

# The Community of St. Matthew

14th Annual  
Red and White  
Dinner



Saturday, April 14, 2007  
St. Matthew's Church  
Social Hall

5:00 PM Liturgy  
6:00 PM Social/Silent Auction  
6:45 PM Dinner

Come for a great night of food, fun and fellowship and support The St. Matthew's Educational Endowment Fund. Enjoy browsing the silent auction before a formal dinner. Remember your ticket is entry into a drawing with prizes including \$300, \$750 and \$1500.

Tickets are available after all masses. Tickets may also be purchased at the parish office or school office. Groups of six or more, may reserve a table.

See You There!!

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

**Worship in the Season of Lent**  
**Church of Saint Matthew**  
**510 Hall Avenue**  
**Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**651-224-9793**

**Sunday Lenten Liturgy**  
Saturday, 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 am

**Daily Eucharist**  
Monday, 6:45 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6:45 am & 12:10 pm  
Friday, 6:45 am & 5:15 pm

**Liturgy of Morning Prayer**  
Saturday, 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Tuesday, 7:15 am  
Saturday, 4:00 pm

**Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration**  
Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saint Matthew Chapel

**Stations of the Cross**  
Monday, 7:00 pm

**Scripture Study**  
The Passion Narratives of the Gospels  
Saturday, 9:30-11:00 am  
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

**Lectio Divina**  
Meditative reading of scripture  
Saturday, 4:15-4:45 pm  
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Sunday, 9:15-9:45 am  
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1  
St. Matthew's Chapel

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Lent I encourage you to renew your commitment to a Stewardship of Time – the time one spends in prayer and prayerful reflection. Plan some ways you and your family can enter into the spirit of Lent and prepare for the Feast and Season of Easter.

2007 is a Jubilee Year – a time for new beginnings, a time for leaving yesterday behind, a time to mend relationships, a time to forgive and reconcile. I encourage you to invite one person to join you in worship this Lent. Encourage a person who has been away from church for a while. Assure that person he/she is welcome here – no questions asked.



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### MINISTRY FAIR THANK YOU

Very special thanks to all of the groups that participated in St. Matthew's Ministry Fair last weekend. With the combined efforts of those who organized the event, those who staffed tables and those who visited the exhibits, the fair was a wonderful success. It was a marvelous display of St. Matthew's parish community living out its mission of being a "Visible expression of God's love"! Our apologies for missing the money counters who faithful count the Sunday collection every Monday morning. Look for their booth next year. Congratulations to Pat Kasheimer who won the drawing for a dinner prepared and served by the SSND's.

### COFFEE SUNDAY THIS WEEK

Stop over to the parish center after Masses this Sunday to check out the new windows and enjoy a cup of coffee and treat.

### FESTIVAL CHOIR

It's time to start choir rehearsals for our Triduum and Easter liturgies. If you would like to be a part of St. Matt's Music Ministry for these special celebrations -- by singing in the choir or playing an instrument -- leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830 & she'll prepare a choir /instrument folder for you. Questions? Leave a good time for her to call & she'll get back to you. Rehearsals are Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM in the church. Remember, "Singing once is Praying twice" -- join the choir for Lent & you just doubled your prayer life for the season!

### PARISH PRAYER LINE

Sister Anne Becker has taken responsibility for the re-starting of this wonderful avenue of prayer. There are three needs: 1) another leader or two who can pinch hit when the leaders are on vacation; 2) more folks to be part of the pray-ers; 3) intentions for prayer—may be called in to the parish office: 651-224-9793.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please pick your schedule up this weekend; they are effective through May 27. Thank you in advance.

### FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY

Join friends and family at the second fish fry of the season this Friday from 4:30-7:30 PM. Cost: Adults—\$8.00, children (ages 4-13)—\$5.00 and 3 years and younger free. Senior special runs from 4:00-5:00 PM and costs \$7.00. All the fish you care to eat, baked potato, vegetable, salad bar, milk, coffee and dessert.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

# EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

St. Matthew's School is hosting their Spring Book Fair from Sunday, March 4 through Thursday, March 8. Stop by next Sunday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and shop for spring, Easter gifts and support our school.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY

There will be religious education class this Wednesday, February 28 for grades 1-10. Join the 6-10th graders at 7:30 PM in the main church for evening prayer.

