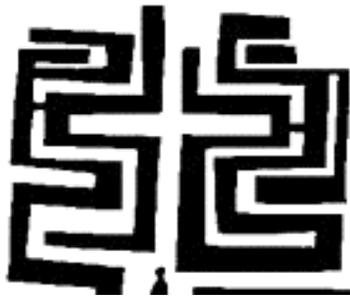


The Community of St. Matthew



Lenten Conversations 2006

*based on In God's Image, a pastoral letter on racism
by Archbishop Harry J. Flynn*

Panel Discussion at the Church of St. Matthew

Sunday, April 2, 2006

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Four Panel members bring their experience and reflections to the question of racism.

“We need to listen to each other’s stories, to work together, to identify common goals and to stand on common ground.”

POTLUCKS

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Racism: What is it?

“Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family. . . .”*

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Despite Progress, Racism Persists

“Racism is a serious offense against God precisely because it isolates the innate dignity of the human person.”

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Responding in Our Personal Lives

“Each of us should examine how our thinking and our actions are influenced by the color of our skin.”

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Responding in Our Public Lives

“The absence of personal fault for an evil does not absolve one of all responsibility.”

5:45 pm Supper – Bring a dish to pass

6:30 pm - Conversation

School Faculty Lounge

*Quotes are from *In God's Image*, a pastoral letter on racism

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

At the end of January parish members came together, at the invitation of a parish council committee, to initiate plans to hire a parish pastoral administrator for St Matthew.

In a nut shell, the role of a Parish Pastoral Administrator is to do the leadership work of the parish that does not fall specifically to the pastor. He/she works as a partner with the pastor in carrying out the pastoral work of the parish.

Over the past five months my time has been allocated as such:

- 39% Liturgy (Preparing for and celebrating sacraments)
- 8% Education (School, Religious Ed, Child Care, Adult Education)
- 5% Counseling
- 38% Administration
- 5% Participation in work with the Archdiocese or neighborhood Community.
- 5% Writing

Even with an average work week of 50+ hours I have not been able to do justice to both administration and other ministries – not the least being my availability to education programs of the parish.

There was unanimous agreement that we need this position at Saint Matthew's. There was also agreement that we needed to seek additional financial support in order to provide the salary and benefits for this administrator.

I wrote an article in the bulletin shortly after that meeting informing the total parish of this effort and to encourage

all parish members to participate in the funding of this new ministry.

Many parish members responded with contributions and/or pledges to support this ministry. It is clear to me and to the committee that there is sufficient support to proceed with hiring a parish administrator with a start date of July 1, 2006.

A job description has been prepared by a committee which reflects the particular needs of Saint Matthew's parish. The general responsibilities of this position are "to advance the mission of the parish by administrating all basic business functions of the parish including finances, physical plant, all parish staff, stewardship and development while working cooperatively with and reporting directly to the pastor." Each of the above items is further detailed in succeeding paragraphs.

It is important that we have funds ready on July 1st. For that reason I am asking those who made a pledge or one-time gift to this effort to begin now. This gives us four months to build up and escrow funds.

Attached to the bulletin is a card indicating your willingness to help. If you have not already indicated your willingness and wish to, please make out the card and return it in the collection basket and begin making your contribution now.

Thank you for the many generous ways in which you support the mission of Saint Matthew's. My prayer is that a Pastoral Administrator will be an occasion of growth and grace for all of us.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

MARCH ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

We will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:45 in the Social Hall. After a short meeting, Father Steve will give a talk/slide show at about 7:30. Any parishioner who wishes to hear Father Steve is welcome to come.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the church.

2006 SOCK DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you for your generosity and contributions to this year's Sock Drive. You donated 488 pairs of socks for men, 73 for women, and 26 for children--a total of 587 pairs. We also delivered two bags of men's clothing, and one each of women's and children's clothes, including 7 handmade knit hats. You donated two grocery bags of toothpaste and toothbrushes and one each of soaps, shampoos, lotions, and miscellaneous personal care items. The Listening House staff expressed their sincere thanks for your gifts. The Rosary Society would like to thank all of you for helping the unfortunate of the community.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join the St. Matthew School community at Arby's on Thursday, March 16 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. If you let them know that you are from St. Matthew's the school will receive 20% of your order. Thank you for your continued support of the programs of St. Matthew's School.

