

The Community of St. Matthew



Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Family Concert

**Sunday, January 30
3:00 PM
Church of St. Matthew**

Bring the whole gang for this special hour-long family concert featuring thrilling orchestral music, story-telling and visual art. William Schrickel, conductor of the orchestra has chosen to present two works by one of Russia's greatest composers, Modeste Moussorgsky—"Night on Bald Mountain" and "Pictures at an Exhibition."

**Come and see how much fun
a symphony concert
can really be!!!**



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week we conclude our celebration of **Catholic Schools Week**. It is the annual opportunity we – along with other elementary, secondary and post secondary Catholic schools – take to blow our own horn and draw attention to the contribution we make to the educational life of our communities and nation.

From the very beginning of our nations history Catholic education has been and is a significant piece of the social, cultural and intellectual life of the United States. This begins with the work of Elizabeth Bailey Seton in the late 18th century. A convert to Catholicism, a mother and widow – she founded what came to be known as Catholic Schools.

Elizabeth Bailey Seton came from wealth and power. There are stories of her and her husband being guests of George Washington at Mount Vernon. She was ridiculed and abandoned by high society when, after her husband's death; she embraced Catholicism and devoted her life to the education of immigrant poor girls. Out of the ashes of a once prestigious socialite life arose the most unique aspect of American Catholic life – a school system.

Catholic schools are partners with public schools in providing an essential component of American civil life – an educated populace. Democracy demands a citizenry that is able to read and think, a citizenry that is capable of

debate and analysis, a citizenry that can be engaged in the profound work of self-governance.

Schools in the United States are academies for democracy, and Catholic Schools share in that mission.

Since 1886 the stakeholders of Saint Matthew's School are primarily the members of Saint Matthew Parish – you who gather weekly for worship and contribute generously to the work of your parish. Without you there would be no Saint Matthew's School. The mission of Saint Matthew's School is firmly rooted in the mission of Saint Matthew's Parish Community. Over the years the school has changed, the students have changed, and the teaching staff has changed. What has not changed is the abiding commitment of the Saint Matthew Parish Community.

This Catholic Schools Week I salute the faith and commitment of the people of Saint Matthew's Parish Community – people who for 119 years have so believed in the value and importance of an educated populace that they founded, maintained and enhanced a school on the West Side of Saint Paul.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

SHARE YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH OUR ADULT CHOIR THIS YEAR

If you are musically inclined and are looking for an enriched Lenten experience, consider joining the choir. We practice in the church on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. For more information, call Dana at 651-224-9793; or leave her a message at 651-310-0830.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE COMING WEEKDAYS OF LENT

As in the past, we have sign-up sheets in the Main Sacristy awaiting your volunteered ministry. Lent begins Wednesday, February 9th.

THE NEW SUNDAY LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The new schedule is ready for pick-up at the back of the church. This schedule covers February 12 thru May 15 and affects all Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Usher/Greeter, and Gift Bearers. If you receive your schedule electronically, there will NOT be a labeled schedule for you—but we do have extra paper copies if you would like one. Just ask the MC/Sacristan.

MEN'S CLUB SUPER BOWL PARTY

Join us on Sunday February 6. Watch the game on an 8' x 12' big screen TV. There will also be snacks, food, refreshments, door prizes, and a game area for the kids. Bring your family and friends. Doors open 1 hour before the game. Adult admission is \$10.00, children under 14 are free.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Father Steve, Mrs. Behnke, teachers, staff, students, parents and the St. Matthew Community for another successful celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Special thanks to Ramsey Action Programs for their donation of 150 passes to the MN Zoo, students, teachers and parents had a delightful time at there on Tuesday, January 25. Thanks to the 7th Graders for their production of "Joseph and his Brothers and Sisters". Thanks to the lunch ladies for hosting parents and their children for lunch on Wednesday, January 25.

FLOAT MY BOAT DONATIONS FROM SCHOOL

Students purchased out of uniform passes to raise money for victims of the tsunami tragedy. They, along with matching donations from their parents, have collected over \$750 towards the purchase of boats to aid the victims of the Tsunami tragedy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

There is religious education class this Wednesday, February 2.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS

Parents and students preparing for First Reconciliation are reminded of the final class in preparation for First Reconciliation in March. The class will take place on Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 PM in the church. The celebration of First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM in the church.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING, FEBRUARY 8

Please join us for our February meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:45 pm in the Social Hall. All women are invited and welcome to attend.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH HAS A MEN'S CLUB!

We have been in existence no for almost fifty years. We have a monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of every month in the social hall. We put on a weekly Lenten fish fry, have fishing outings, golf tourneys, sponsor a softball tourney, wine tasting party, and many other activities. We use our funds to help the Scouting program, school activities, support eh Bucharest Children, share our income with the Rosary Society and Home and School. We have included a brochure about the Men's Club in today's bulletin. We would welcome men over 21 to come and join us!

COMING SOON TO A SOCIAL HALL NEAR YOU!

Six Fridays of the best all you can eat fish fry dinners. Yes, they're getting closer. It all starts on Friday, February 11.

JANUARY 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st place—3670—Bea O'Neil and Rita Marquardt, 2nd place—Jean St. Martin and Arlene Kempe.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday | January 30 |
| 12:00 PM, CH | Baptism |
| 3:00 PM, MC | Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Family Concert |
| Monday | January 31 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:45 PM, XC | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | February 1 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 7:00 PM, MC | First Reconciliation Class |
| Wednesday | February 2 |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:30 PM, SC | Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10 |
| Thursday | February 3 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 5:00 PM, MC | Youth Choir |
| 7:00 PM, MC | Adult Choir |
| Friday | February 4 |
| Saturday | February 5 |
| Sunday | February 6 |
| 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

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23

Sunday Envelopes and Plate \$6,497.90
 Holy Day \$80.00

*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, January 30 8:00 AM Parishioners
 10:30 AM Parishioners
 Monday, January 31 World Peace
 Tuesday, February 1 Parishioners
 Wednesday, February 2 Alice Marthaler
 Thursday, February 3 Parishioners
 Friday, February 4 6:45 AM Parishioners
 5:15 PM Arthur Geis
 Saturday, February 5 Agnes Kachel
 Agnes & Philip Stefaniak
 Bernard Ferber
 Sunday, February 6 8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe
 Living & deceased members
 of the Rosary Society
 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 30, 2005
 Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/ 1 Cor 1:26-31/
 Mt 5:1-12a
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/ Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/ Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/ Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/ Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/ Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/ 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16

YOU CAN CHARGE IT!

If you are interested in charging your Scrip purchases on your VISA or Master Card, or bank cards bearing these symbols St. Matthew's now has the ability to process VISA and MasterCard payments. If you would like to take advantage of this service you will need to purchase SCRIP at the school office during regular office hours. We are looking into offering this service on weekends after Masses, unfortunately we are unable to offer it right now, but watch the bulletin for further developments

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..... *Dimary Rosado*
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator *Debra Lindstedt*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center 651-224-1450
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver 651-222-3622

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

Linda Sellars Becky Montgomery
 Marty Olson John Sekevitch
 Suzanne Clarke Doug Kennedy
 Larry Sachi Connie Aligada

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Linda Sellars
 Education Advisory Richard Dunn
 Liturgy