

The Community of St. Matthew

*ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 2, 2003
11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM*

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

*CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS*



*Making a
World of
Difference*

*Book Fair, Fun crafts for the kids,
Reading for children by Fr. Steve Adrian,
lunch and other refreshments,
Knights of Columbus free throw contest
and much more!*

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This past week marked the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. For thirty years it has been the law of the land to allow for the death of millions of unborn children.

Catholic teaching on the value and dignity of human life is clear and unambiguous. All life is sacred and the taking of life is always evil.

It is difficult to be a Catholic and actively involve oneself in public policy.

As a Church we oppose abortion, euthanasia, genetic tampering, capital punishment, nuclear arms, war, racism, grinding poverty, economic exploitation. We claim that the right-to-life is a "seamless garment" that covers human and national life.

In the early 70's I served on the Board of Directors of MCCL, and I was an ardent and active anti-war protester. My friends in one movement were often my opponents in the other.

A Catholic who embraces the pro-life mission and the teachings on war and peace and the positions on economic justice finds it difficult, if not impossible, to find a political home.

Yet, the common good, the life of a democracy, demands that its citizens enter the civic dialogue, take roles in the civic community, and exercise the rights and responsibilities of informed and active citizenship.

What is also needed is a sustained and civil search for common ground, an honest and thoughtful searching for the principals that might allow us to live freely, humanely and justly.

Abortion is evil. Capital punishment is evil. Pre-emptive war is evil. Racial profiling is evil. Obscene wealth in the midst of grinding poverty is evil. Homelessness is evil. Hunger is evil. Sacrificing the majority of the world on the altar of unregulated and rampant capitalism is evil. The list goes on.....

The dignity and value of each person is the corner stone of a civil society – all else flows from that.

I do not say that the "answers" are easy. I do say that it is about time we start asking some honest questions and enter into a search for common ground.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

P A R I S H E V E N T S

LAST CHANCE!

This is your last chance at winning \$1000.00, \$500.00 or \$250.00. The drawing will be held this Sunday during halftime at the SUPER BOWL PARTY in the Social Hall. So buy your raffle tickets after Mass or see a Men's Club member. Good luck and hope to see you at the SUPER BOWL PARTY.

IT'S SUPER BOWL PARTY TIME!

COME ONE, COME ALL! Watch the BIG Game on a BIG SCREEN! We supply the snacks, food and drink. You show up and have a good time.

When: This Sunday, January 26th.

Place: The Saint Matthew's Social Hall.

Time: Doors will open at 4:00 PM.

Price: \$10.00 for ages 12 and up, \$5.00 for ages 11 and under.

Price includes snacks, food at halftime and refreshments. The winners of the BIG RAFFLE DRAWING will be drawn at halftime.

METROPOLITAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FAMILY CONCERT

CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

FEBRUARY 2, 2003

2:00 PM AND 4:00 PM

Bring the entire family and join the MSO and Music Director William Schrickel as they explore and perform Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra in two performances of this special one-hour Family concert. Hear how Bartók, penniless, ill and living in New York, reluctantly agrees to write this masterpiece only after repeated urging by conductors Serge Koussevitsky and Fritz Reiner. Discover how the composer molds the work's five movements into a cohesive whole, marvel at the virtuosity he requires from every section of the orchestra and chuckle at the musical insult he hurls at Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich's 7th Symphony. You won't be scared of 20th century music ever again! After the performance, come up on the stage and chat with the musicians. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP FOR 2003-2004.

Thursday, February 6th is Saint Matthew's School Kindergarten round-up for the next school year. Mark your calendars and plan to attend at either 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM on the 6th. Teachers, staff, administration, and parents will be available to answer questions and accept registration.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING Boy Scout Troop 107 has to reschedule the weekend for aluminum can collection to February 1st and 2nd instead of the weekend of January 25th and 26th. We are sorry if this is inconvenient to anyone.

SCOUT SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, February 9th at the 10:30 AM Mass. There will be refreshments served after that Mass by the Scouting groups. Everyone is invited to help celebrate scouting at Saint Matthew's Parish.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is a Catholic fraternal organization. Members of the Knights seek ways to encourage and enhance parish life. The Knights sponsor programs for youth, handicapped, seniors, and families. The Knights of Columbus also raise significant funds to assist in the worldwide works of charity and justice in which the Catholic Church is engaged. This year the Knights presented a check for \$1,600,000 to Pope John Paul to assist him in the many works of charity that he is called upon to help. In the past 22 years the Knights have made gifts totaling \$36,000,000 to papal works of charity. Men and boys of the parish are invited to become part of the Knights of Columbus—please refer to the advertisement on the back of the parish bulletin.

WHERE, OH WHERE, IS THE GRAY UTILITY BIN?

For years there has been a large, gray plastic bin containing kitchen implements for use by parish organizations and individuals using the social hall. It has not been seen for quite a while. Do you or does your group have it? Do you know where it is? If so, please call the church office at 651-224-9793.

JANUARY 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st Place 3890 — Bea O'Neill and Rita Marquardt
2nd Place 3010 — Charlotte Brady and Gayle Stelter

LOAVES AND FISHES

Saint Matt's Team 2 will serve dinner on February 3rd in our social hall. Everyone is welcome.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 26
12:00 pm, CH	Baptism
12:30 pm, CH	Baptism
Monday	January 27
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	January 28
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	January 29
12:00 pm, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 pm, MC	Sacramental Prep, First communion & Reconciliation
7:30 pm, MC	Sacramental Prep, Confirmation
Thursday	January 30
12:00 pm, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 pm, XC	Substruction
Friday	January 31
Saturday	February 1
Sunday	February 2
10:30 am, MC	Catholic Schools Week Mass
11:30 am, SC	Catholic Schools Week Open House
2:00 pm, MC	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
4:00 pm, MC	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for January 19, 2003: \$6948.25.
 Youth treasure for January 19, 2003: \$18.80 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes.

Stewardship is away 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, January 26 Shirley Warner, Mark Thomford, Art May, Sr.
 Monday, January 27
 Tuesday, January 28
 Wednesday, January 29
 Thursday, January 30
 Friday, February 1 Exekiel L. Hunger
 Saturday, February 2 Margaret Przblek, John and Irene Pacht, Helen Leibl
 Sunday, February 3 Marcella Laurence, Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 26, 2003
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

NEWLY MARRIED RETREAT DAY

The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites all newly married couples (0—7 years) to the 2nd Annual Retreat Day, on Saturday, February 1st at the Church of Saint Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony. For details, call 651-291-4553 or go to the website at www.archspm.org/family

THANK YOU ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

Sister Anne Marie, OP from Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home sent a note this past week to thank St. Matthew's for their generous donations. Numerous bags of food, paper products and toiletries along with \$2,402.70 were donated from St. Matthew's to assist in the ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES are available in the back of church.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office 651-224-9793

Pastoral Staff

Pastor *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Priest in Residence.....*Father Marty Warren*
 Deacon *Rev. John Murphy*
 Pastoral Administrator
 Dir. Education & Formation*Scott Breimhorst*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Dana McCarthy*
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 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

Monday.....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
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John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
Wally Nelson	John Sekevitch

Committee Chairs

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