## LENTEN REFLECTION ON PHILIPPIANS

The reading from Paul for the Second Sunday of Lent is Philippians 3:17-4:1. Here Paul discusses how the lives of the baptized must reflect the reign of God rather than the values of the world. You are invited to join with others for *lectio divina* (meditative reading) of this part of Philippians, silent reflection and communal sharing

When: Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM and Sunday 9:15-9:45 AM

Where: In the Chapel (at church, not the parish center)

## ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scouts from Troop 107 will be collecting aluminum cans on March 3 & 4 at all Masses. Please bring aluminum cans only to the Scout trailer in the parking lot. Scouts will be there to accept your cans. Thank you again for your continued support

## OUR LENTEN WORSHIP IN SONG & SPACE

In the Sixth Century, Gregory the Great described Lent as a solemn fast. Through the ages it has been a time for the Faithful to be sparing in their words and in all their senses. This understanding underpins the sung prayer & visual / tactile environment of our Sunday liturgies. SILENCE begins, weaves throughout & ends our Masses. Much of our song is unaccompanied. We reach for holy water only to find the fonts empty ("As a deer longs for running streams . . . my heart thirsts for the God of my life." [psalm 42]). The "alleluia" of our Paschal Candle is no longer present – banished to the desert with Christ (our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday's gospel). A burning bush reminds us that we are on holy ground (Exodus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent). Our Prayer Basket is set before us, a constant reminder that our prayers "rise like incense" (psalm 141). We set the tone of our mass by celebrating God's mercy in our Greek "Kyrie Elieson" & we take leave of our mass with the Latin "Parce Domine" echoing the words of Joel from Ash Wednesday, "Spare your people, Lord!" This is our accepted time – rich in its history. With Gregory the Great, we pray that our Lent of 40 days may bring us growth and give God Praise.

# WEEKLY READINGS

## Readings for the Week of February 25, 2007

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15p  
 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

# THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 9:15 AM, CH	<b>February 25</b> Lectio Divina
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, MC	<b>February 26</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC	<b>February 27</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC  7:30 PM, MC	<b>February 28</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10 Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, PC	<b>March 1</b> Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 7:15 AM – 5:15 PM  4:30 7:30 PM, SH	<b>March 2</b> Eucharistic Adoration Lenten Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM, MC 9:30 AM, PC 9:30 AM, SH 4:15 PM, CH Boy Scout Can Recycling before and after 5:00 PM Mass	<b>March 3</b> Morning Prayer Centering Prayer Scripture Study Lectio Divina
<b>Sunday</b> Boy scout Can Recycling before and after 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM, MC 9:15 AM, CH	<b>March 4</b> Liturgy Committee Meeting Lectio Divina

## 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 of prayer, service and sharing at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

*Thank you for the following examples and encouragement witnessed on the stewardship envelopes:*

Prayer: recited prayers each morning and evening; spent 80 minutes in prayer this past week; prayed for parishioners with last names beginning with E and F.

Service: delivered Meals on Wheels; shopped for a neighbor who is blind; helped in daughter's office; visited the sick; volunteered at child's school...at Visitation school; ministered in liturgical roles

Sharing: \$7,400 was given in the usual three ways: envelopes, plate and electronic. The fiscal year is 34 weeks passed. The Sunday collections are averaging about \$1,565 behind each week. Please remember that all our costs continue even though we may not be in Church during a particular Sunday. Thank you very much.

Other dollars: \$527 in fuel collection; \$78 in School envelopes; \$25 in holyday envelopes. Thank you.

Young people's stewardship \$7.14 in envelopes. A few of them wrote about the time they spent in prayer everyday, examples of time spent in service this week were helping parents with chores, sorting laundry, helping siblings read, making valentines for others.

Parish Center windows: the Westside is complete; the Eastside has been ordered. There will be a mailing this week describing how all parishioners can be involved. Come over and see the windows after Mass today.

Annual Catholic Appeal: if you have not returned your envelope, please do so as soon as possible. This appeal does have a telephone follow-up and you will receive a phone call if you have not returned your form. Please return, regardless of the amount of your pledge or payment.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM –4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
 Bulletin Email: 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 ..... Dana McCarthy  
 Dir. Child Care..... Dimary Rosado  
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....Maureen Gitlin  
 Business Administrator ..... 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  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830

**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 Larry Sachi  
 Nicole Johnson John Sekevitch  
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg  
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**Committee Chairs**

Finance.....  
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