

The Community of St. Matthew

*IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN XXIII
A LENTEN JOURNEY TO
REDISCOVER THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II*

THE REMEMBRANCES AND REFLECTIONS OF
VATICAN II ATTENDEES

DR. JAMES SHANNON, REV. KEN PIERRE,
DR. WILLIAM HUNT, MR. BERNARD CASSERLY

MODERATOR: DR. GENE SCAPANSKI

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2003
4:00 PM-6:00 PM
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING IN THE SOCIAL HALL

A freewill offering will be taken.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A few months ago, a young woman, Alyssa Rowe, sold Saint John's Bread in the back of church to help her pay for an "alternative" Spring Break she was doing with classmates from Saint Benedict's College. Alyssa is a former parish member and student at Saint Matthew's School. A week ago I received the following letter from her detailing her weeklong activities in New Mexico. I share this letter with you.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian, Pastor

Dear Father Steve,

Thank you so much for supporting me on my service spring break trip. It was an amazing learning experience and also a wonderful break from the routine of school. The trip ended up being an environmental service trip which was even more exciting to me.

Ten other college students, an advisor and myself left on Saturday, March 1st for New Mexico. When we arrived it was Sunday morning and we were given the afternoon to explore the Ghost Ranch, a Presbyterian Conference Center located in Abiquiu. The mountains were beautiful. It made me realize how small I am in comparison to everything else in the world.

Monday was the first day we performed any service work. We worked that day on the Ranch and dug out all the dirt, mud and rocks that had filled an irrigation canal. In New Mexico one of the most precious things is water. So by cleaning out the canal we were allowing the ranch to have a fresh supply of water.

Tuesday was much different. On Tuesday we drove into Santa Fe and cut down trees that were invasive in a river preserve. After cutting down the trees we were suppose to dig out the roots but because this was so time consuming we only did it for a few. The interesting part about this was that we are taught to plant trees and take care of them so to be the one cutting them down

seemed very odd.

Wednesday was probably my favorite day. On Wednesday we went to an Islamic mosque to build a walkway and do other landscaping. It was hard work because most of what they wanted us to do dealt with moving huge rocks. During lunch that day we also talked to a guy that worked and ran the place. It was interesting to hear his point of view on things in the world and to learn more about Islam as a religion. Wednesday night we went to a church in town to go to Ash Wednesday services. The mass was said half in Spanish and half in English. It was very cool to see some of the Spanish practices that go along with Mass.

Our last day of service was spent shoveling snow. We thought that it was humorous that we drove all those hours to shovel snow but it was a ton of fun. We shoveled snow at a public housing complex that housed elderly. Many of the people were friendly and appreciative. It was nice to talk to natives of the area and hear their stories about Chama, the railroad town that we worked in. They were all very excited to get snow because it meant that they would hopefully have enough water to make it through the winter.

Friday was meant as a day of reflection. I spent all day hiking in the mountains, reflecting and growing closer to that group that volunteered with me. College is not what you can learn from a textbook but rather what you can learn from the challenges that are laid out in front of you. Thanks again to you and your parish for supporting me on this learning experience. It has refocused my life and helped me understand myself more. It has also helped me to understand different ways in which I can serve others and how important it is to take care of the world. Your support has helped to reenergize me and made me appreciative for all the gifts that I have been given. I can not explain how much gratitude I feel towards all of you. Thank you again for all your support.

With gratitude,
Alyssa Rowe

PARISH EVENTS

RECEPTION WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

RSVPs are needed for the reception for Romanian orphans at Archbishop Flynn's on Saturday, April 12, 2:00-3:30. Refreshments will be served. Call Monica O'Kane at 651-291-2715 with your RSVP. Please come and help further the cause for these hungry and homeless children. Donations greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Make a check to St. Matthew's Church, c/o Romanian Orphan Fund: send to Monica at 250 Prescott, St. Paul, MN 55107.

THOUGHTS ON PEACE

We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.— Omar Bradley

SCOUT LEADERS AND SCOUTING PARENTS

All scout leaders and parents are invited to an evening of prayer and reflection led by Fr. Steve Adrian on Pope John XXIII's letter to Scout Leaders. Tuesday, April 1, 7:00-8:30 PM in the Church chapel. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity. Any questions, please call the parish office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross every Monday evening during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN POTLUCK AND DISCUSSION GROUP

There is no potluck dinner and discussion on Wednesday, March 26 due to Parent Teacher Student conference for St. Matthew's school. Please join us again on April 2 at 5:45 PM in the Teachers lounge at school.

