

The Community of St. Matthew

You are cordially invited to attend:

The 11th Annual Red and White Dinner



Building our Future
One Child at a Time

Join your friends and family for a night of fun, laughter and good food as we celebrate the past success of St. Matthew's School and build for its future. Check the inside of this bulletin for more information.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

On Saturday, April 24, the annual **Red and White Gala** takes place. The purpose of this evening is to have fun, enjoy a good meal and raise funds for the saint Matthew Educational Endowment.

This endowment is nourished by four sources:

The Red and White Gala
the Tom Cullen Scholarship Fund
The George Gubash Scholarship Fund
The Pastor's Scholarship Fund

The endowment is owned and managed by the Catholic Community Foundation. Presently the endowment is at \$270,000.00.

Each year a portion of the earned income is returned to saint Matthew's to be used in two ways:

Tuition assistance for students
Professional development of teachers.

This is a true endowment. The principal is never spent. It is the annual earned income that is disbursed. Thus, a gift to the endowment is a gift that continues to give generation after generation.

I invite you, as you plan your estate, to consider a gift to

the Educational Endowment. This kind of gift is a way for you to be sure that year after year your generosity will benefit students and families at St. Matthew.

I encourage you to buy tickets for this great dinner and a chance to win cash and merchandise prizes. Invite your family and friends. A good time will be had by all, and we will do good for Saint Matthew students.

There will also be a great silent auction, the proceeds of which will go to the current operating budget of Saint Matthew's School.

Tickets are \$50 and are available in the back of Church after Sunday Mass and at the Parish office and school office during the week.

I am searching for a donor or donors who might be willing to underwrite the costs of the evening, so that the full price of your ticket will go to the enhance the endowment.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Those students and parents who have been preparing for First Reconciliation are reminded that the Reconciliation Service will take place on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 PM in the Church. After the service there will be short social to celebrate with the students, please bring bars, cookies or juice to share.

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

If you are interested in participating in our music ministry for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and/or Easter Sunday, please leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830. She'll get back to you regarding the times and dates of our practices for these liturgies.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

We will be meeting on Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 AM in the parish center. There will be a video with Fr. Keating discussing Centering Prayer.

LENTEN POTLUCKS

Join u this Wednesday for the Lenten Potluck. We are located in the faculty lounge at St. Matthew's School. Bring a dish to pass and your appetite. We will begin the meal at 5:45 PM. At 6:30 PM those engaged in religious ed will go to their rooms and those interested will explore the writings of Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day. Bocks of reflections by these two people are available for \$6 each. They may be purchased at the parish center but there are also some for your use at the potluck. We hope to see you there.

RED AND WHITE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Tickets for the April 24, Red and white Dinner are now viable for purchase! Tickets are being sold during business hours in the parish center and school office, and at each of the Lenten Fish Fries and after all of the weekend masses. The per ticket cost is still only \$50! The proceeds of this event go to a wonderful cause: to fund the school's endowment fund. It's a fun evening, highlighted by a delicious meal, a silent auction and "The Game," which offers valuable cash prizes. Seating is limited so buy your tickets early.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN FISH FRIES

Three down, three to go! There is still time to sign up for a shift or two to help out with the Fish Fries See Tim Nowak at the Scrip table in the back of church after all Masses to sign up.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We will be making our last submission of the year for Box Tops for Education on March 31. If you have been saving your Box Tops now would be a good time to bring them to school or place them in the box at the back of church before March 31. Thank you for your continued support. Also don't forget we continue to collect Kemps Milk Tops and Campbell Soup labels, those may also be dropped off at school or placed in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Don't feel like cooking, have supper at Arby's/S'Barro on Thursday, March 18 and let them know you are from St. Matthew's. St. Matthew's will receive 20% of the sales made from St. Matthew's. Thanks for your continuing support.

CELEBRATING THE TRIDUUM

The holiest three days of the Church year offer unique opportunities for participation in the ritual action of the Triduum liturgies. Your willingness to participate enriches the prayer life of the entire community. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. Please consider participating in one or more of the following: **Holy Thursday's Foot Washing**—We need people of all ages reflecting the beautiful diversity of our community. Consider participating as a family. **Holy Thursday's Eucharistic Procession to the Chapel**—This action is open to ALL at the liturgy yet people are hesitant. The choir always joins the process; but we need other to step in behind them—thereby encouraging still more to join. **Holy Thursday's Prayer Vigil in the Chapel**—Not a time of strict adoration or personal devotion, this is a time of quiet reflection and community prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Participants may stay for as long as they wish. Brief structured prayer is offered at 15 minute intervals during the vigil which ends at 10:00 PM with Night Prayer. Sign-up is requested to assure that (for security reasons) there will always be two or more present. **Good Friday's 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross**—Weather permitting, this year offers another outdoor experience. We need help with torch bearing, street crossing monitors, and carrying our large cross from station to station—a task we would like to rotate among a number of different people. **Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil**—A procession of Easter flowers is part of the preparation of the table at this liturgy. Until we find the elusive "walking Easter Lily," we need your help carrying these flowers forward. Your participation is welcome in any or all of these activities. For more information, leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0830. She will return your call.

CHILD CARE SPRING FUNDRAISER

There are only 2 weeks left in our Spring Fundraiser! Please help us to provide fun and educational field trips for our students this summer by ordering from the catalogs located at the Fish Fries, the Parish Center, and in the back of the Church during weekend masses. All items need to be pre-paid and will be delivered prior to the Easter Holiday. As always we will accept donations toward this goal as well as orders from the catalog. Thank you in advance for helping us to provide high quality care in the St. Matthew's Community.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 14
3:30 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
Monday	March 15
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	March 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 17
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Meeting
Thursday	March 18
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	First Reconciliation Service
Friday	March 19
4:00-7:00 PM, SH	Fish Fry
Saturday	March 20
Sunday	March 21

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 29 Collections

Sunday Envelopes and Plate:	\$9,430.14
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.51
School Fund Envelopes	\$ 1,188.82
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 45.00

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, March 14	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, March 15	World Peace
Tuesday, March 16	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Wednesday, March 17	6:45 AM Deceased members of Fee & Devlin families 12:10 PM World Peace
Thursday, March 18	6:45 AM Shirley Capistrant 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday, March 19	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, March 20	Leonard Voto Bernard Bukowski
Sunday, March 21	8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2004

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:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
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
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.....*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
Education Advisory Michele Edwards
Liturgy