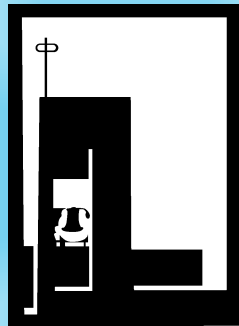
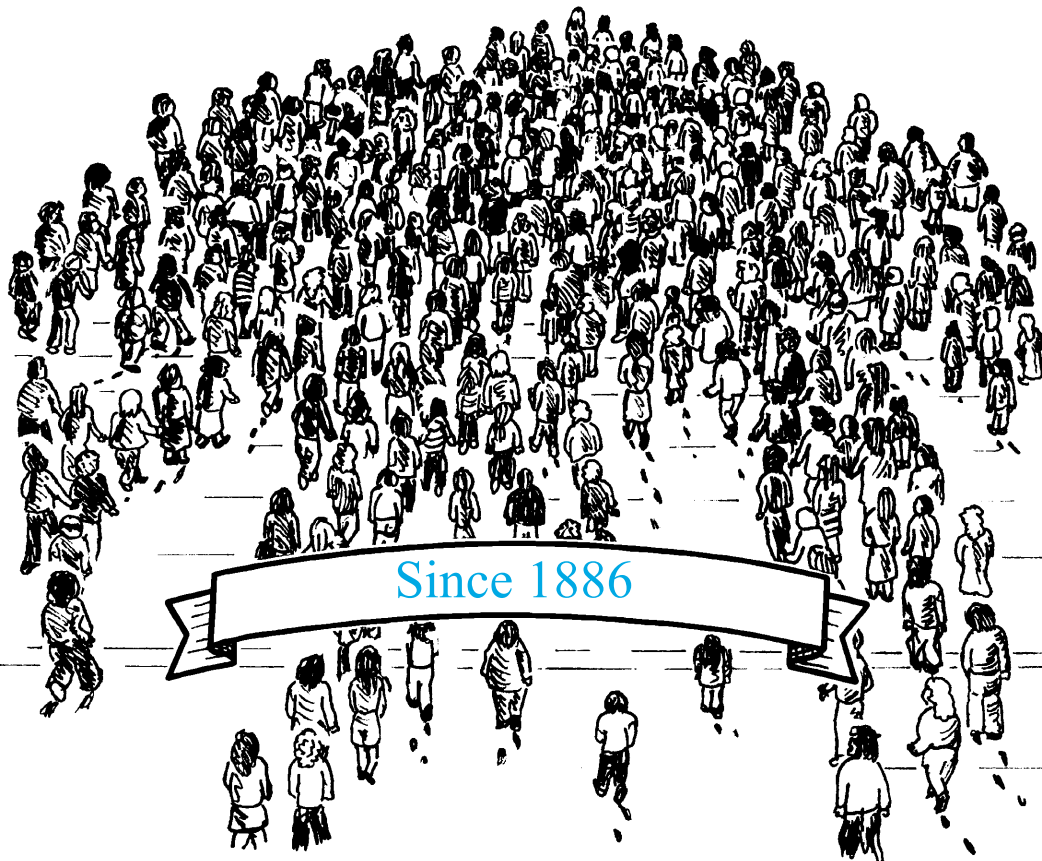


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

In one of Daniel Silva's pot boilers – The Killer Artist – he describes a phenomenon often present in the restoration of a masterpiece.

Sometimes what appears on the surface is quite different from what is taking place just below. Gabriel had been hired to restore a Van Dyck, a piece the artist had painted for a private chapel in Genoa depicting the Assumption of Mary. When Gabriel performed his original analysis of the paintings surface, he thought he saw something beneath the Virgin's face. Over time the light-toned paints Van Dyck had used to render her skin had faded, and it seemed an image before was beginning to rise. Gabriel performed an extensive x-ray examination of the picture to view what was taking place beneath the surface. He discovered a completely finished work, a portrait of a rather fleshy woman clad in a white gown. The black-and-white film of the x-ray made her appear specter like. Even so, Gabriel recognized the shimmering quality of Van Dyck's silks and the expressive hands that characterized the paintings he produced while living in Italy. He later learned that the work had been commissioned by a Genoese aristocrat whose wife had hated it so much that she refused to accept it. When Van Dyck was commissioned to paint the chapel piece, he simply covered up the old portrait in which paint and reused the canvas. By the time the canvas reached Gabriel's hands, more than three and a half centuries later, the wife of the

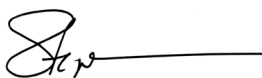
Genoese aristocrat had taken her revenge on the artist by rising to the surface of his painting.

This phenomenon is called pentimento because the painter “repented”, changed his mind. The image of the transfiguration of Jesus, so clear and so powerful, would soon be “covered over” with the experience of Jesus betrayed suffering and dying.

These two seemingly irreconcilable images—one over laying the other – become for Peter and James and John tangible realities and proclaim the mystery of God's love and reconciliation in Jesus.

