

The Community of St. Matthew



Saturday

April 29 2006

Liturgy at 5:00 PM

Social and Silent Auction 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:45 PM

Dance 8:30-11:30 PM

"The Game" throughout the night

Tickets for sale after all Masses

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Forty years ago in the final moments of the Second Vatican Council the Pastoral Constitution on the Church of the Modern World came to light. In this document the Council sought to situate the mission of the Church within the life of the world.

A key segment of this document is found in #22.

The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of the human person take on light. By His incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every person. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us in all things except sin.

During the season of Lent it might be well for us to reflect on the ways in which Jesus reveals to us the mystery of our human lives. Can we see our destiny in Jesus? Can we see the depth of our human life in Jesus? Can we see our meaning in Jesus?

In Him God reconciled all of us to Himself and among ourselves.

Any degrading of the human person is an assault on the Incarnate Word of God. Any attack on a person is an act of blasphemy. Prejudice and racism are not only a sin against our neighbor, but also a sin against the very person of the Word Made Flesh.

This holds true not only for Christians, but for all people of good will in whose hearts grace works in an unseen way. For, since Christ died for all, and since the vocation of all is in fact one, and divine, we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit in a manner known only to God offers to everyone the possibility of being associated with the paschal mystery.

The destiny and purpose of all human life is held in Jesus and revealed in Jesus.

On this truth rests all our works of justice and charity.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LENTEN POTLUCKS

Join us on Wednesday, March 22 in the school faculty lounge for the 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Dana, Vickie and Jeannie who helped the youth choir present a wonderful choral and vocal rendition of the Gospel of the Transfiguration last Saturday evening at the 5:00 PM Mass. You made the Word of God come alive. We shall look for other opportunities to present the Scriptures in a dramatic and compelling manner.

THANK YOU FOR CELL PHONE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Javers, Schletty and Krawczyk families wish to thank the generous members of this community who have contributed old cell phones to help cover the cost of an intended lung transplant for Kim Javers, a North St. Paul resident and fiancée of our nephew, Nick Krawczyk. As a child, Kim was the poster child for Cystic Fibrosis. She was a strong role model of determination and faith. She passed away last week while awaiting a set of lungs in a North Carolina hospital. Phone collections will continue through May. The donations will be used by the Children's Organ Transplant Association (<http://www.cota.org>) for others in need of a life-saving transplant. -- Pat and Rich Schletty

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed for set-up, serving and clean-up at the last 2 fish fry nights. The March 31 fish fry is for the benefit of the street children of Bucharest and the April 7 fish fry is the Catholic Aid matching grant night. Sign-up sheets are at the Scrip table in the back of church or call Tim Nowak at 651-687-2850 days, 651-450-4975 evenings. Set-up is from 2-4:30, serving is from 4-7:30, and clean-up is from 7:30-9:30.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Students in grades 1-10 will have class this Wednesday, March 22 beginning at 6:30 PM. At 6:45 PM the students in grades 6-10 will attend Stations of the Cross in the church. All parishioners are welcome to join

them for this service.

CONGRATULATIONS, BRYAN

Bryan Creamer, a senior at Humboldt and a parishioner here at St. Matthew's, was featured in an article in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on Monday, March 13. Bryan recently received a scholarship for writing the winning essay for Black History Month. Congratulations Bryan, we are proud to call you one of our own!

MASS OF EXPLANATION

First Communion students and their parents will have their last class on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM in the main church. Father will walk the children through the parts of the Mass. Students should have completed their interview with Father Adrian, if you missed your interview sign up sheets to reschedule will be available at this meeting. Also if you still need to sign up sheets for First Communion dates will be available at this meeting.

NCEA CHILD TO CHILD CAMPAIGN THANK YOU

Students at St. Matthew's participated in the Child to Child Campaign this fall raising money for Catholic schools and religious education programs in the Hurricane Katrina affected areas. Students throughout the United States raised more than \$1 million dollars. This money will be used to support students directly with materials they need to continue their learning.

RETREAT TIME PLANNED FOR HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 8 from 10:00-11:30 AM. We are planning a time of retreat for those currently in Homebound Ministry and those interested in taking part in this beautiful ministry. Please put this date on your calendar now and watch the bulletin for further details in the coming weeks.

2006 CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA SEEKS GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS

The 2006 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta is currently seeking Grand Marshal nominations for this year's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Parade, "Celebrating Our Family and Friends." The Grand Marshal must exemplify a commitment to the broader community and will lead the 2006 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Parade on Saturday, May 7, 2006. Qualified nominees are actively involved in the community of St. Paul, have made a significant impact on you and/or your community and understand the significance of Cinco de Mayo. Please send a letter describing how the candidate meets the qualifications to be this year's Grand Marshal to: REDA - Grand Marshal Nomination, 176 Cesar Chavez Street, St. Paul, MN 55107.

Nominations must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2006. Questions? Please call the Riverview Economic Development Association at 651-222-6347.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday

4:00 PM, MC

5:00 PM, SC

Monday

3:00 PM, SH

6:45 PM, XC

7:00 PM, MC

Tuesday

3:00 PM, SH

7:00 PM, MC

Wednesday

12:00-7:00 PM, PC

3:00 PM, SH

5:45 PM, SC

6:30 PM, SC

6:45 PM, MC

Thursday

3:00 PM, SH

5:00 PM, MC

7:00 PM, MC

7:00 PM, PC

Friday

4:30- 7:30 PM, SH

Saturday

9:00 AM, PC

Sunday

9:30 AM, MC

9:30 AM, MC

March 19

First Reconciliation Celebration

First Reconciliation Potluck

March 20

Loaves and Fishes

Boy Scout Meeting

Stations of the Cross

March 21

Loaves and Fishes

Guitar Group

March 22

St. Mary's Clinic

Loaves and Fishes

Lenten Potluck

Religious Education

Class, Grades 1-10

Stations of the Cross

Religious Education

Grades 6-10

March 23

Loaves and Fishes

Youth Choir

Adult Choir

AA Meeting

March 24

Lenten Fish Fry

March 25

Centering Prayer

Group

March 26

Worship Space

Survey Meeting

Bell Choir Practice

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 12	\$9,555.00
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$326,541.00
Need to date:	<u>\$349,909.00</u>
	-\$23,368.00
School Fund	\$144.00

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 19	8:00 AM Helen Savard Evelyn Yezback, Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, March 20	6:45 AM Alma Becker
Tuesday, March 21	6:45 AM Ray Mosberger 12:10 PM Parishioners
Wednesday, March 22	6:45 AM Klingner Family 12:10 PM World Peace
Thursday, March 23	6:45 AM John Williams 12:10 PM Parishioners
Friday, March 24	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:30 PM World Peace
Saturday, March 25	Bernard Bukowski Phillip Plumbo Rose Budziszewski
Sunday, March 26	8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe John Meyers 10:30 AM Klotine Mosby Carol Grundei

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2006

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
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:	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:	Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21; Scrutinies (Cycle A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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 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

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian
*- Facilitator	

Committee Chairs

Finance..... *Linda Sellars*
 Education Advisory *Richard Dunn*