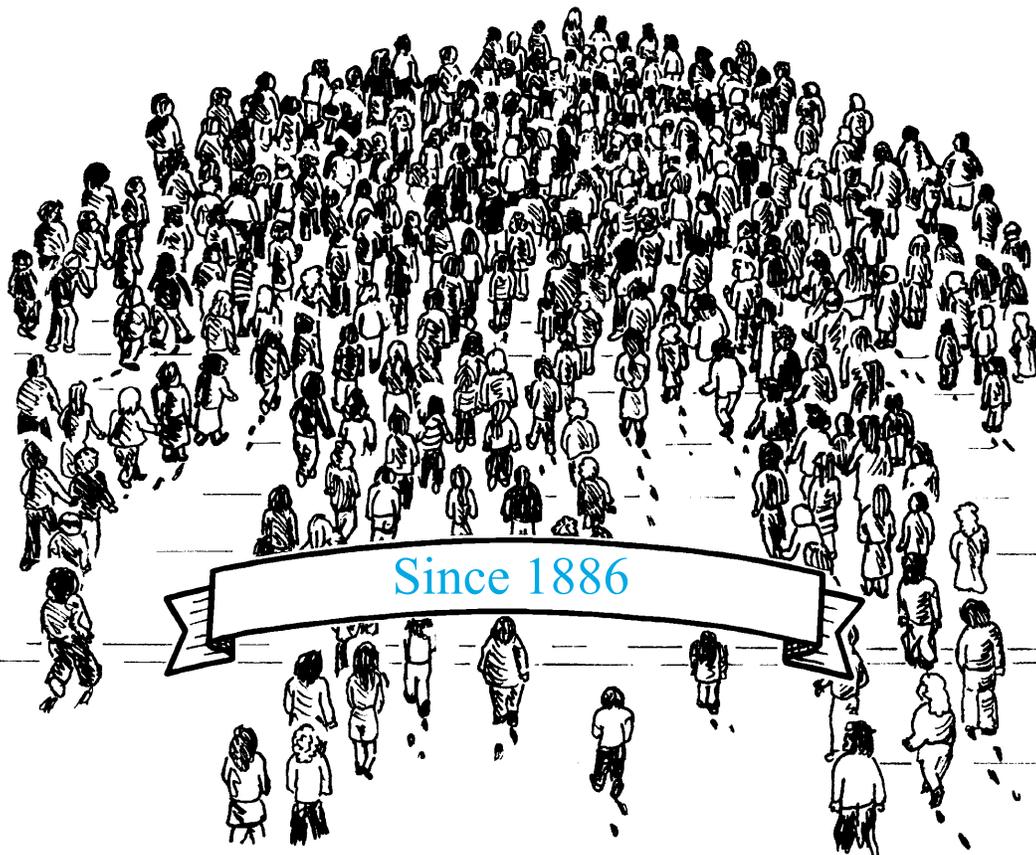


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

14th Annual Red & White Gala
Saturday, April 14th
5:00 Mass
6:00 Social hour and Silent Auction
6:45 Dinner

Beginning almost 20 years ago the Saint Matthew School Community undertook the goal of building an educational endowment that would provide families with tuition assistance.

The educational endowment (now more than \$300,000) is funded annually through individual contributions, bequests and the proceeds from the Red & White Gala.

The Saint Matthew Educational Endowment is invested with and managed by the Catholic Community Foundation.

Annually earned income from this investment makes it possible to offer tuition assistance to families. It is only through this financial assistance that some families are able to afford Catholic School education for their children.

Most students at Saint Matthew's School receive some tuition assistance annually. This assistance is provided by the Archdiocese, the members of the Church of Saint Francis on the Saint Croix, the Tom Cullen Scholarship Fund, the George Gubash Scholarship Fund, the Pastor's Scholarship Fund and the Educational Endowment.

Saint Matthew's School is a small school. Teachers and parents know each other well. Teachers know all the students in the school. Individual attention is provided to each student to help that student maximize his/her talents and gifts. At Saint Matthew's School truly "no student is left behind".

Our graduates distinguish themselves in high school and college. Most of our graduates achieve honor roll status even in their first high school year.

Next school year – 2007-2008 – marks the 120th anniversary of the founding of Saint Matthew's School. For these 120 years, each year, new families and new students enter the doors of Saint Matthew's and begin their exciting adventure of education and personal development.

Your participation in and support of the **Annual Red & White Gala** helps make this work possible. I encourage you to purchase tickets and attend. I strongly encourage you to invite family members and friends to join you on **April 14th** at the **Red & White Gala**.

