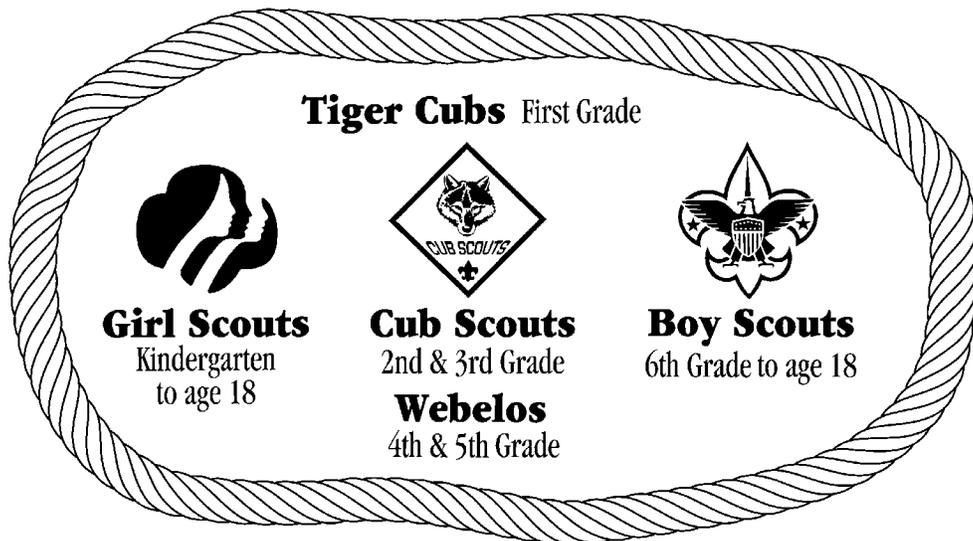


# The Community of St. Matthew

## **CELEBRATING SCOUTING AT ST. MATT'S!**

Parishioners are invited to the Social  
Hall after Mass to see scouting  
displays and share refreshments.



**SCOUT SUNDAY • FEB. 8 • 10:30 AM MASS**

For scouting information, call Diane Heitzinger at 651-222-3512

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

Dear St. Matthew Community and Visitors:

We are in the midst of presidential primary campaigns and within a month the caucuses for the State of Minnesota will take place.

I am increasingly distressed by the tone of national campaigns and the “sound-bite” reporting that fills the air waves. Much of the cable news network reporting is of little or no service to an electorate.

The very life blood of a free people and a democratic society demands opportunities for extensive discussion and civil exchange around the issues and challenges which face a people.

This opportunity is in very short supply.

We need reasoned and civil discussion around a variety of issues we face:

1. The international threat of terrorism and a responsible response. International treaties and accords and their value in a globalized society. Military intervention and the use of pre-emptive military actions.
2. The effectiveness of our national intelligence efforts. The role of the international community in monitoring the actions of all nation states.
3. Health care that is appropriate, available and affordable for all citizens. International cooperation in the search for the cure of disease and the development

and ownership of life saving remedies.

4. An appraisal of our immigration and naturalization processes.
5. Quality education and availability.
6. Employment which provides sufficient income for families to live and provide for themselves.
7. Child care as an integral part of our public policy for the well being and education of children
8. Our criminal justice system and the effectiveness and efficiency of our penal system.
9. An evaluation of our progressive taxation system by which more is expected of those who possess more.
10. The moral dimension of a crippling national debt.
11. The centrality of the Constitution and Bill of Rights as the ultimate guarantee of our representative democracy.

These and so many more facets of public life and public policy challenge us and are the grist for a discussion and debate around national values and priorities.

The very heart of a democracy is found in the civil exchange and debate of its citizens—informed, articulate, committed—in the service of the common good.

Without such citizen involvement a democracy gives way to the power and whim of despots.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### ST. MATTHEW'S FRIDAY FISH FRIES

In the social hall, 6 Fridays in a row! Starting February 27. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$7, Children 4-12, \$3.50, Children 3 and under, free.

### ROSARY SOCIETY/CCW NEWSLETTER

Please pick up your newsletter from the Scrip table. Help cut our mailing costs by bringing newsletters to homebound relatives and neighbors. Remaining copies will be mailed February 15. Extra newsletters are available for anyone interested in the activities of the Rosary Society. Join us Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Following the meeting the video “Restoration of the Cathedral” will be shown.

