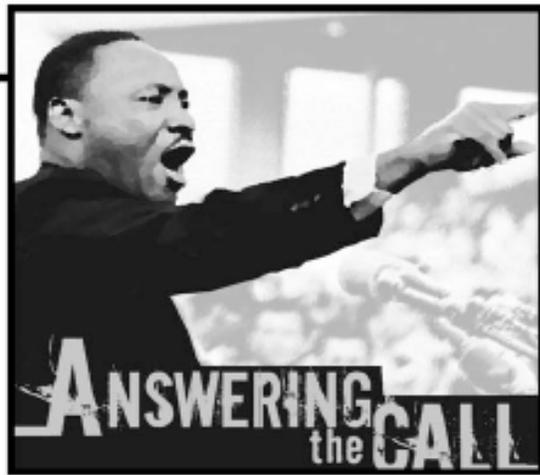


The Community of St. Matthew

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WEST SIDE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008
7:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH
1400 SOUTH ROBERT ST., WEST ST. PAUL, MN 55118

FREE EVENT

- Hot breakfast
- Live local program
- Big screen broadcast of keynote address by Tavis Smiley, Public Television talk show host and author

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

- Reservations will be taken Dec. 27, 2007 - Jan. 15, 2008. Space is limited.
- REGISTER online at: www.SPACC.org or call 651-789-3877
- Make sure you register for the "WEST SIDE" location

SAINT PAUL AREA
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Connecting Congregations for Service and Justice for 100 Years

Saint Paul locations will feature a live broadcast of the General Mills Convention Center event

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the past few years an annual Community Breakfast is held on the West Side in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year the breakfast is at

Augustana Lutheran Church
1400 South Robert Street
West Saint Paul

Monday, January 21, 2008
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
7:00-9:30 am

This event is sponsored by the General Mills Foundation. A full hot breakfast is served and a big screen simulcast of the talk at the Minneapolis Auditorium is presented. The speaker this year is Tavis Smiley, Public Television talk show host and author.

This event is free; however reservations must be made so that sufficient food is prepared for all guests. Reservations must be made before January 15th, 2008. Reservations can be made by calling 651-789-3877, or online at www.SPAAC.org. Make sure you register for THE WEST SIDE location.

The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is as important today as it has ever been. The doctrine of non-violence cannot be understated in the midst of so much terrorism and violence that touches millions of lives at home and abroad.

From 1962-1968 I was in college and graduate school. Those were the years in which Dr. King's message electrified a nation. I remember the march on Washington led by Dr. King. Rabbi Abraham Heschel walked on one side of him and Bishop James P. Shannon walked on the other side of him. I well remember the pride I felt when seeing pictures of our local bishop exercising such a prominent place in support of the message of Dr. King.

I was completing my graduate study before ordination in the spring of 1968. My classmates and I were in the John Ireland Library attending a seminar one evening when Msgr. Louis McCarthy, the Rector of the Saint Paul Seminary, burst into the room at 8:30 pm and amid tears told us of the assassination of Dr. King. We went to the TV and watched as Robert Kennedy made a campaign stop in the Watts district of Los Angeles to eulogize Dr. King and encourage people to exercise restraint.

Little did I realize that night that within weeks RFK would fall by an assassin's bullet in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel following a presidential primary victory speech.

Domestic and international violence was the stuff of those days, as it is in our day. The quiet, sane, pleading voice of Dr. King urged all people to reject violence and to seek negotiated solutions to the complex problems of the day.

That same plea is needed dearly today. We all have seen to cost and futility of violence. We have all seen extremism and terrorism command attention and generate fear. The words and spirit of Dr. King echo from his grave as he urges us to embrace non-violence, and be willing to go anywhere, and talk with anyone in the pursuit of peace and the common good.

Make your reservations, come to the breakfast, and join your neighbors and friends in rekindling the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by The Heitzinger Family, Jack, Diane, Johnny, Andy and Mike - Thanks. Come on down to the Social Hall and welcome in 2008 with a hot cup of coffee (now featuring Honduran, high altitude, shade grown beans) good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

We missed an acknowledgment in our flower donation list last week. A donation was made in memory of Ruth L. Grose and Judith A. Grose, given by Lawrence Grose.