Tickets can be purchased in the back of Church, at the School Office or at the parish office in the Parish Center – 490 Hall Avenue.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

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 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.

SEEKING NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The discernment process for membership on the Parish Council will take place during the Easter Season. Please take some time to consider whether you are called to this position or invite someone you know who would be a good candidate to take some time to think about serving. More information about the process will be in upcoming bulletins.

COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Elizabeth, Tim, Sue and Bob Nowak – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat in the Social Hall.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Liturgy of the Hours an ancient prayer form rich in song and psalmody will be celebrated Saturday (March 31) at 9:00 AM, Wednesday (March 28) at 7:00 PM, and each morning of the Triduum (April 5,6,7) at 9:00 AM. Join us for one or ALL of these brief liturgies as we join the universal church in its ongoing prayer celebrating the sanctity of all time in God's creation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATED LAST SUNDAY

Congratulations to Sierra, Cierra, Austin, Shaela, Lexie, Garret and Chaz who celebrated with their families their first reconciliation last Sunday. After the prayer service the students and their families enjoyed a potluck supper. Thanks to Brian Osborne and the Men's Club for providing the beverages for the potluck.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRAYER SERVICE

The final class for Religious Education will be this Wednesday, March 28. Class will begin at 6:30 PM in the classrooms. Parents, families, and parishioners are invited to join us for a prayer service at 7:00 PM in the church. Following the prayer service there will be light refreshments to celebrate the end of another successful year. Special thanks to all our volunteer teachers whose dedication allows us to provide such a high quality program.

Passion Sunday's Great Hymn to the Pascal Mystery

Gather with others to prayerfully consider Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:6-11 as we conclude our Lenten practice of *lectio divina*, reflection and sharing. We have journeyed with Paul through this Lent through his letters. Now we are poised for the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter.

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

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

<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</p>	
<p>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 Monday, April 2 4:00 PM Tuesday, April 3 7:15 AM and 6:00 PM Wednesday, April 4 4:00 PM and 6:00 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>Palm Sunday Mass and Blessing of Palms Saturday, March 31 5:00 PM Sunday, April 1 8:00 and 10:30 AM</p>	
<p>Communal Penance Service Sunday, April 1 2:00 and 4:00 PM</p>	

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 9:00 AM, MC 9:15 AM, MC	March 25 Adult Hand Bells Lectio Divina
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, MC	March 26 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Stations of Cross
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, SC	March 27 Loaves and Fishes Guitar Group Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	March 28 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10 Evening Prayer
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, PC	March 29 Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir AA Meeting
Friday 4:30-7:30 PM, SC	March 30 Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday 9:00 AM, MC 9:30 AM, PC 4:15 PM, CH	March 31 Morning Prayer Centering Prayer Lectio Divina
Sunday 9:15 AM, CH 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM, MC	April 1 Lectio Divina Communal Reconciliation Service

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, Saint Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

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

Prayer: Daily Mass...prayed for friends who are ill...began a 6 week series on the basics of Catholicism...[from different envelopes:] time in prayer: 20 minutes, 30 minutes each day, 5 hours, 45 minutes per day, 8 hours, 14 hours, 15 minutes each day, 50 hours, 1 hour each morning! *Thanks for the wonderful modeling.*

Service: donated platelets...made meal for a neighbor...volunteered at nursing home...sewed and baked for others...worked part-time with the elderly...spent 3 hours volunteering. *Thank you!*

Sharing: From electronic, envelopes and plate: \$7834. Thank you. The average weekly amount since July is \$9417. Thank you. Remember: even if you are absent for the weekly celebration, our expenses continue. The most recent month's cost for utilities: greater than \$22,000.

Young people's stewardship: \$9.95. A few of them wrote about the time they spent in prayer. Examples of time spent in service this week were helping grandparents, parents and taking care of someone who was sick

Electronic giving: have you thought about this possibility? especially since we will soon be in "vacation mode." It is a convenient way to stay current with Church contributions. It helps even out the weekly income. It's as easy as calling the parish office.

Window project: thanks for continued interest and support. We'd welcome some response from each parish family by March 31. If you'd like to spread payments out, that is more than acceptable. We have MORE THAN HALF the money pledged. *Thank you.* Watch the "windowometer." In the parish center chapel, there will be a list of those memorialized, those honored, and those contributing. Names will be added as needed.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2007

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
 Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

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*

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center 651-224-1450
 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.....
 Education Advisory Richard Dunn