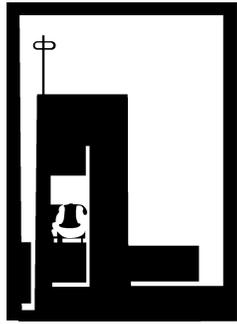


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

**Conversation and Reflection
On Catholic Faith
Beginning, March 3rd
7:00 PM
Saint Matthew Parish Center
490 Hall Avenue
651-224-9793**

Beginning on Monday, March 3rd I will introduce a series of conversations and reflections on Catholic faith and practice for those who seek to become Catholic.

Have you been curious about Catholic faith and practice? Are you planning to marry a Catholic and are curious about your future partner's religious beliefs? Are you married to a Catholic and desire to know more about his/her faith life? Are you searching for a way to live more fully your Christian faith and are attracted to the Catholic Church?

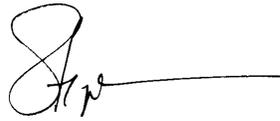
If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", then this opportunity is for you.

These gatherings will take place on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM, and periodically on Sunday mornings between 9:00-10:00.

The purpose of these gatherings is to explore Catholic faith and practice, to have an opportunity to raise questions, to enter into a respectful and free ranging conversation about the life and faith of Catholics.

If you wish to participate, please call the church office – 651-224-9793 – and leave your name and phone number. If you know someone – a family member, co-worker or neighbor – who has expressed an interest, invite that person and come with.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

Alma Becker celebrates her 104th birthday on Sunday, February 23rd.

PRAY FOR PEACE ON-LINE

From Sunday, February 23 to March 3rd around the world will pray together for Peace in the World at Sacred Space, www.sacredspace.ie/prayer/ the Irish Jesuit On-Line prayer site. Each day's prayer will be inspired by the words of John XXIII, first published in "Pacem in Terris" forty years ago this year. One each of the nine days the site will highlight a reflection on a theme from "Pacem in Terris" and will include a prayer from one of the major world religions. Sacred Space is a daily devotional site sponsored by the Irish Jesuits, It has had almost 6 million visits since 1999 and is now translated into 15 languages.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN XXIII

REMEMBERING THE SPIRIT OF "PACEM IN TERRIS"

Once again this year the Parish Enrichment Committee is preparing to host Lenten Potlucks on the following Wednesday evenings of Lent, March 12, 19, April 2 and 9. They are busy preparing materials around reflection of John XXIII and his final encyclical "Pacem in Terris" which was published 40 years ago this April.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN XXII

REMEMBERING THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II

The Parish Enrichment Committee is also preparing to host a special Lenten event on the afternoon of Sunday, March 30. There were several Minnesotans who were participants in Rome at Vatican II. James Shannon and Fr. Ken Pierre have agreed to share their reflections on their experiences at Vatican II. Join us for an afternoon of remembering, reflecting and recapturing the spirit of Vatican. Watch the bulletin for further details. If you are interested in helping with any of the Parish Enrichment Lenten events please contact the parish center.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—RECONCILIATION

Students preparing for their first reconciliation and their parents are reminded of the class in the Church on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 PM.

This is the final class before reconciliation. First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM in the church.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—CONFIRMATION

Candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors are reminded of the class in the Church on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 PM. Volunteer reflections forms may be turned at that time. Confirmation students will meet again on Sunday, March 9 for class, Mass in the chapel and gyros sandwiches after Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—FIRST COMMUNION

First communion students and their parents **do not** meet on Wednesday, February 26. First Communion students and their parents will meet again on Wednesday, March 26, for a Mass of Explanation. If you have not chosen your date for First Communion please call the parish center to make your selection.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ALERT!

Lent is almost here (Ash Wednesday is March 5th) and we will be needing Lectors and Communion Ministers to cover all of our Lenten weekday masses. If you can help out please sign up in the church sacristy by the Ministry Check-In Board.

NEW LITURGY SCHEDULES ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH

If you are an Alter Server, Lector, Gift Bearer, Communion Minister, or Usher/Greeter, please take your schedule home with you today. The new schedule starts the weekend of March 8th and 9th.

A BIG 'THANK YOU'

Thank you to everyone who helped with Church Clean-Up Days. Due to the dirt and grime of construction we have had to call on parishioners twice in the past two months to give up a Saturday or Monday morning in order to clean our worship space. Both our 'pre-Christmas' and 'end of construction' calls were generously answered by families and individuals. Thank you for your hard work — the church looks great!!!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 23
12:00 PM, MC	Baptism
12:30 PM, MC	Baptism
Monday	February 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Brownies
Tuesday	February 25
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	February 26
12:00-7:00, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	Sacramental Preparation-Reconciliation
7:30 PM, MC	Sacramental Preparation-Confirmation
Thursday	February 27
12:00-7:00, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Mtg.
Friday	February 28
6:45-9:00 PM, SC	Set up -Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
Saturday	March 1
8:00 AM -	Cub Scout
12:00 PM, SC	Pinewood Derby
Sunday	March 2
12:00 PM, MC	Baptism,
12:30 PM, MC	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for February 16, 2003: \$
 Youth treasure for February 16, 2003:
 Donated in children and young people's envelopes

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 23	8:00 AM Sadie Monsour 8:00 AM Lorraine White 8:00 AM Bernard Bukowski 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, February 24	Sally Fee
Tuesday, February 25	
Wednesday, February 26	
Thursday, February 27	Margaret M. Johnson
Friday, February 28	
Saturday, March 1	Margaret Przblek John & Irene Pachl Helen Liebl
Sunday, March 2	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society 8:00 AM Tom Raymond 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2003

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:	Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22; 2 Cor 3:1b-6; Mk 2:18-22

SOCIAL ACTION

Call and give your opinion of the proposed war in Iraq to the Bush White House opinion line: 1-202-456-1111. Calls are accepted from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday. You will be asked for your home state and to indicate, *I oppose* or *I approve*.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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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

Monday.....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
Wally Nelson	John Sekevitch

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