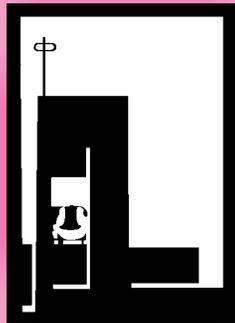
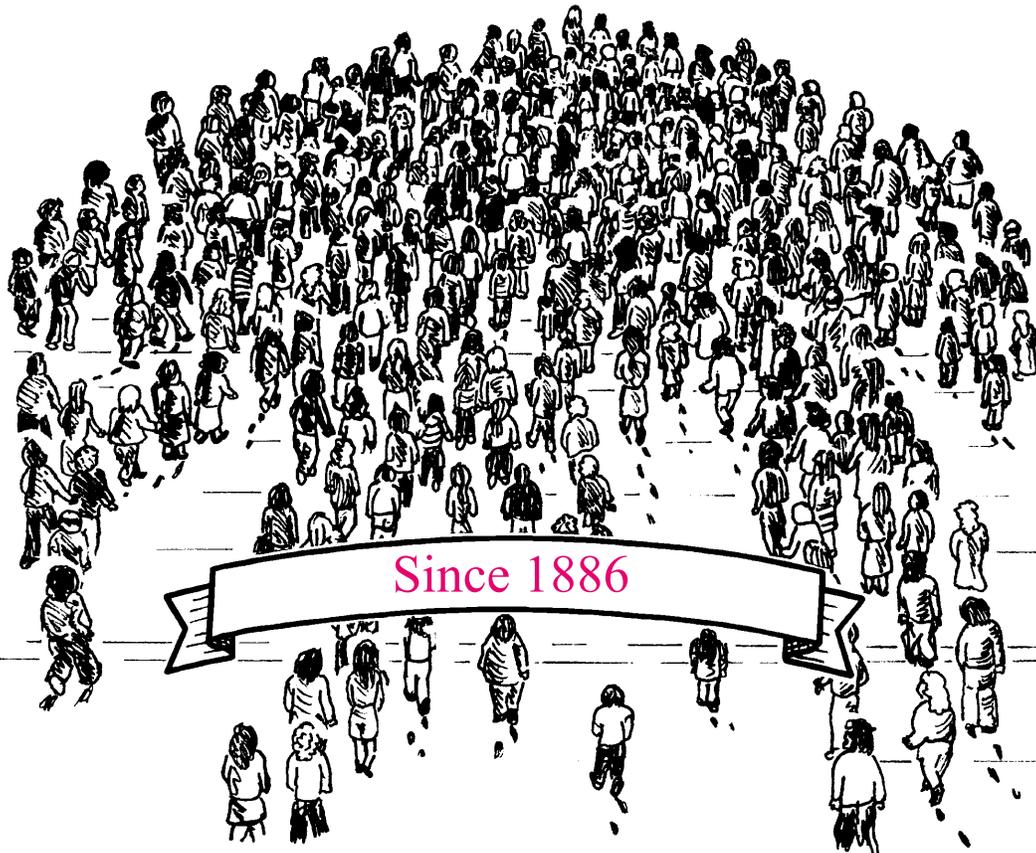


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

On Saint Patrick's Day Archbishop Flynn and Bishop Rogness (the Lutheran Bishop of the Saint Paul Synod) convened a summit of Saint Paul leaders to explore the challenge to end poverty in our city by the year 2020.

I was privileged to participate on a small steering committee of Lutherans and Catholics over the past six months. We were charged by the Bishops to create and produce this summit on poverty.

Both Bishop Rogness and the Archbishop spoke clearly of the rightness and justice of struggling to end poverty. They and others also agreed that we have the capacity to do this, we have the resources to do this, and we have the wisdom to do this – what may be lacking is the passion and the commitment to make this happen.

More than 200 people gathered at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church for this afternoon event. Participants were asked to reflect on four aspects of poverty – homelessness and lack of adequate housing, rigorous and demanding educational opportunities, adequate preparation of young people to enter the job market and the out of reach health care along with the condition of the uninsured.

Steven Cramer, executive director of PPL, issued the housing challenge, Albert Gallmon, senior pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, laid out an agenda for job readiness, Dr. Pat Harvey, former superintendent of the Saint Paul Public Schools, challenged religious, business and political leaders to demand rigorous standards for education and insisted that to

be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century every child must have the opportunity to be fluent in a second language. Finally Senator Dave Durenberger, currently the senior health policy fellow at the University Of Saint Thomas Graduate School Of Business, alerted all to the impending collapse of our failed health system and the need to restructure to ensure universal availability of health care.

Archbishop Flynn and Bishop Rogness were clear that the churches do not have the answers to the complex issues of poverty – although they were equally clear that the church community has a responsibility to convene and encourage and foster cooperative efforts to eradicate poverty. They insisted that this mandate is placed before all religious people and is found explicitly laid out in the New Testament, the Torah and the Koran.

Lutherans and Roman Catholics make up more than 2/3 of the Twin Cities population. These church communities have the ability to move the policy makers and decision makers in such a way as to end poverty. This effort makes sense from a religious point of view, it makes sense from a humanitarian point of view, it makes sense from an economic point of view; the more self-sufficient the members of a community are, the stronger the economic life of a community is. The State of Minnesota and the city of Saint Paul is a good place for this to happen as a model for the rest of the nation.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE HOURS AFTER SUNDAY MASSES (8:00AM & 10:30 AM) TODAY!

