

The Community of St. Matthew



St. Matthew's School Celebrates
National Catholic Schools Week
(January 29-February 4, 2006)

Join us for our Annual
Open House

Sunday, January 29
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Tour the school, meet the teachers and staff,
check out our curriculum, have a treat, visit with
neighbors and friends.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, marked the 48th anniversary of John XXIII's announcement of the Second Vatican Council after Mass at the Church of Saint Paul Outside The Walls. This year on January 25th, in that same church, Cardinal Walter Kasper, a German cardinal and the person who heads the Church's efforts at ecumenism -- church unity -- spoke on the goal of the Second Vatican Council.

While many of the doctrinal differences that divided Christians for centuries are close to being resolved, different approaches to modern ethical questions are making Christian unity appear as distant as ever.

I am very sad we are not able to speak with one voice on these issues to a world that needs to hear.

Church division is a sin before God and a scandal before the world.

Differences among Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants over issues such as homosexual activity, abortion, euthanasia and other moral questions are not on the top of the hierarchy of truths -- like the belief in Jesus as savior is -- but they are very emotional and, therefore, very divisive.

Just five or six years ago Catholic bishops and leaders of some other churches seemed ready to explore concrete steps their communities could take toward organizational unity.

Since then, however, it has become clear that

both the ecumenical mood and the ecumenical situation worldwide have changed so radically as to virtually run counter to the ecumenical movement toward unity.

In Europe and North America the changed situation is evident in a new polarization and fragmentation exemplified by divergent and even conflicting verdicts on ethical problems.

Ecumenical unity is not to be thought of along the lines of the fusion of worldwide mega corporations. Rather, Christians are called by God to be united in their faith in Jesus, in the sacraments, in the proclamation of the Gospel and in striving for holiness.

By committing themselves to holiness and to unity in the fundamental truths of Christianity, Christians will come closer to full unity than they ever could hope to do by planning corporate mergers.

The fact that the unity of the church is grounded in its participation in the holy does indeed have real consequences for the concrete form of the church.

In the local community, between neighboring churches, synagogues and mosques we can take steps toward understanding, communication and building trust that can help in the quest for union.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

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

SUPER BOWL PARTY - NEXT SUNDAY

The St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting their annual Super Bowl Party on next 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.

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. 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



PARISH MINISTRY FAIR TODAY!!

Come downstairs to the Social Hall after the 8:00 and 10:30 Mass and check out our Ministry Fair. Eighteen different ministries are represented. St. Mary's Clinic will be offering tours of the clinic in the parish center at 9:30 AM and 12:00 noon, so don't forget to stop over at the parish center, too

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

All are welcome to stop by after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM masses Sunday (1/29/06) for coffee and donuts staffed by the Ecker Family (Lucus, Marcela, Kate, Sam and Alex). Family Ecker staffed last Sunday as well so this makes it two in a row. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 29, 2006 RED & WHITE ENDOWMENT DINNER

We are looking for volunteers to help out on April 29, 2006. If you are interested in volunteering you may come to our next meeting Monday February 6, 2006 or please call Sue Holman at 651-493-9314 or the school office for more information at 651-224-6912. Tickets for the Red and White Dinner go on sale February 18-19 after all Masses.

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.

TOWELS NEEDED

Do you have any old towels you are ready to discard. We could use them for cleaning and dusting of our buildings. Just drop them off at the parish center and mark them for the custodial staff. Thank you!

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.

JANUARY 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

First place —Charlene Brady and Arlene Kempe, 3770. Second place — Ann Marthaler and Sister Joanna Illg, 2990.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 29
9:00 AM-1:30 PM	Parish Ministry Fair Social Hall
11:00 AM-1:30 PM	School Open House School
3:00 PM, MC	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
Monday	January 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 31
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Guitar Group
Wednesday	February 1
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Teachers In-Service
Thursday	February 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	February 3
Saturday	February 4
Sunday	February 5
5:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Super Bowl Party

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 22	\$10,183.81
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$263,898.00
Need to date:	<u>\$283,710.00</u>
	-\$19,812.00
School Fund	\$102.00
Holy Day	\$45.00
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$0.30

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 29	8:00 AM Earl Cafilisch (Ann'y)
	10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, January 30	World Peace
Tuesday, January 31	Parishioners
Wednesday, February 1	World Peace
Thursday, February 2	
Friday, February 3	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM The Bisciglia Family
Saturday, February 4	Parishioners
Sunday, February 5	8:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2006

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/ Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/ Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

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
 Extended Day..... 651-228-1535
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 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*

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*