Today the church asks us to hold in tension what may seem to some as the opposite poles of a contradiction – the truth of eternal life can be perceived in the deaths, defeats and trials that take place in our lives daily.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---
4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt
21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3,
11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,
10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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ST. MATTHEW'S FISH FRY!!

Invite you family, neighbors, friends, co-workers. Every Friday February 19 through March 26 from 4:30-7:30 pm. Coordinated by the St. Matthew's Men's Club and our co-sponsors, Home & School; Boy, Cub, and Girl Scouts; Rosary Society; Street Children of Bucharest, and Casa Guadalupana. Flyers, for posting, and volunteer information, we can always use some help, are available at the Scrip table. Questions? Tim Nowak 612-269-9471.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Each First Friday of the month the chapel is open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:15 AM to 5:15 PM in the parish chapel. Mass follows at 5:15 PM. We welcome you for any hour or half hour at any time of the day, but we have special need for people at 8:15 AM, 12:15 PM, 4:15 PM. Can you give one hour a month to pray for peace in our world? Call the Parish Center, 651-224-9397.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ST. MATT'S SPELLING BEE PARTICIPANTS

THIS YEAR! They are: Aaron Jenniges, Emilio Obregon, Antonio Solis, Miguel Vazquez, Rafa Fajardo, Zoila Moreno, Bree Osborne, Teriq Massie, Christopher Acesor, Freddy Dunn & Dylan Cox.

1st Place Winner: De-Jionn Morey-Foster, **2nd Place Winner:** Argentina Lerma, **3rd Place Winner:** Hannah Delmont.

De-J competed in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee in January and placed 6th out of 20 participants! He did an amazing job representing our school and we are so proud of his accomplishment! A-W-E-S-O-M-E job De-J!

Lent 2010
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Sundays of Lent
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 pm

Lent Weekday Masses
Monday: 6:45 am
Tuesday through Thursday
6:45 am & 12:10 pm
Friday
6:45 am & 5:15 pm

Stations of the Cross
Monday: 7:00 pm

Confessions
Tuesday: 7:10 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Eighth Annual KNIGHTS FOR LIFE Fundraisers:
Church of St. Joseph, 1138 Seminole Ave. West St. Paul. FRIDAY Night
April 30 6:00 to 8:00 PM – Family Basket Night. SATURDAY May 1st
6:00 to 9:00 PM - Banquet and Silent Auction with Speaker: Most
Reverend Harry J. Flynn, Archbishop Emeritus. Sponsor: West St. Paul
Knights of Columbus Council 4184 For Wakota Life Care Center. More
information call Tom Alleva 651-451-8474.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 28
Monday	March 1
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM, PC	Liturgy Committee
Tuesday	March 2
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	First Communion Class
Wednesday	March 3
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
9:15 AM, MC	School Mass
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
3:30 PM, MC	Finance Committee
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
6:30 PM, PC	Festival Committee
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	March 4
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, PC	Parish Council
Friday	March 5
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
4:30-7:30 PM, SH	Lenten Fish Fry
5:15 PM, MC	Mass

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His Transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom. Indeed, that is what our mission statement says: we strive to be a visible expression of God's love, in the world!

Sharing Last weekend, through the usual four channels, \$8,532 was given. Thank you. The total for the year \$308,000+ is just \$20 per week less than last year; and it is about \$20 per week more than 2 years ago.

Additional donations: \$616 in 'fuel' envelope; \$105 for the food shelf; \$16 in 'school' envelopes. Thanks to each person who was able to give.

Neighborhood house received another batch [300#] of food and dollars--\$577—as a result of the response to the Girl Scouts' drive. Admittedly, it was asking a lot since it came only two weeks after Souper Bowl Sunday. Thank you.

Service: Caring for a 96 year old... housekeeping... helping elderly with their medication... drove people to mass... visiting elderly.

Prayer: Daily rosary, mass, spiritual reading... intercessory prayer.

Children: Thank you for: \$8.50. They wrote: shoveled snow... put dinner dishes in sink without being asked... cleaned out clothes dresser. Next week, we include a summary of the giving of children and youth. We'll list envelope numbers and amounts.

Coffee Sundays continue on a weekly basis because of the interest and generosity of parishioners and parish groups. Thank you!! Unless specific mention is made of a 'cause,' the donations that are received are used to reimburse for the purchase of liquids and solids—which we all like!

There are some 'openings' for hosts. Are you interested...and willing? Please call the parish center to volunteer, to with your questions.

Catholic Services Appeal continues. Please return your pledge material as soon as possible—regardless of the amount you are able to give. Remember two things: 25% of all that is pledged and received is returned to the parish for its use; there will be follow-up phoning by the Archdiocese for all who don't respond. Thank you.

2009 contribution records will be mailed upon your request. Please call the parish center.

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Bookkeeper Cindy Hoffman
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Dir. Food Service Alice Schletty
Parish Engineer..... David Rosas

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Parish School..... 651-224-6912
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Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
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

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