All are welcome to stop by after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday masses (03/26/06) for coffee and donuts hosted by Steve and Josie Mike – thanks. . To the folks bringing in baked goods thanks from all of us who enjoy your work (including St. Matts school kids at lunch). All items offered are welcome and get eaten.

### OUR LENTEN WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT

This year a hopeful rainbow of Covenant Relationship with God (read about it in our Worship Aid) draws the eyes of the faithful to a wilderness landscape -- a place of quiet waiting and conversion. There, amidst massive boulders, we find tangle of thorns, hint of desert sands, dry branches turning to spring bloom, pitcher & basin of humble service . . . . The Liturgy Committee wants to thank Tory Tollefson of Hedberg Landscape Supplies in Stillwater for generously allowing us to borrow these boulders for our worship environment.

### 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.

### FISH FRY RESULTS

The officers of the Rosary Society want to thank all the members, their families, and friends who helped us staff the St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry. We also want to thank Sister Ann Becker for her accordion music, Harry Brady for entertaining us and displaying his St. Patrick's buttons, and Tim Nowak and the Men's Club for directing us, frying the fish, and doing the dishes. The profit that we make from this activity helps fund Rosary activities that include providing the hosts and wine for masses and four solar ovens and clean water for Third World countries.

### MARCH 500 WINNERS

3250—Tecla Ambrose and Linda Brooks, 2900—Theresa Gubash and Delores Gubash.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### STUDENTS CELEBRATE FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thirty-five young members of our community celebrated their first reconciliation at a service last Sunday. These young people and their families continued the celebration with a pot-luck supper after the service. Thanks to the Men's Club for donating the pop for this event. Thanks to Doug Leiser, Director of Education, Daylon Faber and Gloria Thompson, classroom teachers at school and religious education, for sharing the day with their students.

### JOE FOSS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Join Joe and many others as he works on his Eagle Scout Project—painting the gym at St. Matthew's school on Saturday, April 1 starting at 9:00 AM in the gym. Everyone is welcome to join this effort, please bring paint clothes, paint-brushes, rollers and pads. Lunch will be provided, you may bring a dessert. RSVP or if you have any questions, please call Joe Foss at 651-457-9147 or email [jgfoss@gmail.com](mailto:jgfoss@gmail.com)

### CELEBRATING THE TRIDUUM

The Mass of the Lord's Supper, the celebration of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil are the three great liturgies of the Paschal Triduum. In truth, they are ONE GREAT LITURGY spanning the holiest three days of the Church Year! These days offer unique opportunities for community participation in ritual. **FIRST**, we invite you to participate in the **Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer** that will be offered each of the 3 days at 9:00 AM in the church. **NEXT**, we invite you to visit the Sign-Up Sheets in the back of church. Volunteer Opportunities are: **Holy Thursday's Foot Washing** - We need people of all ages reflecting the beautiful diversity of our community. Have you been prepared for a special sacrament this year, do you want to express your commitment to service, are you a council member or other community leader, or does your family want to participate as an act of thanksgiving or devotion? Give it prayerful consideration and sign on. **Holy Thursday's Eucharistic Procession to the chapel** - This action is open to all yet people are hesitant to join. The choir is always part of the procession; but we need others to step in behind the choir -- thereby encouraging still more worshipers to join in and witness the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. **Holy Thursday's Prayer Vigil in the Chapel** - 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 like to rotate among different participants. **Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil** - A procession of Easter flowers is part of the preparation of the table at this liturgy. Since the common Easter Lily is "non-ambulatory" we need people to carry 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.

### PANEL DISCUSSION—"IN GOD'S IMAGE"

Join us on Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 PM when four panel members will bring their experience and reflections to the question of racism in light of Archbishop Flynn's pastoral letter "In God's Image"

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
9:30 AM, MC	Worship Space
	Survey Meeting
9:30 AM, MC	Bell Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of Cross
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 29</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM, SC	Lenten Potluck
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
4:30-7:30 PM, SC	Lenten Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Joe Foss Eagle Scout Project—Paint the School Gym
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 2</b>
4:00 PM, MC	Panel Discussion "In God's Image" a pastoral letter on racism by Archbishop Flynn

### 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 19	\$7,586.26
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$334,127.00
Need to date:	<u>\$359,366.00</u>
	-\$25,239.00
School Fund	\$15.00

*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 26	8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe John Meyers 10:30 AM Klotine Mosby Carol Grundei
Monday, March 27	6:45 AM World Peace
Tuesday, March 28	6:45 AM Joe & Tracy Palermo
Wednesday, March 29	12:10 PM Parishioners 6:45 AM Earl Caffsich 9:00 AM School Mass 12:10 PM Sr. Anne Becker
Thursday, March 30	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday, March 31	6:45 PM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, April 1	Robert Weber, Joe & Marcella Befort, Bernie Befort, Harry Borowicz
Sunday, April 2	8:00 AM Roger Klingner Helen Savard, Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2006

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
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54
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:	Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33; Scrutinies (Cycle A): Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
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  
Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450  
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](mailto: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