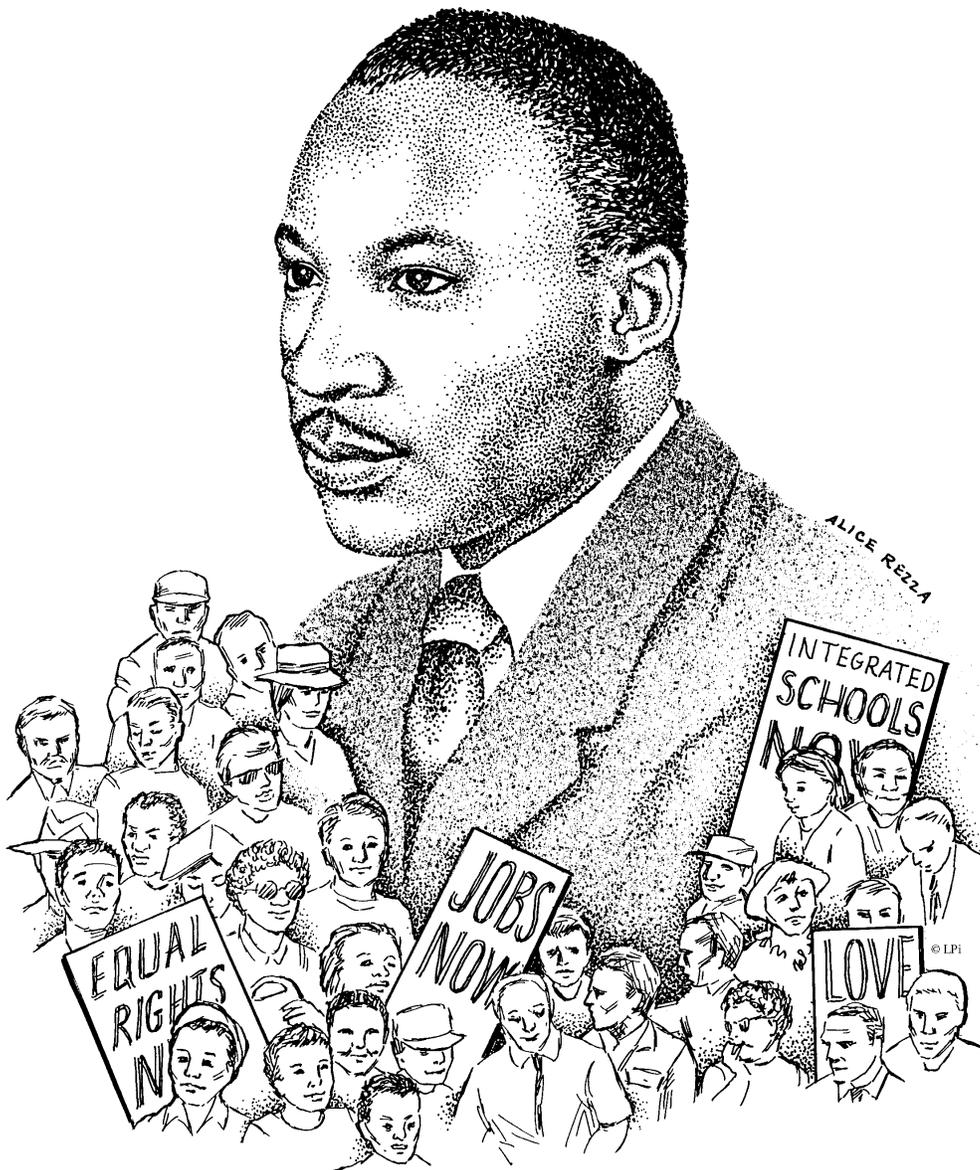


The Community of St. Matthew

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For more than two years the Saint Matthew Pastoral Council has been working through a new way of being and a new way of working.

Early in the process the council suspended the constitution and set about drafting a new document which would reflect a consensus decision making model. Representatives of other church groups and religious communities who use such a model were invited to spend time with the council and share their experience of consensus decision making.

It became clear that this process is very different from the political process and the voting process by which a majority vote decides the issue.

This process demands more time, more reflection, more discussion and refinement as a consensus is arrived at and a decision is made.

The Council is made up of 10 persons -- the pastor and 9 parish members selected through a discernment process and chosen by lot. This process tries to imitate the practice of the early church -- this process is described in the Acts of the Apostles in the selection of Matthias to replace Judas, Acts 1:15. This same process is again used in the choosing of the seven to care for the material needs of the community, Acts 6:1.

