

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Ten days ago Benedict XVI issued his first encyclical letter -- a teaching instrument addressed to all Catholics, and often to "all people of good will". First encyclicals can also signal the direction or tone of a papacy, sometimes they lay out a plan.

Benedict's letter is called Deus Caritas Est or God is Love. Titles for encyclical letters are taken from the opening words of the document.

In the letter Benedict explores the connection between God's love and the Church's works of charity. He affirms that caring for widows, orphans, the sick and dislocated is as much a part of the mission of the church as celebrating the sacraments and spreading the Gospel.

He stressed that we must never use our works of charity as a means of proselytizing -- convert making -- or to push a particular political framework. He writes, "Love is free, it is not practiced as a way of achieving other ends". "Those who practice charity in the church's name will never seek to impose the church's faith upon others. They realize that a pure and generous love is the best witness to the God in whom we believe and by whom we are driven to love."

He affirms that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is the sacrament par excellence of God's love. "Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself". "I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ...Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united."

"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person -- Jesus -- which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction."

There is so much in this 71 page text to chew on. Benedict address the center, the core, the indisputable heart of what it is to be a disciple of the Lord.

We all have something to chew on for many months to come. We have been given a teaching not only to understand, but to wrap our heart around.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

## PARISH EVENTS

### FIRST PARISH MINISTRY FAIR A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Parish Ministry Fair a success-- those working it and all those who attended this new event. Special thanks to Sr. Joanna Ilg, and Maureen Gitlin for chairing this event. If you have suggestions on how to make this event even bigger and better in the future please contact either Sr. Joanna or Maureen.

### SUPER BOWL PARTY-TODAY!

The St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting their annual Super Bowl Party on this Sunday, February 5th, at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend! There will be activities for children and cribbage for the adults. Food, snacks, and refreshments will be served. Adult admission is \$10.00, children, 13-18 \$5.00 and children under 13 are free. Questions, call Tim, 651-450-4975.

### COFFEE HOURS AFTER SUNDAY MASSES (8:00 AND 10:30 AM) TODAY!

All are welcome to stop by after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM masses Sunday (02/05/06) for coffee and donuts staffed by the KLT Kids staff -- thanks. The sweet rolls last Sunday were made and served by Alice Schletty, Sue Nowak Diane Heitzinger, Joyce Osborne the Rosary Society and many others who are not being mentioned by name but nonetheless deserve thanks. Mark you calendars for Sunday February 12, 2006 coffee hour after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM masses brought to you by the St. Matt's Scouting Community. Stop by and see what's going on with the Scouting programs. To the folks bringing in baked goods thanks from all of us who enjoy your work. If you and/or your family/group would like to help in the future or if you can commit to bringing baked good items for a future coffee hour contact John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871.

### ATTENTION ALL LECTORS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, USHERS/GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS!

It's time to think about any special requests or conflicts you might have for the NEXT Liturgical Ministry Schedule. Our current one runs out on Feb. 26th. The New Schedule will run from March 6th through June 4th. If you have any requests, please call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at [gbd1252@aol.com](mailto:gbd1252@aol.com). She needs to hear from you BEFORE February 11th. Also, if you would LIKE to serve on EASTER SUNDAY, let her know which mass you are available. Thanks!

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten next fall? Do you know someone who has a child of kindergarten age? St. Matthew's School will be hosting our annual Kindergarten Round-Up on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> with sessions at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Come meet our teacher and principal, tour the Kindergarten space, learn about the curriculum and enjoy a treat. For more information about Kindergarten Round-Up or registering new students in grades 1 – 8 please call Peg at 651-224-6912. We look forward to seeing you there!

**THANK YOU**

Thank you very much to everyone who came and celebrated Catholic Schools Week at our Open House last Sunday. The school was buzzing with excitement. We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

**CHILD CARE FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

The St. Matthew's Child Care Center is hosting their February Family Fun Night on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Join the staff of the center for dinner and February crafts. This is a great chance to see the center, the children and families that attend, and to meet some of our fabulous staff members. Please call the child care center at 651-224-1450 to RSVP so the appropriate number of dinners are available. Everyone is welcome to join in this event!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS**

Parents and students preparing to receive their first reconciliation will have class on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 PM in the chapel. All students should have completed the book by this class.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS**

There will be class for students in grades 1-10 this Wednesday, February 8 from 6:30 PM until 7:45 PM.

**SOCK COLLECTION FOR LISTENING HOUSE**

In honor of Sister Colleen, the Rosary Society is again collecting socks for the homeless. We will take your donations to Listening House, a drop-in center that is about two blocks from the Assumption Church. Many of these people are on the streets due to drug addiction and/or mental illness. An increasing number of homeless are women and children. We are seeking socks—athletic, white, tube sock—for men, women, and children. We are also collecting personal care products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. We will also accept new or slightly used clothes. Please bring your donations to the back of church by February 26. Thank you for your kindness.

**LEISURE CLUB**

The next meeting of the Leisure Club is Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30 PM in the social hall. Bring a friend, we will be playing bingo and there will be door prizes.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 5:00 PM, SH	<b>February 5</b> Men's Club Super Bowl Party
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	<b>February 6</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, CH	<b>February 7</b> Loaves and Fishes First Reconciliation Class
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:30 PM, SH 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	<b>February 8</b> St. Mary's Clinic Leisure Club Loaves and Fishes Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	<b>February 9</b> Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 10</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM, SC	<b>February 11</b> Cub Scout Pack 107 Pinewood Derby
<b>Sunday</b> 10:30 AM, MC 4:00 PM, MC 5:00 PM, CH 5:45 PM, SH	<b>February 12</b> Scout Sunday Mass Confirmation Class Confirmation Mass Confirmation Dinner

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-January 29	\$8,867.81
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$272,766.00
Need to date:	<u>\$283,710.00</u>
	-\$20,401.00
School Fund	\$158.00
Holy Day	\$186.00
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$2.00

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 5	8:00 AM Roger Klingner Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, February 6	Parishioners
Tuesday, February 7	Lorraine Deneen
Wednesday, February 8	Klingner Family Sr. Colleen Hau, SSND
Thursday, February 9	Christopher Willems John Einberger
Friday, February 10	
Saturday, February 11	John Williams Joseph Karas, Jr. Joseph Karas, Sr.
Sunday, February 12	8:00 AM Richard Charbonneau, Jr. 10:30 AM Bernard Bukowski Parishioners 5:00 PM Confirmation Candidates

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2006

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/ Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
Web site: st-matts.org  
Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
Dir. Education & Formation..... *Doug Lieser*  
Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Dana McCarthy*  
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*  
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
Business Administrator ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
Dir. Food Service ..... *Alice Schletty*  
Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

### Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448  
Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450  
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](mailto: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  
Education Advisory ..... Richard Dunn