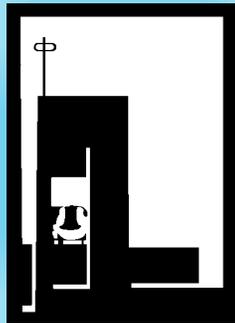
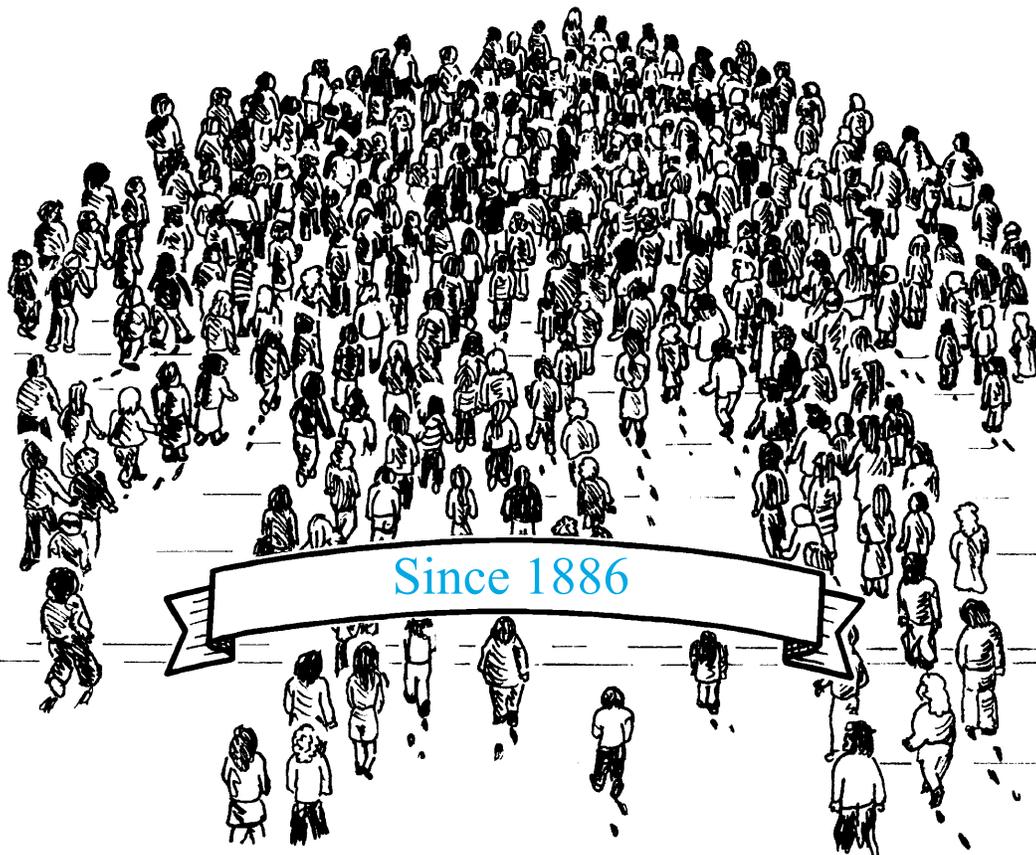


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The following is a reflection on guaranteeing health care for all children and young adults.

While universal health care for all people of the State of Minnesota is an important goal, the intermediate goal of full health care for all of Minnesota's children and young adults can be achieved during the current legislative session.

This is a first step toward universal health care and a step that embraces some of the most vulnerable of our society.

All other opportunities for young people and children are vacuous unless and until the young adult or child has available, accessible, appropriate and adequate health care.

The dignity of the human person, created "in the image and likeness" of God and the healing work of God are the basis for the Church's commitment to good health, healing, and health care.

We are a people compelled by justice. Jesus called justice one of the "weightier matters of the law," too often neglected by religious people (Matthew 23:23). Our search for justice is a call from God, a mandate especially for the "rights of the needy" (Jeremiah 5:28) and most vulnerable.

The most vulnerable and voiceless of any society are its children.

Because health is central to personal well-being and functioning in society, a just society is one that supports the health of all its members.

The advancement of the common good of all and the protection of the most vulnerable is the one and only purpose for which governance exists.

For one hundred years our nation has unsuccessfully wrestled to achieve the goal of full health care for all its people. In the past century the clarion call was first issued by Theodore Roosevelt, and later by Harry Truman. In November 1945 President Truman declared:

"We must resolve now that the health of this nation is a national concern; that financial barriers in the way of attaining health shall be removed; that the health of all its citizens deserves the help of all the nation."

"The health of American children, like their education, must be recognized as a definite public responsibility."

The nations of the world reminded all of us almost fifty years ago in the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Children:

"The child shall enjoy special protection, and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity. In the enactment of laws for this purpose, the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration."

"The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled to grow and develop in health; to this end, special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother, including adequate pre-natal and post-natal care. The child shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and medical services."

This is the time and this is the year to guarantee health care for all children and young people – pre-natal to 24 years of age – who reside in the State of Minnesota.

That health care must be available, accessible, appropriate and adequate.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Tim and Pat Kasheimer and Shirley and Larry Smith – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat in the Social Hall.

### ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

We will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:45 in the Social Hall. Come and find out how many dinners we served at our Friday Fish Fry.

### LEISURE CLUB MEETING

The Leisure Club will meeting at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, March 14 in the Social Hall.

### SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER

Saturday morning prayer is a great start to the day. Whether heading out for the grocery store, going to scripture study, or looking forward to a quiet day, consider coming to the church for **9AM Morning Prayer**. This ancient liturgy provides a rich and grounding experience of psalmody & scripture; it is about 15 minutes long.

