

The Community of St. Matthew

**In the Footsteps of
Dorothy Day & Thomas Merton**

From Calling to Conviction

Join us for a Panel Discussion

Sunday, March 28, 2004

4:00 PM

Panel Members:

William Cavanaugh

Bob Stevens

Rev. Jerry Vandrovec

Moderated by Mary White, OSB

Sponsored by Parish Enrichment
Committee

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

Dear Saint Matthew's Community and Visitors:

Partnerships and collaboration are important for the success of any endeavor. In the Church partnerships and collaborative efforts allow us to see our mission as bigger than ourselves and deeper than our own self-interests.

Saint Matthew Child Care is in the process of developing a partnership with Neighborhood House in building strong, sustainable and high quality child care on the West Side of Saint Paul. This partnership invites both organizations to bring their strengths and expertise to the table. Neighborhood House pledges to partner with Saint Matthew's in strengthening center-based care at the Saint Matthew Center. Saint Matthew's pledges to partner with Neighborhood House in strengthening home-based child care and informal child care networks on the West Side. Both institutions agree to join together to advocate for a new public policy which reflects and respects the importance of child care for working families.

Saint Matthew's Parish and Pax Christi Catholic Community continue to explore and advance a sister-parish relationship by which Catholics of Eden Prairie and Catholic of the West Side can share together the work of the Gospel.

A similar effort continues with the church of Saint Thomas Becket and Calvary Lutheran Church in doing Habitat for Humanity.

Saint Matthew's Community and the Catholic Community of Saint Francis of Assisi are engaged in exploring ways in which members of both congregations can grow together and share the work of the Gospel together, how we can learn from each other and be supportive to each other. A half dozen Saint Matthew's people and a half dozen St. Francis people meet regularly to build this collaboration.

Saint Matthew's is exploring a sister-parish relationship with the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Bucharest Romania. With the collapse of the Soviet Union great unrest and civil strife broke

out. Ages old rivalries were reignited and burn hot. In the face of this unrest there are many victims, not the least being children and young people. There are hundreds of children and young people in Bucharest who have been abandoned, have fled for their lives, have been orphaned. Many of these young people live on the streets and in the sewers of the city. They lack shelter, clothing, food and health care – to say nothing of education and opportunity. The Catholic Church of Bucharest is undertaking a great effort to provide shelter, food and education for these young people – for after all, they are the future of this new Republic. Later this year the Archbishop of Bucharest may be our guest and celebrate Sunday liturgy with us and allow us to get to know him and give him the opportunity to get to know us. On Friday, March 26th the proceeds from the Lenten Fish Fry will go to assist in the work of aiding the street children of Bucharest. Please come, invite your friends and neighbors, enjoy the meal and help the kids!

Collaboration and Partnership are part of the meaning of Church. The Church of Jesus Christ is wide and broad and deep and strong – the more each of us moves beyond ourselves and experiences the life and faith of others, the more we come to know the universality and immensity of the Church of Jesus Christ. The more we enter into partnerships and collaborations with our community the stronger the community and the more vital the church. Narrow self-interest destroys, partnerships and share interest builds.

We all have gifts to bring, we all have needs – the strength of one partner overcomes my weakness, my strength overcomes the weakness of the other.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

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

SOCK DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you for your generosity. In honor of Sr. Colleen, you donated: 851 pairs of men's socks; 57 pairs of women's socks; 43 pairs of children's socks; 141 large bars of soaps and a grocery bag overflowing with hotel size soaps; tubes of toothpaste; toothbrushes, floss; 29 bottles of shampoos and conditioners (and a grocery bag of hotel sized); lotions, grooming items, and miscellaneous items. Listening House employees are very grateful. Special thanks to the 8th grade evening religion class for helping sort and count items.
Rosary Society

FISH FRY RESULTS

On March 12, Rosary Society members staffed the Fish Fry and along with a lot of volunteers served 461 meals. We particularly want to thank all the volunteers who are not Rosary members: friends and relatives of Rosary members, people who signed up at the SCRIP table, Girl Scouts, students doing community service, and others who just showed up. Thank you to Tim Nowak who worked extremely hard directing kitchen workers and answering our questions, while continually working and making sure things flowed smoothly. As the result of several activities this year, the Rosary Society is purchasing 4 solar ovens for families in Africa. The ovens can purify water, bake bread, and cook meals, and they are environmentally friendly.
Thank you again for your support. The Rosary Society

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CHILD CARE CENTER SPRING FUNDRAISER

This is the final week of the fundraiser! There are numerous items for Easter, your home and for children. Order forms can be found at the Fish Fry, in the back of the church, and at the Parish Center. The money raised will be used to pay for summer field trips for the children enrolled in the center. We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to place their order and helped us to work with the youngest members of our community. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held the morning of Thursday, April 8. If you would like to volunteer to help us, please contact Dimary at 651-224-1450.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings during Lent for Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN POTLUCKS

Join us 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 education will go to their rooms and those interested will explore the writings of Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day. Books 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.

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 for the following: **Holy Thursday's Foot Washing**—We need people of all ages reflecting the beautiful diversity of our community. **Holy Thursday's Eucharistic Procession to the Chapel**—This action is open to ALL at the liturgy. The choir always joins the process; but we need others 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.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 21
Monday	March 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 24
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM, SC	Lenten Potluck
Thursday	March 25
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 26
4-7:00 PM, SH	Fish Fry
Saturday	March 27
Sunday	March 28
3-6:00 PM, MC	Adult Enrichment Panel on Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton

PLAN AHEAD

April 4 at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm in MC
Communal Penance Services

April 24 Red & White Dinner
Tickets available for purchase; cost \$50

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, March 14 Collections

Sunday Envelopes and Plate:	\$ 7,911.76
Youth and Children's Envelopes:	\$ 18.46
School Fund Envelopes:	\$ 156.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 285.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 18.00

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 21	8:00AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Carol Grundei
Monday, March 22	Karen Kwasniewski
Tuesday, March 23	6:45 AM Dorothy Blake 12:10 PM World Peace
Wednesday, March 24	6:45 AM Donna Marie 12:10 PM Parishioners
Thursday, March 25	6:45 AM Carol Grundei 12:10 PM Dorothea Lussom
Friday, March 26	6:45 AM World Peace 5:15 PM Parishioners
Saturday, March 27	Mary Mike George Lackner
Sunday, March 28	8:00 AM Wayne Buse 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2004

Sunday, March 21	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday, March 22:	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 23:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 24:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 25:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday, March 26:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 27:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday, March 28:	Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

MARCH 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st place, 3370	Tecla Ambrose and Linda Brooks
2nd place, 2990	Arlene Kempe and Charlotte Brady

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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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
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