Those who offer themselves as potential members of the council do so after some prayer and reflection, some personal discernment that this is a ministry for the parish which they

are open to at this time. A series of meetings takes place between candidates and the council -- a time for discussion, a time for exploration and questioning, a time for the sitting council to evaluate those who offer themselves as candidates. Candidates are asked to embrace the mission and ministries of Saint Matthew. They are asked to be committed to a consensus decision making process.

The selection of the 3 new council members -- chosen for a three year period of time -- is done by lot.

The council -- pastor and community members -- is the governance arm for Saint Matthew's. The governance decisions can only take effect if the pastor is part of the processes; and the pastor must engage the other nine members in the process for a decision to take effect.

This process assumes that all are committed to consensus decision making, that all are open to listen to each other and search for ways of embodying the thoughts, concerns, ideas of all -- to the extent that such is possible.

This is truly an experiment in parish governance. Currently the council is engaged in meeting with each parish committee and organization, seeking their ideas and suggestions -- as well as providing information on the manner in which the council is proceeding. The council is also refining the constitution and drafting provisional by-laws to direct the council in its inner workings.

Council members are more than willing to discuss issues with any parish member.

PARISH EVENTS

Super Bowl Party - The St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting their annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th, at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Watch the game and those great commercials on an 8 foot by 12 foot screen. 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 TODAY!

Stop by after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM masses Sunday (1/15/05) for coffee and donuts staffed by the Jerry and Joanne Smith and Marion Walters - thanks. All are welcome. 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.

Thank you to all the willing hands that made short work of returning our Worship Space to Ordinary Time. That Christmas tree was ENORMOUS -- but it was no match for St. Matthew's "Christmas Locusts". Less than 1/2 an hour after mass, most of Christmas was gone. By 12:45 the cleanup was complete & Christmas stored away for next year. Christmas comes down MUCH faster than it goes up!

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Arby's/S'Barro Night

Join St. Matthew's School families for an evening of good food and lively conversation on Thursday, January 19 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.

LOOKING FOR SCOUTS: All members of the St. Matthew Parish, who are scouts, are welcome to participate in Scout Sunday. They do not have to be part of Troop 107, Cub Pack 107 or the Brownie Troop out of St. Matthew's School.

Scout Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2006. Scout Sunday will basically be handled as in prior years. The Religious, Scout and Scouter of the Year awards will be given out by Father Adrian at the end of the 10:30 Mass. After Mass, there will be coffee, juice and rolls served by the scouts in the social hall. The St Matthew Community is invited down to participate in the refreshments and to help us celebrate 7r years of Scouting at St. Matthews.

If you want to nominate a person for scout or scouter (adult) of the year, the nominations must be in by January 27th at the Parish Center marked for Mr. Bill Matthews. We are also looking for past pictures, stories or any type of memorabilia regarding scouting thru the years at St. Matthew's to display in the social hall. If you want to help in any way or have any questions, please call the parish center at 224-9793 and leave a message for Diane Heitzinger.

First Communion Class this Tuesday

Parents and students preparing for their First Communion will have class this Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the chapel. It is important that everyone attend this meeting. Parents and students should have completed the first four chapters of their books before class.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra will be performing on Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 PM. The performance will take place in the Main Church. Selections include music from Mozart, Stravinsky and the movie Star Wars. Bring the whole family and enjoy!

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 15
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	January 16
7:00 AM, SH	Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and Program
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, CH	First Communion Preparation Class
Wednesday	January 18
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	January 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	January 20
Saturday	January 21
Sunday	January 22
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

Plate and envelope-January 8
 Needed per week: \$9,457.00

Plate & envelope to date: \$10,596.83
 Need to date: -\$18,011.00

School Fund \$132.00
 Arch Assessment \$291.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 15 8:00 AM Larry Simmons
 Robert J. Stickler, Sr.
 10:30 AM Parishioners
 Monday, January 16 World Peace
 Tuesday, January 17 Parishioners
 Wednesday, January 18 Parishioners
 Thursday, January 19 Ray Mosberger
 Friday, January 20
 Saturday, January 21 Joseph Palermo,
 Bernard Ferber
 Sunday, January 22 8:00 AM Dorene George
 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2006
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/ Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/ Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/
 Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/
 Mk 1:14-20

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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 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

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian

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