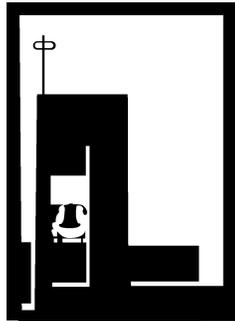


The Community of St. Matthew



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



**In The Footsteps Of John XXIII
A Lenten Journey To
Rediscover The Spirit Of Vatican II**

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Few persons have so touched my life, formed my spirit and touched my soul as John XXIII. Perhaps that is only expected, I was but a high school student of 16 years in 1958 when this unlikely "grandfather" figure became pope. My childhood and young adolescence had known only the stoic figure of Pius XII.

Through my college years Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council were the stuff of the daily papers and the evening news broadcast. As a college seminary student I read all I could get my hands on. The spirit was electrifying. This ancient church, under the direction of a "peasant pope" was gathering the courage to undertake a total self-examination to be better able to speak to the world in a new way.

A new world was emerging. Old colonialism was dying rapidly -- almost weekly new nations emerged; brinksmanship was the order of the day as western democracies sought to contain the advance of communism. Space travel was now more than a science fiction dream -- we were going to put a person on the moon within ten years; satellites orbited the earth and for the first time we saw pictures of ourselves from outer space. Civil and human rights became front page news -- the Civil Rights Movement in the United States was coming of age, and with the decision Brown vs. Board of Education a new day

of civil and human rights was dawning. Both in Europe and in the United States the Women's Movement was gathering steam and claiming attention.

In the middle of all of this stood a smiling figure, a gentle spirit, and a confident presence -- Pope John XXIII. He told us to banish fear, place our trust in the Spirit of God and to know that something new was happening.

He knew well the image of new wine in old skins, and he encouraged a world to find new skins in which to pour the "new wine" of God's spirit made manifest in a so rapidly changing world. Good Pope John assured the world that in calling together a Universal Church Council his desire was to invite all to ponder the eternal truth of the Gospel in light of a new world experience. He did not seek to condemn error -- as was so often the reason for calling earlier Church Councils. He assured Nikita Khrushchev that there would be no condemnation of the Soviet Communist state. He sought to prepare a church to accept a new Pentecost, to be open to a new manifestation of the Spirit of God, to be disciplined enough to walk boldly and confidently into a new era. He instilled hope and promise and enthusiasm. I will always be grateful that I was young enough, energetic enough, enthusiastic enough to be drawn into the dream he shared with the world.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FISH FRY!

This week's Fish Fry, March 21st, is co-sponsored by the Men's Club and Cub Scout Pack 107. Volunteers are always welcome! Sign up in the back of the church at the scrip table.

RECEPTION AT THE ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE

A reception will be held at Archbishop Flynn's residence to honor local Romanians and to remind us that the Bucharest orphans need our support. The reception will be on April 12th, 2:00—3:30 PM. Please contact parishioner Monica O'Kane at 651-291-2715 if you have any questions regarding this event.

GRIEF CARE GROUP

The Church of Saint Matthew is once again offering a series of eight Grief Care Meetings beginning on Monday, April 21st from 10:00—11:30 AM at the Parish Center. There is no charge to participate. If you are grieving the death of a loved one you will find strength and understanding being among others who are also going through the same experience. Those who are interested in joining the group, or if you have any questions, please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at 651-224-9793 by March 24th at the latest. If you are interested in being in a group but can only attend in the evenings please call me with that information. We have made arrangements whereby you can attend an evening group.

THOUGHTS ON PEACE

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it. —Eleanor Roosevelt

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



CHILD CARE UPDATE

Spring is on it's way to the Child Care Center. We are holding our yearly fundraiser that will assist the Center in purchasing additional playground equipment, as well as build up our Center Field Trip fund. Order books and forms will be available at the Parish Center and in the back of the church until Friday, March 28th. We will also have materials at the Fish Fries on March 21st and 28th. Payment is due with your order. If you have any questions about our fundraiser, please call Maureen or Christine at 651-224-1450. Delivery date for items ordered will be during the week of April 14th. We will call to notify you when your order is ready. Please help the Center be an even stronger part of the parish.

IT'S ARBY'S/SBARRO NIGHT!

When placing your order, say that you are from Saint Matthew's and Arby's/Sbarro will donate 20% of the proceeds to our school! Remember: Arby's/Sbarro nights are the third Thursday of every month, September through May. Support Saint Matthew's School!

OUR LENTEN ENVIRONMENT

All of us who reached for holy water to bless ourselves as we entered church last week were abruptly reminded that we have been hurled into the desert with Jesus — the fonts are all empty. Purple — the color of our Lenten penitence — replaces the green of ordinary time in our space and vestments. The wood of the cross is enthroned in our midst. Even the music of our prayers reflects this desert time of repentance and conversion. A sung "Kyrie" gathers us for worship; "Salvator Mundi" graces our prayers of intercession with ancient Latin entreaty; four sacred songs of renewal are repeated and woven throughout these five weeks so that their words may shape and inform our hearts on many and varied levels; we close each mass with full and expectant silence — a desert silence.

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

A letter was mailed last week to all Eucharist Ministers to the Homebound, Hospital Ministers, Grief Care Outreach Ministers and Prayer Leaders. If you are a member of any of these groups and did not receive your letter please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, at 651-224-9793. If Sister is not in please leave your name and address with the receptionist. Thank you.

Volunteer Opportunity

If you are looking for a pro-active, pro-life organization to join, consider Birthright. We are friends to young women in difficult times, giving them support and advice that will, hopefully, help them make a decision to remain pregnant. Birthright provides excellent professional training for it's volunteers. The next training session is at the end of April so you need to contact us now to become a volunteer. We have offices in several convenient locations. For more information call Ryann Lawrence at 612-706-7900 or Collette Stoffel at 651-646-7033.

THOUGHTS ON PEACE

"If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies. — General Moshe Dayan

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 16
12:00 PM	Baptism
Monday	March 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 18
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	Rosary Society/ CCW Meeting
Wednesday	March 19
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	March 20
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	March 21
4:00-7:00 PM, SH	Fish Fry
Saturday	March 22
Sunday	March 23

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for March 9, 2003:
 Youth treasure for March 9, 2003: Donated in children
 and young people's envelopes.

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 16	8:00 AM	Sadie Monsour, Irene Pachl, Clarence Kammerer
	10:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday, March 17	6:45 AM	Deceased members of Fee Family, Bernice Taube
Tuesday, March 18	6:45 AM	Agnes R. DeFoe
	12:10 PM	Larry Simmons
Wednesday, March 19	6:45 AM	Albert Hartmann
	12:10 PM	Bernard Bukowski
Thursday, March 20	6:45 AM	Thomas Neddham
	12:10 PM	John and Helen Leibl
Friday, March 21	6:45 AM	Parishioners
	5:15 PM	Mass for Peace Bernard Ferber
Saturday, March 22		Bernard Ferber, John & Irene Pachl, William Schmidt
Sunday, March 23	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2003

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; 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; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

PLEASE REMEMBER: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Walk the walk that Jesus did on Monday's during Lent at
 7:00 PM in the church

THOUGHTS ON PEACE

"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can
 be at peace unless he has his freedom. — Malcolm X, 1965

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Pastoral Ministry *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*
 Dir. Child Care *Maureen Gitlin*
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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

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

Committee Chairs

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