

# The Community of St. Matthew

Ade Bethune

Illustrator for the Catholic Worker  
Sunday, March 7 at 3:00 PM  
College of St. Catherine

Join the us as we have the opportunity to view the life and art of Ade Bethune. Ade Bethune worked extensively with Dorothy Day and several of her wood cuts were carried in the Catholic Worker newspaper. We will be guided through the collection by Deborah Kloiber, reference librarian in charge of the Ade Bethune Collection at The College of St. Catherine.

Call the parish office to  
register and for directions.  
651-224-9793

This free event is sponsored  
by the Parish Enrichment Committee



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The Season of Lent begins with the picture of Jesus in the desert. This image is presented to us each year. The image and story is meant to challenge us about where we find our security and safety.

Jesus is tempted to seek immediate gratification. Jesus is tempted to lust for power over others. Jesus is tempted to wash his hands of any responsibility and place himself totally in the hands of God.

All three temptations are present to us today.

We live in a culture that craves security—personal security, economic security, and homeland security. We are tempted to see security as the first and greatest need and demand of life. On a personal level we stockpile “stuff”. Our basements and cupboards are filled to overflowing—we fear running out. How many of us agonize over retirement, investments, the “return on the dollar?” And to what extent are we willing to secure our national borders—are we willing to abridge human rights, constitutional values? The Gospels does not tell us to abandon security, the Gospel does tell us that the quest for security is not the first value, the primary goal, the premier desire of the disciple. Jesus says, “It is not by bread alone that one lives, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

The desire for power, the desire for control, the desire to have it my way is ingrained in human beings. We wish to have our personal vision and view of the world hold sway.

We desire to have the world “just the way I want it.” We desire to have other people behave the way I want then to behave. And many times we are tempted to do whatever “it takes” to achieve our desires and goals. The end justifies the means. Children bully, adults harass, institutions and nations give ultimatums. Often the desire to win becomes a goal in itself—and the temptation to win at any cost becomes our “god, all is surrendered to achieve the victory. Jesus says, “The Lord your God shall you adore, and Him only shall you serve.”

There is the temptation to exhaustion. The work is too much, the demands too great, the problems too severe, the frustration too great. It is the temptation to quietism. The temptation to absolve oneself of efforts and piously put it all in the hand of God. It is the temptation to laziness. It is the refusal to accept one’s responsibilities. It is tempting God to “Fix” my life for me, and when God doesn’t do it, I have a reason to be angry with God. It is the temptation to turn God into a magician. Jesus says, “Do not tempt the Lord your God.”

How do these temptations play out in my life? What does this first Sunday of Lent invite me to do? How do these temptations play out in my family, at my work place, in my community.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### LENTEN POTLUCKS

Mark your calendars for the Lenten Potlucks. We will be located in the faculty lounge at St. Matthew’s School. The dates are March 10, 17, 24, and 31. Bring a dish to pass and your appetite. We will begin the meal at 5:45 PM. At 6:30 PM those engaged in religious education will go to their rooms and those interested will explore the writing of Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day. Books of reflections by these two people are available for \$6 at the parish center, but there will also be some for your use at the pot luck. We hope to see you there.

### A LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Archbishop Fly will lead a morning of prayer and reflection on the Spirituality of the Eucharistic Minister from 9:30 to 11:30 AM on Saturday, March 6 at St. Luke’s Church in St. Paul (corner of Summit & Lexington). Those attending will reflect on how they are the Body of Christ—the mystery— placed on the Lord’s Table in the Eucharist. Those wishing to attend should leave their name and phone number with Nicole in the parish center before March 4.

### FEBRURAY 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st Place—3190—Theresa Gubash and Delores Gubash  
2nd Place—2980—Mary Jane Sperl and Chris Youngren

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CHILD CARE CENTER SPRING FUNDRAISER!

We are beginning our Spring Fundraiser this weekend! Catalogs and order forms will be available at each of the Fish Fry's as well as in the back of the church for easy ordering. Payment is due with your order. The money raised will be used to pay for summer field trips for the children at the Center. The Center would also like to thank the family of Bernie Carlson for donating a new balance beam set in Bernie's memory.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

Due to school conferences there will be no religious education class this week, class will resume on Wednesday, March 10, hope to see you all there.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS—TAKE NOTE

Confirmation students are reminded of the reading assignment for our next meeting on Sunday, March 14. If you did not receive a copy please pick up a copy at the parish center. It is important that everyone read the assignment before class. Any service project journal sheets should be turned in as you complete your service projects, please bring them to the next meeting. If you were not baptized at St. Matthew's and have not turned in your baptismal certificate, please bring it to the next meeting.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING OFFERED AT ST. MATTHEW'S

All children before entering kindergarten are required to participate in this early childhood screening. St. Matthew's school is hosting this screening at the school on Thursday, March 4 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Vision, hearing, speech, and development will be tested. Immunization records will be reviewed. To make an appointment please call 651-632-3746. This service is provided by the St. Paul Public Schools.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We find we are having a shortage of altar servers for the 5:00 PM Saturday and 8:00 AM Sunday Masses. If you are interested in being an altar server please come to the training on Sunday, February 29 at 9:15 AM in the church. This is a 45 minute training. The age for altar servers is normally 4th to 8th grade, boys or girls. High schoolers may also apply if interested. If you have any questions, please call Larry Sachi at 651-451-8960. Please consider this chance to be a minister to the community worship. WE NEED YOU!

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 29</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
7:15 AM, CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
No Religious Education Classes	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 4</b>
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Early childhood Screening
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 5</b>
4:00-7:00 PM, SH	Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
10:00 AM, SH	In the Steps of Jesus an audio-visual presentation
4:00 PM, CH	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
3:00 PM	Visit to the Ade Bethune Collection at the College of St. Catherine

**Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

### Sunday, February 15 Collections

Sunday Envelopes and Plate:	\$6,312.61
Holy Day Envelope:	\$20.00
Fuel Collection:	\$175.00
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$24.30

*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 29	8:00 AM Barbara Barnard Earl Caflisch 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, March 1	6:45 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, March 2	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Wednesday, March 3	6:45 AM Bernard Ferber 12:10 PM Arthur Geis
Thursday, March 4	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday, March 5	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, March 6	Mary & Sam Mike Verlyn Janisch
Sunday, March 7	8:00 AM Larry Simmons Agnes DeFoe, Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 29, 2004

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 6:7-15
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; Lk 9:28b-36

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
Web site: st-matts.org

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor.....	<i>Father Stephen Adrian</i>
Priest in Residence .....	<i>Father Marty Warren</i>
Deacon.....	<i>Rev. John Murphy</i>
Dir. Education & Formation.....	<i>Beth Behnke</i>
Dir. Music & Liturgy .....	<i>Dana McCarthy</i>
Dir. Child Care.....	<i>Maureen Gitlin</i>
Business Administrator .....	<i>Debra Lindstedt</i>
Administrative Assistant .....	<i>Nicole Johnson</i>
Dir. Food Service .....	<i>Alice Schletty</i>
Parish Engineer.....	<i>David Rosas</i>

### Phone Numbers

Fax.....	651-228-9448
Parish School.....	651-224-6912
Extended Day.....	651-228-1535
Child Care Center.....	651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....	651-310-0830
Prayerline Receiver.....	651-222-3622 or 651-224-2903-

### 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

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

### Committee Chairs

Finance.....	Peter Grayson
Education Advisory .....	Michele Edwards
Liturgy	