### SOCK DRIVE

For many years Sister Colleen sponsored a sock drive. The socks went to Listening House, a facility in downtown St. Paul which provides a place for homeless men to gather during the day, receive counseling, get a haircut, and trade in socks they are wearing for a clean pair. Many of these men are veterans; many have mental health problems. In honor of Sister Colleen, the Rosary Society will collect new, white, tube or athletic socks From February 13 thru February 29. We will also collect personal care items, any size, any kind. If you have been lucky enough to go to dentist, do you have extra toothbrushes and toothpaste? If you have been fortunate to go on vacation, do you have small bars of soap and bottles of shampoo? These men will be grateful for a clean pair of socks or a bar of soap. Please help.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**ST. MATTHEW'S STUDENTS THANK MEN'S CLUB**

Thank you to the Men's club for offset the field trip to Circus Juventas. All students (preK -8) and staff had a wonderful time. Many students came back asking how they could join the circus and do what kids their own ages were doing in the show. Thanks gentlemen for your support in our efforts to enrich the children's school experience during Catholic Schools Week.

**CHILD CARE TO OFFER HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

St. Matthew's Child Care is excited to announce the begins of a Half-Day Preschool Program (children ages 4 and 5), start date tentatively set for March. The program will run Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM—12:00 Noon. During their time with us children will do activities centered around literacy, math, science, (exploration and discovery), social studies (family and community), music , dramatic play, outside play, community walks and crafts. A light snack will be served each morning. The fee for this program will be \$112 per week. For more information , or to set up your tour, please call Dimary at 651-224-1450.

The child care currently has openings in the Toddler and Preschool (full day) programs. Children in these programs receive positive guidance as they learn and grow. They are served breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack each day. Parents can choose up to a 10 hour block of time between 6:30 AM and 6:00 PM for their child to be at the Center.

County Sliding Fee Child Care subsidies are accepted for both of the above programs. We encourage all families at St. Matthew's and in the West Side Community to visit our center and enroll the future of community.

**COME SEE THE DANCERS**

Before Christmas many of us ordered and bought dozens of home made tamales as part of a fundraiser to assist Jose and Sabrina Garcia to study with a Master Mexican Dance Teacher in Mexico city. Many asked Jose if they could see them dance. And so, this is your chance. On Sunday, February 15, from 9:30-10:00 AM in the Social the dancers will perform. This is a fundraiser and so at the end of the performance the sombrero will passed. Come after the 8 AM Mass, come early for the 10:30 AM Mass.

**LEISURE CLUB**

St. Matthew's Leisure Club will meet on Wednesday, February 11 in the Social Hall at 1:30 PM. For our Valentine Party please bring a signed valentine card.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 8</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
3:30 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 9</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 10</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SH	Rosary Society
6:45 PM, MC	First Communion and Reconciliation Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 11</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 12</b>
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>February 13</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 14</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 15</b>
9:30 AM, SH	Mexican Dancers
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

**Sunday, February 1 Contributions**

Sunday envelopes & plate	\$8,447.81
Youth & Children's envelopes	\$ 25.70
Holy Day (late Christmas/New Year)	\$ 115.00
School Fund	\$ 898.24
Utilities and Energy Fund	\$ 65.00

*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 8	8:00 AM Larry Simmons Ed Maher
	10:30 AM Parishioners Juli Hafiz
Monday, February 9	Gladys Blaeser
Tuesday, February 10	Frank Kwasniewski
Wednesday, February 11	Martha Snaza
Thursday, February 12	Gerald Allers
Friday, February 13	
Saturday, February 14	Joseph Karas George Lackner Bernard Bukowski
Sunday, February 15	8:00 AM World Peace 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2004

Sunday :	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
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:	Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

**HELP! LENTEN LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED**

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 25, we need liturgical ministers throughout the weekdays of Lent. If you can help with any of the Ash Wednesday masses/services, or any of the weekday Lenten masses please sign up on the schedules posted in the main sacristy. Feel free to sign up for as many masses as you wish—we can use the help! If volunteer lectors would like to receive copies of their reading in advance, leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

**Pastoral Staff**

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

**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