### TRIDUUM -- THE HOLY THREE DAYS -- IS FAST APPROACHING

These three days offer unique opportunities for ritual participation. Check out the display at the back of church. You will find information describing opportunities for your involvement; as well as sign-up sheets.

### RED AND WHITE DINNER TICKETS

This year's Red and White Endowment Dinner is the kick off to the school's celebration of its 120th Anniversary. The dinner and silent auction will take place on Saturday, April 14. Tickets are available after all masses. Tickets may also be purchased at the school office or parish office during regular office hours. If you received an invitation through the mail detach the response card and return to the parish or school office.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT**

Join friends and family at Arby's this Thursday night, March 15, after you place your order tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. Hope to see you there.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION**

Next Sunday, March 18 the students who have been preparing for reconciliation will celebrate their First Reconciliation at 4:00 PM in the church. Following the reconciliation service there will be a potluck supper in the social hall. Please remember these young people in your prayers this week as they preparing for this special celebration.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY**

There will be class for all grades on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 PM. Grades 1-5 will be attending Evening Prayer at 7:30 PM in the church. Family, friends and parishioners are welcome to join them at prayer.

**WHOA! LENT IS HALF WAY OVER....**

....would you like to add prayerful reflection to your Lenten observance? Join others to reflect on the second reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 proclaims Christ as the new creation and the community of faith—like St. Matt's—an instrument of God's salvation.

When: Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM and Sunday 9:15-9:45 AM

Where: Chapel (at the Church, not the parish center)

**Worship in the Season of Lent  
Church of St. Matthew**

Sunday Lenten Liturgy  
Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 AM

Daily Eucharist  
Monday, 6:45 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6:45 AM and 12:10 PM

Friday, 6:45 AM and 5:15 PM

Liturgy of Morning Prayer  
Saturday, 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday, 7:15 AM  
Saturday, 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration  
Monday thru Friday, 6:00 AM-6:00 PM, Chapel

Stations of the Cross  
Monday, 7:00 PM

Scripture Study  
The Passion Narratives of the Gospel  
Saturday, March 17 and March 24, 9:30-11:00 AM

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

**Sunday**

9:15 AM, CH  
4:00 PM, MC  
5:00 PM, CH  
6:45 PM, PC

**Monday**

3:00 PM, SH  
7:00 PM, MC

**Tuesday**

3:00 PM, SH  
6:30 PM, SC

6:45 PM, SH

**Wednesday**

12:00-7:00 PM, PC  
1:30 PM, SH  
3:00 PM, SH  
6:30 PM, SC

7:30 PM, MC  
8:00 PM, SH

**Thursday**

3:00 PM, SH  
4:00-8:00 PM  
5:00 PM, MC  
6:30 PM, SH  
7:00 PM, MC  
7:00 PM, PC

**Friday**

4:30-7:30 PM, SC

**Saturday**

9:00 AM, MC  
9:30 AM, SH  
9:30 AM, PC  
4:15 PM, CH

**Sunday**

9:15 AM, CH  
4:00 PM, MC  
4:00 PM, SC

**March 11**

Lectio Divina  
Confirmation Class  
Confirmation Mass  
Parish Council Meeting

**March 12**

Loaves and Fishes  
Stations of Cross

**March 13**

Loaves and Fishes  
Home and School  
Association Meeting  
Rosary Society Meeting

**March 14**

St. Mary's Clinic  
Leisure Club  
Loaves and Fishes  
Religious Education  
Class, Grades 1-10  
Evening Prayer  
Men's Club Meeting

**March 15**

Loaves and Fishes  
Arby's/S'barro Night  
Youth Choir  
Girl Scout Meeting  
Adult Choir  
AA Meeting

**March 16**

Lenten Fish Fry

**March 17**

Morning Prayer  
Scripture Study  
Centering Prayer  
Lectio Divina

**March 18**

Lectio Divina  
First Reconciliation  
Celebration  
Cub Scout Pack Mtg.

**Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!*

**Thank you for the following examples and encouragement witnessed on the stewardship envelopes:**

Prayer: Daily Mass; morning and evening prayers daily; a total of 24 hours in prayer; prayed for parishioners with names beginning with G and H. Thank you for the renewal of time in prayer cards [yellow]; in spite of the wintry weather, 235 parishioners brought filled cards forward; 84% were committed to Sunday Mass; 66% to meal prayer; and 60% seek out a regular time for daily prayer. [More stats next week.]

Service: prepared meal for a relative with heart condition, interpreted Spanish at the hospital, donated blood, cleaned up after Fish fry; helped with faith formation; played in guitar group at Mass; brought a person with visual impairment to Mass.

Sharing: Last weekend the amount given to the general fund [regular collection] was \$13,304—considerably above the budgeted \$11,100. Thank you. For the fiscal year-to-date, we are averaging weekend donations of \$9487. As well, \$3190 was given to the Annual Catholic Appeal; \$953 was given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection of the school education programs; \$10 was given in holyday envelopes.

Young people's stewardship: \$8.20. A few of them wrote about the time they spent in prayer. Examples of time spent in service this week were helping to shovel snow, make beds, cook dinner and help at the family store.

Windows: Thank you to those who donated more than \$3100. Watch the progress on the "window-ometer." Remember, you may make a contribution or a pledge at this time.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of March 11, 2007

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/  
Lk 13:1-9  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14  
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM -4:00 PM  
Web site: st-matts.org,  
Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... Father Stephen Adrian  
Deacon..... Rev. John Murphy  
Parish Pastoral Administrator..... John Riehle  
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  
KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
Child Care Center ..... 651-224-1450  
Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830

### 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 six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish.

### Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: [parishcouncil@st-matts.org](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian

### Committee Chairs

Finance.....  
Education Advisory ..... Richard Dunn