ICE FISHING

Saturday, January 26 - Ice fishing at Bald Eagle Lake. Meet at St. Matt's 10 am. Cost is \$10 (food & refreshments) 16 and over and free for under 16. Contact Brian Osborne 651-230-1518.

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.

BIG GAME PARTY

Sunday, February 3. There will be activities for adults (cribbage, 500, etc) and children (movies, games, etc). Watch the Big Game on the large screen. Food, snacks and refreshments will be served. Cost is \$10 for anyone over 18, \$5 for ages 13-18, and under age 13 free. Doors will be open at 4:30 pm with the game expected to start at 5:18 pm. Contact Tim Nowak 651-450-4975 or Brian Osborne 651-230-1518.

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!

FISH FRY FRIDAY

Six Fridays of lent starting February 8, 4:30-7:30.

GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME COLLECTION

This is the weekend for the annual collection for Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home, Sponsored by St. Matthew's Rosary Society/CCW. Donated items may be left in the side room at the front entrance of the church. Rosary Society members will be at the front entrance of the church after each mass, to accept monetary donations. Checks may be made out directly to Good Counsel Cancer Home. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join St. Matthew's School families for an evening of good food and lively conversation on Thursday, January 17 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Arby's on Robert Street. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school receives 20% of your total order. Hope to see you there.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Kitchen appliance—second collection next weekend—January 19--20. All are invited to help fund the replacement of the dish washer, the convection oven and the 10-burner stove. These pieces of equipment are used once or twice each day—mostly by the Food Service of St. Matthew's [breakfasts in school, and lunches in school at Child Care, and lunch for KLT during the summer and holidays] and Loaves and Fishes. The other "regular user" is the weekly Fish Fry during Lent. Each sponsoring organization [Loaves and Fishes] will be taking up a similar collection. Also, local service and civic groups are being asked to help with the funding. Members of the Men's Club have connections with Hockenbergs and we have very favorable prices: about \$20,500 for all three.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday 4:00 PM, MC	January 13 Confirmation Class and Mass
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 6:45 PM, XC	January 14 Loaves and Fishes EAC Meeting Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SH	January 15 Loaves and Fishes First Communion Class
Wednesday 9:00 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	January 16 School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 4:00 PM-8:00 PM	January 17 Loaves and Fishes Girl Scout Troop mtg. Arby's/Sbarro Night
Friday	January 18
Saturday	January 19
Sunday 4:00 PM, SC	January 20 Cub Scout Pack mtg.

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Our Baptism, like that of Jesus Christ the Lord, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources—their very selves—at God's service in and through the Church. [When is the last time I thought about my baptism in that light?]

Prayer: The daily-ness of prayer comes through strongly as witnessed on stewardship envelopes; also...celebrated individual reconciliation; read the Advent edition of *Magnificat* [during Advent]; attended a two-hour seminar on Catholic Social Teaching

Service: Thanks to a wonderful group of parishioners, school parents and parish leaders: those who cooked, served, bussed and cleaned up for the parish staff Christmas party last Saturday evening: John and Mary, Stephen, Robert, Meegan, Connie and Mark, Joanne, Jason, Becky, Connie and Tony and Pat. A wonderful time was had by all, mostly because of your service.

Sharing: Last weekend \$10,975 was given in envelopes, the plate and by electronic transfer. Thank you. And thanks to everyone who began contributing at the new level as we started the new year. The total, year to date, is \$256,407. That is short an average of only \$228 per week. Thanks to all faithful stewards.

Additionally monies were given: \$811 in holyday envelopes; \$174 in "initial envelopes;" and \$941.60 in school envelopes and plate. There was also a "anonymous" check—no name, etc., for \$1000. Thank you.

Young people's stewardship: we'll try to be faithful—each week—in reporting what children and youth have contributed in time in prayer, in talent and in treasure. And we'll summarize the treasure each quarter.

Contribution statements for 2007. If you would like a statement of your contributions, please call the parish office and request yours. [Do remember that the statement is not "proof;" but it is a good indication. You will need evidence of cancelled checks, etc.]

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2008
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Cherri Trapp*
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 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
 Joyce Osborne Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

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