LOAVES AND FISHES CANCELLED THIS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

There will be no evening meal served on March 26 and 27 due to a scheduled cleaning of the social hall floors.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AS COMMUNITY LEADERS

Congratulations to Marisa Bryan and Michaela Bird, students at St. Matthew's School, who have been named as 2002-2003 Student Leaders within our Catholic school community. They are among a select group of Catholic, middle school students nominated by school principals and classroom teachers for demonstrating strong leadership ability. Marisa and Michaela were honored with other student leaders on Wednesday March 12, at a Leadership Banquet hosted by Saint Bernard's School in St. Paul.

CHILD CARE UPDATE

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 Fry on March 28th. Payment is due with your order. If you have any questions about our fundraiser, please call Maureen or Christine at 651-224-1450. We will call to notify you when your order is ready. Please help the Center be an even stronger part of the parish.

FIRST RECONCILIATION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Community members are invited to remember in pray those students who will be making their first reconciliation on Tuesday, March 25. The service will begin at 7:00 PM in the church.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES MEET THIS WEEK

First Communion students and their parents are reminded of the final meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 PM. It will include an explanation of the Mass by Father Steve. Confirmation candidates and parents will meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 26.

CHILDREN OF BUCHAREST

With the fall of the Soviet Union and the instability that occurred in Eastern Bloc Nations many innocent and fragile people have become victims. Thousands of children and adolescents in Bucharest are homeless, without family and live in the sewers of the city. The Catholic Church is seeking to provide shelter and food and some educational opportunities for these young people—they are the future of Romania. Last year the proceeds from one Lenten Fish Fry went to assist the church of Bucharest in their efforts on behalf of these kids. Once again this year the proceeds from the March 28th fish fry will go to help the "sewer children" of Bucharest. Please invite your friends, volunteer your time, come and enjoy the evening and support this important cause. Wayne Gilbertson and students of the Saint Matthew's Religious Education Program will join in this volunteer effort. If you wish to volunteer time, even just one hour, call Wayne Gilbertson at 651-451-9726.

THOUGHTS ON PEACE

When people speak to you about a preventative war, you tell them to go and fight it. After my experience, I have come to hate war. War settles nothing. — Dwight Eisenhower

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 23
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	March 24 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC	March 25 Loaves and Fishes First Reconciliation Celebration
Wednesday There will be no 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 6:30 PM, MC 7:30 PM, MC	March 26 Loaves and Fishes St. Mary's Clinic First Communion Mass of Explanation Confirmation Meeting
Thursday There will be no 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 5:00 PM, MC 6:45 PM, PC 7:00 PM, MC	March 27 Loaves and Fishes St. Mary's Clinic Youth Choir Parish Council Adult Choir
Friday 4:00-7:00 PM, SH	March 28 Fish Fry
Saturday	March 29
Sunday 4:00 PM, MC	March 30 In the Footsteps of John XXIII Reflections on Vatican II with Dr. James Shannon, Dr. William Hunt, Fr. Ken Pierre and Mr. Bernard Casserly

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 16, 2003: \$9,614.19
 Youth treasure for March 16, 2003: \$29.50 donated in children and young peoples' 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 23	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, March 24	6:45 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, March 25	6:45 AM Christopher Willems 12:10 PM Carol Grundei (Anny)
Wednesday, March 26	6:45 AM Albert Hartmann 12:10 PM Wesley D. Wiler
Thursday, March 27	6:45 AM Stephen and Anna Massong 12:10 PM Gerald Hillesheim
Friday, March 28	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM Mass for Peace Bernard Ferber
Saturday, March 29	Donald Neff, John and Irene Pachel, Bernard Ferber
Sunday, March 30	8:00 AM Joseph Heppelmann, Florence Wilm 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2003
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15a; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 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 12:28b-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

EMPTY BOWLS EVENT TO BE HELD AT CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

Guests from across the Twin City area will be invited to purchase a ceramic bowl and enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread. Proceeds will be donated to the Heifer Project, an international organization that provides livestock to families in developing countries so that they may have a sustainable food source and generate income. The event takes place on Thursday, April 3, 2002 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and from 4:00-7:00 PM at Cretin-Derham Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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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
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John Finnegan	Tim Jack
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Committee Chairs

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