IT'S FESTIVAL CHOIR TIME AGAIN!

With Lent here, the Triduum is not far behind. The three holiest days of the liturgical year celebrate special liturgies requiring special music. If you would like to be a part of any of any one (or all three) of these liturgies please join our Choir Rehearsal on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church. If you have any questions, speak with Dana following Mass or leave her a message at 651-310-0830. She'll get back to you.

LENTEN POTLUCKS

Join us on Wednesday, March 15 in the school faculty lounge for the first Lenten Potluck of 2006. This year's conversation is based on "In God's Image", a pastoral letter on racism by Archbishop Harry Flynn. Supper begins at 5:45, Conversation at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you all there.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR ALL WHO PROCLAIM THE WORD: A MORNING WITH ARCHBISHOP HARRY FLYNN

If you are a Lector, cantor, catechist or just someone who wants to reflect on the Liturgy of the Word you will find this morning spiritually refreshing and informative. It will be held Saturday, March 18th from 9:30-11:30 AM at Nativity Church (324 S. Prior Ave. in St. Paul). Cost is \$5.00 collected at the door. **You MUST pre-register by Tuesday, March 14:** Call the Worship Center at 651-290-1625.

CURIOUS ABOUT OUR LENTEN RAINBOW?

You can read all about it in our Lenten Worship Aid.

LAST CALL FOR PICKING UP NEW LITURGY SCHEDULES

Any schedules that are not picked up this weekend will be mailed out to our liturgical ministers. Help us save postage / remember your schedule. Thanks!

FEED YOUR SOUL, FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Have you noticed the food basket brought up to the altar at the offertory? This represents the food collected from St Matthew's parishioners at most weekend masses. It is simple to join this ministry team! Check out the list of need foods provided on the insert in this week's bulletin. Just bring a can, box or package of non perishable food or paper products to church with you. There are collection baskets at all the entrances. Cash is also accepted. Some of the food is taken during this time for our own parishioners in need. The remaining food is taken to the Neighborhood House during that week. Please help to feed our neighbors in need. The Food Shelf Ministry

GENERAL DISPENSATION FOR MARCH 17

I am aware that the feast of St. Patrick, March 17, falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Because of the traditional celebrations associated with this day, which in many cases are held at our parishes, I have decided to grant a general dispensation to all Catholics in the Archdiocese from the requirement of abstinence on that day. However, I encourage all to mark the day with some other form of special observance, such as prayer or almsgiving. Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D., Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 12
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
Monday	March 13
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 14
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 15
9:00 AM, MC	Liturgy of the Hours
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM, SC	Lenten Potluck
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
6:45 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
	Religious Education Grades 1-5
Thursday	March 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
4:00-8:00 PM	Arby's/S'barro Night
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
Friday	March 17
4:30 7:30 PM, SH	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	March 18
Sunday	March 19
4:00 PM, MC	Celebration of First Reconciliation
5:00 PM, SH	Potluck Supper for First Reconciliation Students and families

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-March 5	\$11,042.14
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$316,986.00
Need to date:	\$340,425.00
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School Fund	\$1,023.00
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$1.60

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, March 12	8:00 AM Helen Savard Robert J. Stickler, Sr. Richard Charbonneau, Jr. 10:30 AM Parishioners 5:00 PM Confirmation Candidates
Monday, March 13	6:45 AM Rosemarie Klingner (Birthday)
Tuesday, March 14	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Wednesday, March 15	6:45 AM World Peace 12:10 PM Parishioners
Thursday, March 16	6:45 AM Robert Preuss Patsy Stadsted 12:10 PM Peter O'Farrell
Friday, March 17	6:45 AM Deceased members of the Fee and Devlin Family 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, March 18	Clarence & Arlene Kammerer, Carl Bisciglia Susan & Samuel Plumbo
Sunday, March 19	8:00 AM Helen Savard Evelyn Yezback, Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2006

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25; Scrutinies (Cycle A); Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
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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
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Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian
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