

The Community of St. Matthew



Saturday

April 26, 2006

Liturgy at 5:00 PM

Social and Silent Auction 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:45 PM

Dance 8:30-11:30 PM

"The Game" throughout the night

Tickets for sale after all Masses

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday.

“Lent is a privileged time of interior pilgrimage towards Him Who is the font of mercy” (Message of Benedict XVI for Lent 2006).

This is the worship schedule for Lent at the Church of Saint Matthew. Invite family members and friends to join you for worship. Make Lent a special time for your renewal in the Christian life.

May this season be a time for new life for each of us.

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

6:45 am Mass and ashes
 9:00 am Scripture Service and ashes
 12:15 pm Scripture Service and ashes
 5:30 pm Mass and ashes
 7:00 pm Scripture Service and ashes

Sunday Liturgy of Lent

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

Monday's of Lent

6:45 am Mass
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday's of Lent

6:45 am Mass
 7:15 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 12:10 pm Mass

Wednesday's of Lent

6:45 am Mass
 12:10 pm Mass

Thursday's of Lent

6:45 am Mass
 12:10 pm Mass

Friday's of Lent

6:45 am Mass
 5:30 pm Mass
 4:00-7:00 pm Lenten Fish Fry in the Church Social Hall

Saturday's of Lent

4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, and Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence.

Abstinence The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday.

Fasting The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday [Canon 97] to the 59th Birthday [i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday] to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence Besides those outside the age limits, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense.

You are invited to join our community in observance of the Lenten Season. Perhaps it has been some time since you have been to church. Not to worry. Come and join us at Saint Matthew's. No questions asked. You are invited to follow Jesus with us, and you will never be excluded because of your race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or any of those things often used to rate, rank or exclude people.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
 Pastor

P A R I S H E V E N T S

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troop 107 will be doing aluminum can recycling the weekend of March 4 & 5. Please bring aluminum cans only to the recycling trailer in the parking lot before and after Masses.

February 500 Winners

First place—3370—Gayle Stelter and Charlotte St. Martin, Second place—3140—Mary Price and Arlene Kempe.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM MASSES ON SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses on Feb 26 are served by the Casillas and Sekevitch families - thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, baked goods and fellowship. Gratitude goes out to all who have been volunteering and bringing in treats for all of us to enjoy. Volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Contact John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Next Sunday, March 5 St. Matthew's School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Plan to stop in the school to check out the books available for purchase and don't forget to check out the teacher's wish list and buy a book for a classroom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY

There will be class for all students grades 1-10 this Wednesday. Students will meet in the classrooms at school and then will be going over to the church for the 7:00 PM prayer service for Ash Wednesday. Parents and families are invited to join us at the prayer service. Students should be picked up at church at the usual time, 7:45 PM.

ORGANIST NEEDED FOR THE SATURDAY MASS AT CERENITY RESIDENCE

Our faithful and able organist, Dorothy Edmondson, is unable to continue with her ministry at the organ at the Cerenity Residence on Humboldt at the 3:30 PM Saturday mass. If you are able to offer your services to this ministry please call Dorothy at 651-292-8856 or Doris at 651-292-0766.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA

The parish council of the St. Matthew Community will meet on Sunday, March 5 at 6:45 PM in the parish center.

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Sunday, March 5th, 2006

6:45 pm Gathering and Reflection

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting.

- I. Approval of minutes.
 - II. Public Comments
 - III. Review Written Committee and Task Force Reports (Finance, Enrichment, Liturgy, etc)
 - IV. Report on Parish Council Initiatives
 - A. Monthly Calendar of Events
 - B. Brochures and Communications
 - C. Parish Council Annual Meeting
 - D. Parish Enrichment Plan for Lifelong Learning
 - E. Stewardship
 - F. Hospitality Events
 - V. Constitution & Bylaws Update
 - VI. Other Business
- Adjourn

THANKS TO THE GRACIOUS GENEROSITY OF ANONYMOUS PARISH MEMBERS,

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS WITH BRAND NEW HYMNALS

On Ash Wednesday our book carts will be filled with new volumes of Gather Comprehensive, 2nd edition. These books combine much of the traditional hymnody & contemporary song found in the two different sets of used hymnals we have had for the past 7 years. (These old hymnals were gifted to us by St. Jude's of Mahtomedi.) The new hymnals offer a complete set of Sunday readings, the order of the Mass, morning & evening prayer, as well as new inspired songs & old favorites. We look forward to at least 20 years of sung prayer using this beautiful new resource. May our parish family find transformative growth & healing in our singing of the liturgy.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 26
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	February 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	February 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 1
	Ash Wednesday
6:45 AM, MC	Mass
9:00 AM, MC	Prayer Service
12:10 PM, MC	Prayer Service
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:30 PM, MC	Mass
6:45 PM, SH	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Prayer Service
Thursday	March 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	March 3
4:00-7:00 PM, SH	Fish Fry
Saturday	March 4
Sunday	March 5
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Meeting

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-February 12	\$7,511.10
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$297,360.00
Need to date:	<u>\$321,538.00</u>
	-\$24,178.00
School Fund	\$86.00
Children and Youth Envelopes	\$6.85

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished. s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 26	8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe John Meyers, Helen Savard 10:30 AM Klotine Mosby Parishioners
Monday, February 27	Parishioners
Tuesday, February 28	Richard Schiller Vickie Traynor
Wednesday, March 1	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:30 PM World Peace
Thursday, March 2	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday, March 3	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:30 PM Vickie Traynor
Saturday, March 4	George Lackner Bernard Ferber
Sunday, March 5	8:00 AM Larry Simmons Roger Klingner, Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2006

Sunday:	Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22/ 2 Cor 3:1b-6/ Mk 2:18-22
Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9/ Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16/ Mk 10:28-31
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

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon.....*Rev. John Murphy*
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 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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Phone Numbers

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 Liturgy and Music Voicemail 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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

Parish Council email: parishcouncil@st-matts.org

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance..... *Linda Sellars*
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