

The Community of St. Matthew

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

*Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord*

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Holy Week & Easter 2008

Palm Sunday:	Masses: Saturday, 5 pm; Sunday 8 & 10:30 am
March 16	Blessing of palms at each Mass Communal Penance: 2 & 4 pm
Monday:	Mass: 6:45 am
March 17	Penance: 4:00 pm Stations: 7:00 pm
Tuesday:	Mass: 6:45 am; 12:10 pm
March 18	Penance: 7:15 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Mass: 6:45 & 9:00 am; 12:10 pm
March 19	Penance 4:00 pm
Holy Thursday:	Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
March 20	Supper of the Lord: 7:00 pm Adoration: 8:00- 10:00 pm Night Prayer: 10:00 pm
Good Friday:	Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
March 21	Stations: 3:00 pm Liturgy: 6:00 pm
Holy Saturday:	Morning Prayer: 9:00 am
March 22	Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday:	Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am
March 23	

Welcome to the Church of Saint Matthew. These days of Holy Week are the most solemn of the year. Please come and join us, and bring a friend. You are always welcome at the Community of Saint Matthew.

P A R I S H E V E N T S

COFFEE SUNDAY

Greetings. Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by 03/16/08-Jerry Smith and Joanne Smith and Colleen Erickson - thanks. All are welcome to the Social Hall for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation. Thanks also to those who have responded to the request for singing up to serve coffee hour in April and May. Open dates are as follows: 04/06/08, 04/13/08, 04/20/08, 04/27/08, 05/18/08, 05/25/08 and 06/01/08. Call John @ 651-221-0871 or e-mail law@armita.net to sign up.

FOOD SHELF

Every day some of our neighbors struggle to put food on their table. Helping them is as easy as bringing food or paper products to weekend worship. Every week food is collected here and brought to Neighborhood House. You'll find wish lists or envelopes for cash donations on the bulletin board in back of church. The food shelf is always in need of grocery bags too. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join St. Matthew's School families for an evening of good food and lively conversation on Thursday, March 17 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Arby's/S'barro on Robert Street. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school receives 20% of your total order. Hope to see you there.

W E E K L Y R E A D I N G S

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2008

Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONFUSED CATHOLIC? INACTIVE CATHOLIC? ALIENATED CATHOLIC?

An Invitation to Consider Catholics Coming Home. If you've been away from the Church or are drifting away from it, if you've been hurt by the Church, or are confused and angry because of your Catholic experience, please consider this invitation to come and talk with us. Six Tuesday evenings, April 1—May 6, 2008, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Basilica of Saint Mary, sixteenth at Hennepin, Minneapolis, Basilica School, Room 113. For more info call: Carrie Kemp, *Catholics Coming Home Ministry* at 651-457-5427 or *Basilica of Saint Mary Learning Office* at 612-317-3414.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!!!

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10 or 11 year old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the Program's 35 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities June 26, 2008 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 4, 2008. Call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at www.cpmi.org to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be Religious Education class on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM in the school.

ADULT CHOIR

There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM in the main church.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

The dishwasher is due at the end of the month—[there is no day-school during the first week of April—there should be more time for the installation]. Again, a thank you to everyone who has been able to help fund the purchase of these important pieces of equipment.

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.” And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?” And the crowds replied, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.” – Mt 21:9-11

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 16
2:00 & 4:00 PM, MC	Communal Reconciliation
Monday	March 17
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 18
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 19
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	March 20
9:00 AM, MC	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Supper of the Lord
Friday	March 21
9:00 AM, MC	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM	Stations
6:00 PM, MC	Liturgy
Saturday	March 22
9:00 AM, MC	Morning Prayer
8:00 PM, MC	Easter Vigil
Sunday	March 23

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“The Lord God has Given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

Prayer, Thank you: two hours in prayer this week... 45 minutes in prayer each day for 3 days... 30 minutes in prayer each day... 15 minutes in prayer each day... at least four hours a week in prayer... [what would the total be for all of Saint Matthew’s?]

Service, Thank you: worked at the fish fry... volunteered at school, at Roosevelt, at Neighborhood House, at school library... 30 minutes of volunteer time... did money counting ministry... did ministry as a greeter... did ministry as a catechist.

Sharing: Total for last weekend: \$10,562 [including more than \$3,000 given electronically, about \$600 from those giving weekly; \$2,400 from those giving monthly on the 5th]. Thank you! Budget to date: \$349,500; actual: \$338,981; the difference of \$10,519 is 3.01% of the budget. [The bulletin from a large church in Mpls reported a shortfall to date of 8%.] Also, thanks and acknowledgement for: \$401 in assessment envelopes; \$62 in school envelopes and 410 in holyday ones.

Parish assessment:

The parish assessment is a “tax” to the archdiocese that is equal to about 9% of all “new” money donated and collected less an amount for each student in grade school and each student in religious education. The assessment for this year is greater than \$54,000—more than \$1,000 each week. Thanks to all who are able to put a little extra in this envelope.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*
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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Joyce Osborne	Stephen Adrian