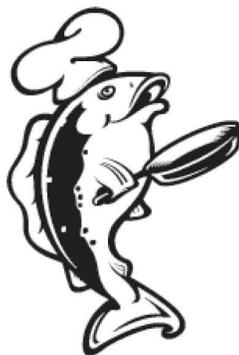


# The Community of St. Matthew

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



*Served every Friday  
February 27 - April 3*



**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 4-5p.m.**

**General public served 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

Adults ..... \$8.95  
Children (ages 4-13) ..... \$5.00  
Children under 4 ..... FREE  
Senior Special (4-5 p.m.) ..... \$7.50

**St. Matthew's Parish Social Hall  
510 Hall Ave., St. Paul**

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the season of Lent. The schedule of service at Saint Matthew for the season of Lent is as follows:

**Sunday Liturgies of Lent**

5:00 pm Saturday  
8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday

**Ash Wednesday  
February 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 am Mass  
9:15 am Service & ashes  
12:10 pm Service & ashes  
5:15 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Service & ashes

**Mondays of Lent**

6:45 am Mass

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of Lent**

6:45 am Mass  
12:10 pm Mass

**Fridays of Lent**

6:45 am Mass  
5:15 pm Mass

**Confessions**

7:15 am Tuesday  
4:00 pm Saturday

**Morning Prayer**

9:00 am Saturday

**Stations of the Cross**

7:00 pm Monday

On the Fridays of Lent the annual Lenten fish fries take place in the Social Hall from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm.

I encourage you to use this season of Lent to invite a family member, neighbor, friend, co-worker to come “to church” with you. Often people who have been away from church for a while need a gentle invitation and a non-judgmental attitude in order to encourage them to return to the practice of their faith.

At Saint Matthew’s we try to be hospitable and welcoming to all who come.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee For a Cause after both Sunday masses is being served by Stella Lundquist, Lu Finnegan, Marian Wolters and Rosemary Sullivan. Proceeds benefit the Minnesota Labouré Vocation Society, an association of Catholic lay people providing financial support for men and women aspiring to religious vocations. Visit the Social Hall to learn more about their good work and to enjoy tasty things to eat. Thanks to all who supported last week’s C4aC benefiting European Children Adoption Services. \$101.00 was raised.

### 2009 SOCK DRIVE

Listening House is a place where homeless or disadvantaged people gather during the day when most other shelters are closed. Many of these men are unemployable; some may be veterans with post traumatic stress, others have mental health issues, or chemical abuse problems. Listening House provides a warm place, a cup of coffee, counseling, a new T-shirt or shorts, and the opportunity to trade in the socks they are wearing for a clean pair. They need underwear and white tube socks. Could you please purchase an item and bring it to church next weekend. (We will also accept slightly used items.) When we deliver your donations, we see a lot of hopelessness. Please help and remember Sister Colleen’s concern for the unfortunate.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### LENT FAST AND ABSTINENCE OBLIGATION

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2009, and GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, 2009, are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS OF LENT are also days of abstinence.

FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE ST. MATTHEW'S MUSIC MINISTRY

As members of the assembly, yet members who serve that assembly and its common prayer through the art of music, we take our place among the people--as servants to the liturgy. Our service as singers and instrumentalists is not determined by the music we know. Rather, it is the flow and mood of the season and the focus of the readings for a particular celebration which inform how best we might serve the prayer of the assembly. A privilege and a challenge!

If you feel moved to enrich your own experience of worship as well as offering your gift for the good of the community, now is the time to join music ministry. We are in preparations for Lent, Triduum, and Easter. Join us! Voices and Instruments needed! No auditions. Just show up.

Adult Rehearsal: 7pm Wednesdays

Children's Choir: 2:45 Wednesdays

Hand bells: TBA

For more information, contact Bonnie Faber at the Parish Center.

### CONGRATULATIONS SR. MARGIE KLEIN, SSND!

On behalf of the St. Matthew's Community, we would like to congratulate Sr. Marjorie Klein, a member of the SSND Formation Community here at St. Matt's, on being elected the Provincial Leader of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Mankato Province.

### LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Are you/your group looking for some resources for spiritual growth for Lent? There is a series of reflections and questions on the Sunday gospels written by church leaders in the Twin Cities. You can get a copy/copies through the parish office.

### FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

**Doctoral Research:** Will you contribute to doctoral research on divorce recovery? If you are participating in a support group, would you take a pre- and post- survey on divorce adjustment? There is no cost to you. These study results will help others going through divorce. Please email me ASAP at [amaysta@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:amaysta@stcloudstate.edu) or call 320-259-1871 for more information. Alaine Aysta, Capella University.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>February 23</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC	<b>February 24</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Committee mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:45 AM, MC 9:15 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 12:10 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 5:15 PM, PM 6:30 PM, SC  7:00 PM, MC	<b>February 25</b> Mass & Ashes Service & Ashes St. Mary's Clinic Service & Ashes Loaves and Fishes Mass & Ashes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Service & Ashes
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>February 26</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b> 4:30-7:30 PM, SH	<b>February 27</b> Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 1</b>

### Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church

CH – Chapel

PC – Parish Center

SH – Social Hall

SC – School

CC – Child Care

XC – Extended Day

## STEWARDSHIP

*Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?*

Ash Wednesday: *In the Gospel for the day, Jesus warns that our giving must be done quietly, without hoping for cognition or applause. But He also promises that God, who sees even our most secret deeds, will reward those who fast, pray, and give alms.*

Sharing: Last weekend: \$7,828. Thank you. 33 weeks this year: \$302,114—that is 3.4% behind the budget; and about 1% ahead of last year.

Additional donations: \$72 in school envelopes; \$14 in initial; \$5 for the food shelf; and \$684 in “fuel” envelopes [every one of those dollars helps since our fuel bill for ½ December and ½ January was about \$31,000.

Service: [much more service given than attested to]: made food and prizes for the Valentine luncheon of the Rosary Society; helped at school by counting labels.

Prayer: thanks for the testimony for regular prayer: morning, mealtime, bedtime prayer; 15 minutes each day; daily rosary; daily spiritual reading.

Catholic Services Appeal [formally: Annual Catholic Appeal]: now is the time to return the response form. A few facts: it will be helpful to both the parish and parishioner to respond, regardless of the amount: there will be follow-up phoning; please respond with gifts and pledges before the end of the parish part of the campaign—we will receive a 25% rebate of all pledged or given by that time. [Donations thereafter will help toward our goal, but will not be included in the rebate.

Reunion Sunday May 3, 2009. This year all alums of Saint Matthew's School are invited! Those in the classes of -4 and -9 have received invitations [this will be the 80<sup>th</sup>, or 75<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup>, or 65<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup>, or 55<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup>, or 45<sup>th</sup>, or 40<sup>th</sup>, or 35<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup> of graduation]. And extra welcome to the class of 1959 [50<sup>th</sup>] and 1984 [25<sup>th</sup>]. Come at 10:00 for pre-Mass conversation and re-acquaintance, 10:30AM Mass, a complimentary brunch and tours of the school.

RSVP to the parish or the school. Will you contact your classmates and invite them?

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/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: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Web site: [st-matts.org](http://st-matts.org)

Bulletin Email: [bulletin.editor@st-matts.org](mailto:bulletin.editor@st-matts.org)

### 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 ..... *Shar LaVelle*

Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*

Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*

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..... 651-224-1459

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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson

Connie Aligada Anthony Minus

Jason Delmont David Burrows

Chris Stevens Joyce Osborne

Stephen Adrian