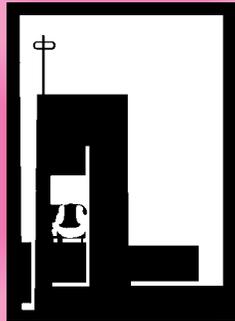
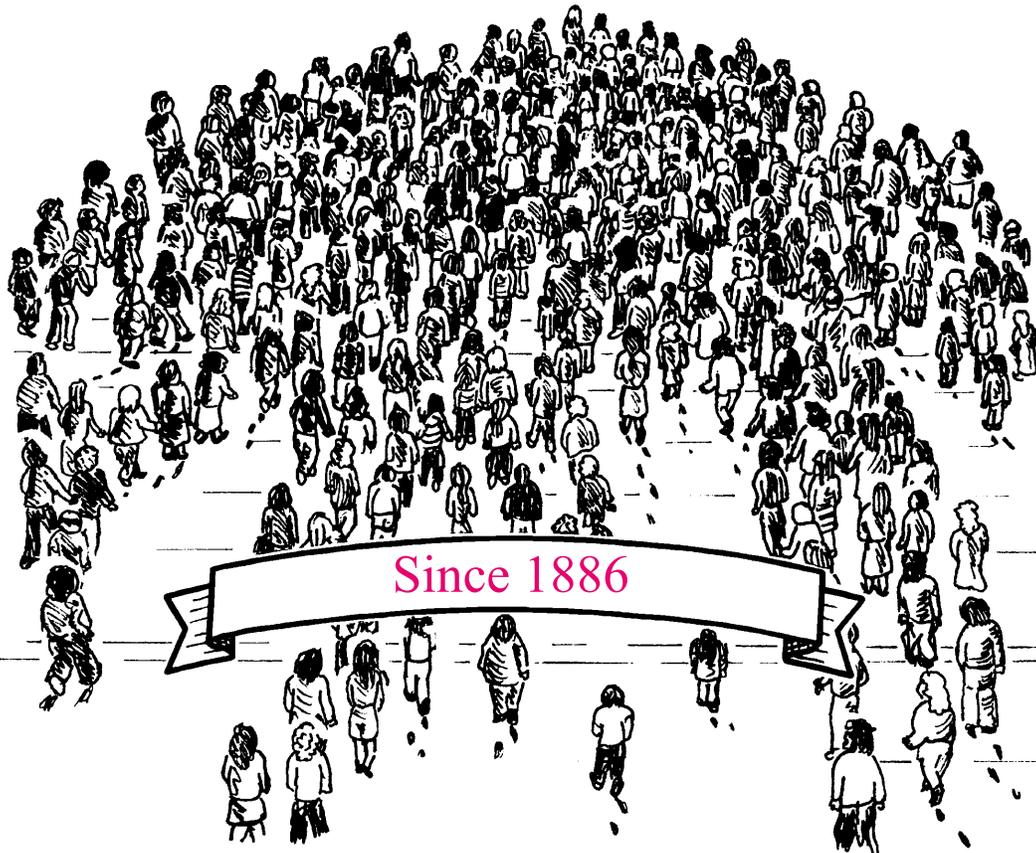


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The role of public authority is to promote the common good, those agreed upon values by which a society chooses to live, values with guarantee the sum total of social living whereby women and men can more fully and readily achieve their well being.

The common good presupposes that there are some goods, some values that are public or common. It also presupposes that the institutionalization of these goods or values enhance the dignity and well being of individual persons as well as the society as a whole.

The promotion of the common good makes for the "good society".

A good society makes sure that those who live within it have the basic necessities of life -- food to eat, adequate shelter, safety, basic medical care, opportunities for education, opportunities to work at a job that produces a living wage, etc.

These values are arrived at through long and hard soul searching and debate. The process of arriving at the common good involves procedures and dialogue within a pluralistic and democratic framework.

In the founding of this nation such procedures were there and such dialogue took place, people met and reflected and debated. Very often these meetings took place in New England churches on Sunday evenings. What emerged was some common vision of the common good of this new society, and when independence was declared at statement of these "common goods" was made -- "we hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

These values, these goods reflected a shared vision -- educators, business people, crafts people, scientists, church people, artists, political leaders, journalists. The diverse and good institutions

of society were oriented toward the protecting and enhancing the dignity of persons.

There truly was a sense that my success was in some way tied to the success of my neighbor; my good fortune was in some way linked with the good fortune of my neighbor; my future was in some way conditioned by the future of my neighbor. There was a sense of common goods and common life.

The "good society" has a shared vision of the common good, and promotes in a very practical way the implementation of that vision and the guarantee of those goods.

This is also true of the international community -- it is true of the "good world". A generation ago the nations of the world participated in a soul searching process which bore fruit in the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights". A few years later a further refinement appeared in "The Declaration of the Rights of Children".

