

The Community of St. Matthew

CONGRATULATIONS!



St. Matthew's Eighth Grade Graduating Class 2004

Ashton Miller, Alex Hernandez, Francis Dimapelis, Theresa Schletty,
Miranda Perez (back row).

Diana Kessel, Elizabeth Nelson, Amber Johnson, Alicia Paul, Michaela
Bird, Gabriela Ortega (center row)

Marty Mendez, Michelle Meszaros, Rachel Goldenstein, Tiara Salas,
Sabrina Garcia, J. Jai Hunt (front row)

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

An Open Letter To Graduates

Dear Class of 2004,

Congratulations!

What you have achieved is no small thing. You have worked hard, kept your eye on the prize, run the race and crossed the finish line. I am proud of you. You are a credit to your parents and family, your teachers and coaches, your parish and community.

My hope for you is that you succeed in being a fully alive human being, a person filled with faith and hope, a person of integrity and honor, a person who makes a difference in the lives of other people.

YOU are a reflection of God, created in the image and likeness of God, endowed with a mind to know the truth and a will to love. You are a walking, talking, breathing witness to the graciousness and grandeur of God. All of this is yours not because you have chosen it, or deserved it – all of this is yours because of the way God has fashioned you, created you.

Your success is going to be in direct proportion to what you bring to the lives of others – your family, your friends, your community.

So, I suggest you do the following:

Be active in your church. You share values and faith with other people; both those older and younger than you. Bring your talents to play in building up that community of faith.

The most precious possession you have is your time. Be sure that you spend some of that time regularly making your community a better place, a more humane place. Volunteer time to help

those in need of help. The gifts you have can be of benefit to others. You will soon come to realize that you receive more than you give.

Never forget where you came from. Remember what it is that your family has given you, remember those values and experiences of family life. Treasure them and try to hand them on in your own way.

Be a person of optimism and hope, a person filled with joy and promise. This world of ours needs a lot of that. So often the “bad news” drowns out the good news; so often the short comings of human nature overshadow the grandeur of human nature. Refuse to be overcome by the voices of darkness and despair; surround yourself with people who are able to “see the good” and rejoice in the good.

Each day give thanks, thanks to God for all you have received and all that you are. The person who gives thanks daily is the person who becomes a gracious man or woman, the person who recognizes the gifts of God. When you come to Mass on Sunday you come to give thanks for all the great things in life and all the simple things in life. The Eucharist builds gracious people.

You are the hope for tomorrow. You are the best chance this world has. Believe that about yourself and you will do and be what you believe.

Congratulations. Once again, I am proud of you.



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN DOING?

Did you know the South Family YMCA offers summer programs for children in preschool through 8th grade? If you are interested in having your child participate in fun activities that emphasize the YMCA's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility, or to learn more about the programs, please contact Cara at 651-457-0048.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Treats and snacks are needed! Our Habitat week is June 14-18, each day lunch and snacks will be served to 25-30 workers. **Bars, cookies, snack foods (individual packages of chips, etc.)** are needed to help feed the hungry group. Please leave freshly baked cookies, bars or chips on the table at the back of church next weekend. This is a great way to participate in the Habitat for Humanity project. Questions? Call Ginny at 651-222-2867.
P.S.: My favorite is Special K bars.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



KEEP COLLECTING!

The Home and School Association will continue to collect Campbell's Soup labels (and related items), Box Tops for Education and Kemp's Milk tops throughout the summer. Feel free to drop off your labels, box tops, and milk caps in the back of church after weekend Masses. Thank you for your continued support!

SUMMER SCRIP CHALLENGE

As outlined in last week's bulletin, the challenge is on! We have set a goal of \$30,000 in Scrip certificate purchases over the 13 weeks of summer. The goal is reachable if 100 certificates of \$25 are sold each week. Each \$25 purchase will earn you a raffle ticket for monthly prize drawings. Scrip is available for purchase after Masses on the weekend or at the school weekdays from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Remember, this is the fundraiser that costs you nothing!

A SPECIAL VISITOR NEXT WEEK

Next weekend we welcome to our parish Father Malachy Clune, O.P. He is a Dominican Missionary, who, for the past 41 years, has worked on many missions in Latin America and in the West Indian Islands. He is currently based in Puerto Rico, where he coordinates much of the relief work for the Dominican missions in Haiti, the Western World's most destitute nation.

Father Malachy comes to our parish at the invitation of the Diocese and the Society for the Propagation of Faith. He will preach at all Masses next weekend on behalf of the Dominican Missions in Haiti. These are the missions assigned to our parish this year through the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Diocese.

In March 1986, when Pope John Paul II came to Haiti, he preached an unforgettable sermon in which he said: "I have come to a land infected with injustice, hunger, misery, and fear; something here has got to change." No one knows better than the missionaries themselves how slow and painful it has been to bring about meaningful change in that tortured land, where thousands have been brutally assassinated in recent years. Many of the victims have been missionaries themselves. Father will share with us from his personal experiences as a missionary in Haiti. He will also speak to us about the whole mission of the Church in the world of today, and of our own individual mission responsibilities as members of The Body of Christ. As the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once said: "Some give to the mission by going, others go by giving, without both there would be no missions at all." Your loving and caring support will be deeply appreciated next weekend.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, June 5, 5:00 PM—Josue Cueto, Andrea Gilberg, Anastasio VanderBosch

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 6
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM	Baptism
Monday	June 7
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	June 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	June 9
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	June 10
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	June 11
Saturday	June 12
5:00 PM, CH	Missionary Guest
Sunday	June 13
8:00 AM and	Missionary Guest
10:30 AM, CH	

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, May 30

Envelopes and Plate	\$8402.62
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$7.65
School Fund	\$250.00
Holy Day	\$110.00

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, June 6	8:00 AM	Robert Stickler
	10:30 AM	Agnes DeFoe Lorraine Heinisch Parishioners
Monday, June 7		
Tuesday, June 8		
Wednesday, June 9		Pauline Reiland
Thursday, June 10		
Friday, June 11		
Saturday, June 12	5:00 PM	Joseph Karas George Lackner
Sunday, June 13	8:00 AM	Larry Simmons Shirley Shepard
	10:30 AM	Jeanette Dieter Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 6, 2004

Sunday, June 6	Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15
Monday, June 7	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday, June 8	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 9	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, June 10	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
Friday, June 11	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday, June 12	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday, June 13	Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Meetings in June will be June 11th and 25th in the Parish Center beginning at 9:30 AM. You are most welcome to attend whether this is a new for of prayer for you or one with which you are familiar.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793
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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

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

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

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

Committee Chairs

Finance.....	Peter Grayson
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