

The Community of St. Matthew



SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
ALL ARE INVITED TO THE
SOCIAL HALL AFTER MASS FOR
REFRESHMENTS AND TO SEE
SCOUTING DISPLAYS.



ATTENTION ALL CHESS PLAYERS!
ON FEBRUARY 3RD, MEMBERS OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHESS CLUB WILL BE PLAYING CHESS DURING THE COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING 10:30 A.M. MASS. COME AND JOIN THEM. PLAYERS OF ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENTS TO PLAY NEW PEOPLE AND LEARN FROM THEM. THE CHESS CLUB INSTRUCTOR, MR. DIAZ, WHO HOLDS THE RANK OF CHESS MASTER HAS SAID HE WILL PLAY UP TO 25 PEOPLE IN A SIMULTANEOUS MATCH. SO BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN THE FUN!

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 6th. Below is the schedule of worship for the Season of Lent. I encourage you to increase your attention to prayer and worship, the reading of the Word of God, the works of Charity and Justice during this Lenten Season.

Lent is the spring time of the human soul, a time of new awakening. God is offering to each of us an opportunity that is unique and different in each of our lives. Who knows, Lent 2008 may be a decisive point in your or my life!

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The Season of Lent 2008

Ash Wednesday, February 6th

Mass and ashes: 6:45 am & 5:15 pm
Scripture Service and ashes: 9:00 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm

Sunday Liturgy
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday Liturgy
Monday: 6:45 am

Tuesday: 6:45 am & 12:10 pm
Wednesday: 6:45 am & 12:10 pm
Thursday: 6:45 am & 12:10 pm
Friday: 6:45 am & 5:15 pm

Morning Prayer
Saturdays of Lent: 9:00 am

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

Stations of the Cross
Monday: 7:00 pm

Lenten Friday Fish Fry
Six Fridays of Lent beginning February 8th
Senior Citizens Special 4-5 pm
5:00-7:30 pm
Saint Matthew Social Hall

Welcome to the Church of Saint Matthew. Lent can be a time of renewal, a time to begin again, a time to grow in faith. If you have been away for a while, welcome back. No questions asked.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LEISURE CLUB

The Rosary Society has invited the Leisure Club to a soup and salad luncheon on February 12th at 12:30 PM. There will be a meeting and Bingo will be played. For reservations call Judy DeNardo at 651-686-5463 before February 8th.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday from February 8 through March 14. All you can eat Fish Fry (fried or baked) from 4:30 to 7:30. Baked Potato, vegetable, roll, salad bar, milk, coffee, and dessert are included. Adults \$8.75, children 4-13 \$5.00, under 4 free. Special senior hour from 4-5 pm \$7.50. Our 19th annual Lenten Fish Fry.

LISTENING HOUSE COLLECTION

Boxers or Briefs? Socks or T-Shirts? In honor of Sister Colleen the Rosary Society will again be collecting items for the Listening House, a drop-in center near St. Joseph's Hospital for homeless men. We talked to a worker who said they had a lot of socks and personal care items. What they really need is underwear, medium and large sizes. They will take gently used items. If you have already purchased socks or hygiene items, please donate them. If you need to shop for items, underwear would be much appreciated. The collection will take place February 16-24. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONTINUING NEED

Every day some of our neighbors struggle to put food on their table. Helping them is as easy as bringing food or paper products to weekend worship. Every week food is collected here and brought to Neighborhood House. You'll find wish lists or envelopes for cash donations on the bulletin board in back of church. The food shelf is always in need of grocery bags too, so bring a few to recycle with your donation. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

A LENTEN RETREAT

"How Big is Your God?": The Loyola Spirituality Center is sponsoring a weekend retreat led by an internationally recognized Ignatian scholar, charismatic teacher, and author, Paul Coutinho, a Jesuit Priest from the Bombay province of India who has a doctorate in historical theology from St. Louis University. Fr. Coutinho credits spiritual teachers and friends from many traditions for deepening his concept of the Divine. The retreat will be held Friday, March 7 (7-9 p.m.) and Saturday, March 8 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at the Church of St. Peter in Mendota, with a Mass scheduled at 8 a.m. on Saturday. The cost for both days is \$30 (or \$10 for Friday only; \$25 for Saturday only). Call 651-641-0008 (or go to www.loyolaspiritualitycenter.org) for more information.

LECTORS

The Lector Workshop has been rescheduled for February 10, 2008. The workshop will be held in the church between the masses, from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM. It is very important that all attend. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please join us, or call Bonnie Faber at the office 651-224-9793.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation class is cancelled on February 5, 2008. It has been rescheduled for February 12, 2008 at 6:30 PM, in the Chapel. Families will receive a postcard reminder.

"THE CLOWN OF GOD"

On February 5, 2008 at 1:00 PM, St. Agnes School 7th and 8th graders will present the play "The Clown of God" to St. Matthew School. The play will be held in the main church. All are invited to attend.

SAVE YOUR POP TOPS

The 4th grade students at St. Matthew's are collecting pop tops for the Twin Cities Ronald McDonald House from now until Easter. The students researched what the House uses the money raised through the pop tops and are very excited to participate in this project. There will be a container in the entry way to the church to put them in. Thank you for your help!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 3
Scout Sunday 3:00 PM, MC	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
4:30 PM, SH	Big Game Party
Monday	February 4
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	February 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	February 6
Ash Wednesday	
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
Thursday	February 7
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	February 8
4:30 PM- 7:00 PM	Fish Fry
Saturday	February 9
8:00 AM, SH	Pinewood Derby
Sunday	February 10

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom of God! The Gospel today assures all good stewards that their service, and even their suffering, on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!

Prayer: daily Mass...1 hour of prayer daily...morning and evening prayer each day...rosary daily...prayers at mealtimes...spiritual reading each day...pray for the intentions given to the prayer chain...read Sacred Scripture each day

Service: helped people with shopping errands...drove people to Mass...worked at the food shelf...taught religious ed...brought groceries for the food shelf...volunteered at Feed My Starving Children

Children's Stewardship: Giving: \$7.75 Prayer & Service: Helped my substitute teacher... helped the new kids in my class... helped with chores around the house... bedtime prayers... prayer before supper

Sharing: \$7,593 was given electronically, in envelopes and in the plate. Thank you. The total, year to date is \$280,897. That amount is a bit behind the budget [\$335 per Sunday] and a bit behind last year [\$345]. Please remember that the regularness of our expenses requires regularness of contributions.

Other giving: \$33 in holyday envelopes; \$14 in initial envelopes; \$30 in school fund envelopes; \$1,300 additional for kitchen equipment replacement. Thanks for every donation.

Kitchen equipment: The stove and convection oven have arrived on site; they will be installed in the very near future—in time for the first Fish Fry!! Those two pieces of equipment are relatively easy to install—minimal electric and plumbing. The dishwasher is ordered and it will be delivered about two weeks. A bit more work will be needed, maybe even some sheet metal work—though those who are overseeing the installation are looking at all possibilities and angles.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2008
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43
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 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/
Mt 4:1-11

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
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Dir. Child Care.....*Shar LaVelle*
Dir. KLT Kids*Cherri Trapp*
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
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Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
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

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer Sheila Brunelle
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Committee Chairs

Finance.....