

The Community of St. Matthew

14th Annual
Red and White
Dinner



Saturday, April 14, 2007
St. Matthew's Church
Social Hall

5:00 PM Liturgy
6:00 PM Social/Silent Auction
6:45 PM Dinner

Come for a great night of food, fun and fellowship and support The St. Matthew's Educational Endowment Fund. Enjoy browsing the silent auction before a formal dinner. Remember your ticket is entry into a drawing with prizes including \$300, \$750 and \$1500.

Tickets are available after all masses. Tickets may also be purchased at the parish office or school office. Groups of six or more, may reserve a table.

See You There!!

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I recommend to you the following reflection by Benedict XVI on the importance of Sunday worship. As we reflect on our prayer life this Lent, it is important to remember that of all prayer the Sunday Eucharist is first.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

The Second Vatican Council teaches that “the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery every seventh day, which day is appropriately called the “Lord’s Day” or “Sunday.”

Sunday remains the foundation and at the same time the center of the liturgical year which originated in Christ’s Resurrection.

Sunday is a fragment of time imbued with eternity, for its dawn saw the Crucified and Risen Christ enter victorious into eternal life.

With the event of the Resurrection, creation and redemption reach their fulfillment.

For the first Christians, participation in the Sunday celebrations was the natural expression of their belonging to Christ, of communion with his Mystical Body, in the joyful expectation of his glorious return.

How much more necessary it is today to reaffirm the

sacredness of the Lord’s Day and the need to take part in Sunday Mass.

The cultural context in which we live, often marked by religious indifference and secularism that blot out the horizon of the transcendent, must not let us forget that the People of God, born from “Christ’s Passover, Sunday”, should return to it as to an inexhaustible source, in order to understand better and better the features of their own identity and reasons for their existence.

The Second Vatican Council, after pointing out the origin of Sunday, continued: “On this day Christ’s faithful are come together into one place. They listen to the Word of God and take part in the Eucharist, thus calling to mind the Passion, Resurrection and Glory of the Lord Jesus and giving thanks to God who “has begotten them again, through the Resurrection of Christ from the dead, unto a living hope.”

Sunday is the day on which the Risen Lord makes himself present among his followers, invites them to his banquet and shares himself with them so that they too, united and configured to him, may worship God properly.

Therefore, as I encourage people to give ever greater importance to the “Lord’s Day”, I am eager to highlight the central place of the Eucharist as a fundamental pillar of Sunday and of all church life. Indeed, at every Sunday Eucharistic celebration the sanctification of the Christian people takes place as it will take place until the Sunday that never sets, the day of the definitive encounter of God with his creatures.

PARISH EVENTS

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed for set-up (1:30-4PM), serving (4-7:30PM), clean-up (7:30-9:30PM) at the Fish Fry sponsored by the Street Children of Bucharest Group on March 23 and the last Fish Fry on March 30. If you are able to help, stop by the Scrip table after mass or call Tim Nowak at 651-450-4975.

MARCH 9 FISH FRY RESULT

On March 9 Rosary Society members and other volunteers staffed the Fish Fry and served 461 meals! We want to express our appreciation to all our members who worked. We particularly want to thank all the others who helped at the Fish Fry: the relatives and friends of Rosary members, the students who helped out in the kitchen and ran the dishwasher, especially the Men’s Club workers who work hard each week, and the people “who just showed up.” Thanks also to Tim Nowak who worked extremely hard directing kitchen workers and answering our questions, while continually working and making sure that things flowed smoothly.

THE WINDOW CHALLENGE

An anonymous donor will purchase a window for the Parish Center for each ten (10) windows bought by parish members or their families. This is a great opportunity! This anonymous parish member is willing to purchase 10% of the outstanding windows. Let’s meet the challenge!

Are you getting a tax return? Would you consider using a part of that tax return to purchase a window and memorialize a family member or a former teacher?

The cost of each window opening is \$677.00

.PARTICIPATING IN THE TRIDUUM

There are liturgical & ritual opportunities available that are unique to this three day celebration: Holy Thursday’s foot washing, eucharistic procession and chapel vigil; Good Friday’s Afternoon Stations of the Cross, Morning Prayer with opportunity to help prepare the worship space for the coming evening liturgies; and a special Food Drive for Holy Thursday. A sign-up table is at the back of church with brochures giving more information. Check it out and sign up.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Parents and students preparing for First Communion will have their last class on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM in the church. Father Steve will present the Mass of Explanation. Parishioners are also welcome to attend.

COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by the Benish family: Caryn, Brian and Nick – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat in the Social Hall.

PHILIPPIANS 3: 8-14

Paul writes of the transformative power of faith and the embrace of crucifixion a prelude to resurrection. You are invited to join other parishioners to encounter this reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent in prayerful sharing before or after liturgy.

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

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

SOCK DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you for being so very generous to the Listening House Sock collection. In honor of Sister Colleen, you donated: 655 pairs of tube socks; 27 pairs of heavy-duty outdoor socks; 36 ½ pairs of work gloves, one bag of pants and sweatshirts, one bag of miscellaneous clothing, six bags of personal hygiene products, and a check for \$25. Listening House visitors were very grateful. Rosary Society.

THANK YOU KARAS FAMILY AND BRIAN OSBORNE

Thanks to Brian for organizing the re-placement of the snow hill on the playground and to Karas boys who moved it. Thanks for helping keep our children safe.

<p>Worship in the Season of Lent Church of St. Matthew</p> <p>Sunday Lenten Liturgy Saturday, 5:00 PM & Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 AM</p> <p>Daily Eucharist Monday, 6:45 AM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6:45 AM and 12:10 PM Friday, 6:45 AM and 5:15 PM</p> <p>Liturgy of Morning Prayer Saturday, 9:00 AM</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday, 7:15 AM & Saturday, 4:00 PM</p> <p>Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration Monday thru Friday, 6:00 AM-6:00 PM, Chapel</p> <p>Stations of the Cross Monday, 7:00 PM</p> <p>Scripture Study The Passion Narratives of the Gospel Saturday, March 24, 9:30-11:00 AM</p>

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<p>Sunday 9:00 AM, MC 9:15 AM, CH 4:00 PM, MC 4:00 PM, SC</p> <p>Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, MC</p> <p>Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, MC</p> <p>Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:00 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, PC 6:30 PM, SC 7:30 PM, MC</p> <p>Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, PC</p> <p>Friday 4:30 7:30 PM, SH</p> <p>Saturday 9:00 AM, MC 9:30 AM, SH 4:15 PM, CH</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 AM, MC 9:15 AM, CH</p>	<p>March 18 Adult Hand Bells Lectio Divina First Reconciliation Celebration Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p> <p>March 19 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Stations of the Cross</p> <p>March 20 Loaves and Fishes First Communion Class</p> <p>March 21 St. Mary's Clinic School Mass Loaves and Fishes Finance Committee Meeting Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10 Evening Prayer</p> <p>March 22 Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir AA Meeting</p> <p>March 23 Lenten Fish Fry</p> <p>March 24 Morning Prayer Scripture Study Lectio Divina</p> <p>March 25 Adult Hand Bells Lectio Divina</p>
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Abbreviations:
MC – Main Church
CH – Chapel
PC – Parish Center
SH – Social Hall
SC – School
CC – Child Care
XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

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

Prayer: Prayed for the sick, participated in Scripture study; celebrated extra Masses this week; prayed stations of the cross: four parishioners: 2 hours; 9 hours; 14 hours; and 16 hours of prayer during the week.

A few more prayer pledge statistics. Remember, there were many fewer folks in church 3 weeks ago when this renewal was done. Of the 235 total responses, 37% said they pray in a regular space; 34% do spiritual reading on a regular basis; and 29% pray the rosary daily.

Service: Visited a sick person; volunteered at daughter's school; gave rides to others; babysat; led a retreat; sewed for others; organized household items; participated in liturgical roles: lector, communion distributor, played piano, sang in the choir.

Sharing Electronic, plate, and envelopes this past Sunday: \$8,462. The fiscal year to date: donations are "exactly:" \$350,000. That is about \$60,700 behind the original budget amount. Thank you.

As well, \$592 was given in Assessment envelopes; \$263 came in school envelopes; \$20 in holyday ones; and \$20 in the fuel collection. Thank you.

Windows: Thanks for the contributions both large and small; thanks for the contributions that are complete and for those that are partial payment—with other payments to follow.

We'd like to complete this "drive" by the end of March. Please send in your response by that time. Remember: each donation is appreciated and will be listed in the "donation" book, along with all those who are memorialized and honored.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2007

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18,
22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

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

Committee Chairs

Finance.....
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