Today we hear too much about private good and not very much about common good. Today we hear too much about national self interest and not enough about the common good of the international community. Today we hear too much about an "ownership society" and not enough about a "partnership society or a collaborative society". Today we hear too much about private investment and private security and not enough about mutual investment and social security.

The religious community can play a role in awakening all to a new dialogue and discussion, a new debate and conversation about common or public goods, common or public values. Perhaps this role for the religious community, this servant role, can best serve the good of all and can best depict the face of the church in the modern world.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

If you are interested in participating in our music ministry for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and /or Easter Sunday, please leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830. She'll get back to you regarding the times and dates of our practices for these liturgies.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alma Becker, our oldest parishioner turned 106 on Wednesday, February 23.

Lenten Potluck Conversations

Based on the Pastoral Constitution

Gaudium et Spes

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

The Life of the Political Community

The political community exists for the sake of the common good, in which it finds its full justification and significance and the source of its inherent legitimacy.

Potluck Supper: 5:45 PM

Discussion: 6:30 PM

School Library

All are welcome.

AN ITALIAN SPRING OR PASTA ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

On the afternoon of March 6, Stephen Mike and I will leave for 12 days in Italy, returning on the evening of Friday, March 18— just in time for Holy Week. Months ago I was invited to participate in an international conference at the Vatican to observe the 40th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council and the issuing of the final document of the council—The Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World. I was asked to prepare a paper and to chair a part of the conference.

This opportunity opened up a further once in a life time opportunity—the chance for Stephen and me to spend 12 days visiting and touring through Italy—visiting small hamlets and great cities, enjoying the outdoor cafes and grand restaurants, walking through olive groves and under grape arbors, seeing the work of great artists and maybe hearing great music.

I will be gone for the Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 12 & 13. I am grateful to Father Jerry Schik, a member of the Crosier Community, who will celebrate the Masses on that weekend. Deacon Murphy will preside at Communion Services at 12:10 PM on the Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of the Weeks of March 6 and March 13. I am most grateful to Father Warren who will celebrate the 6:45 AM Mass each day for the two weeks I am gone and the two Friday evening Masses at 5:15 PM.

Please make Father Jerry Schik feel welcome, I know you will.



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

CELEBRATING THE TRIDUUM

The holiest three days of the Church year offer unique opportunities for participation in the ritual action of the Triduum liturgies. Your participation enriches the prayer life of the entire community. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. Please consider participating in one or more of the following: **HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING** -- We need people of all ages reflecting the beautiful diversity of our community. Consider participating as a family. **HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL** -- This action is open to ALL at the liturgy, yet people are hesitant. The choir always joins the procession; but we need others to step in behind them -- thereby encouraging still more to join. **HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL IN THE CHAPEL** -- Not a time of strict adoration or personal devotion, this is a time of quiet reflection and community prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Participants may stay for as long as they wish. Brief structured prayer is offered at 15 minute intervals during the vigil which ends at 10:00 PM with Night Prayer. Sign-up is requested to assure that (for security reasons) there will always be two or more present. **GOOD FRIDAY'S 3:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS** -- Due to our early Easter this year, we plan on an INDOOR experience but we still need volunteers for carrying our large cross from station to station -- a task we would like to rotate among a number of different people. **HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL** -- Since horticulturists have not yet found the genetic key to the "walking Easter Lily", we need help carrying flowers forward as part of the preparation of the table at this liturgy. Your participation is welcome in any or all of these ritual actions. For more information, leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0830. She will return your call.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	February 27
Monday	February 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 1
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	First Reconciliation Celebration
Wednesday	March 2
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM, SC	Lenten Potluck
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
Thursday	March 3
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	March 4
4:30-7:30 PM, SH	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	March 5
Boy Scout Troop 107 Aluminum Can Recycling	
Sunday	March 6
Boy Scout Troop 107 Aluminum Can Recycling	
8:30 AM-12:30 PM Book Fair	
SC	

Book Fair continues through March 10 during regular school hours.

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$11,387.17
School Fund	\$55.00
Holy Day	\$75.00

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 27	8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday,	6:45 AM Parishioners
Tuesday,	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Wednesday,	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Thursday,	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday,	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM Arthur Geis
Saturday	5:00 PM Bernard Ferber George Lackner
Sunday	8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 27, 2005

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/ Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41

BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 CAN RECYCLING

Before/after all masses the weekend of March 5 & 6. Recycling trailer will be in the parking lot/playground area. Aluminum cans only please. All proceeds go to fund campouts and special events.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Priest in Residence*Father Marty Warren*
Deacon.....*Rev. John Murphy*
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Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
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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

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Larry Sachi	Connie Aligada

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
Education Advisory Richard Dunn
Liturgy