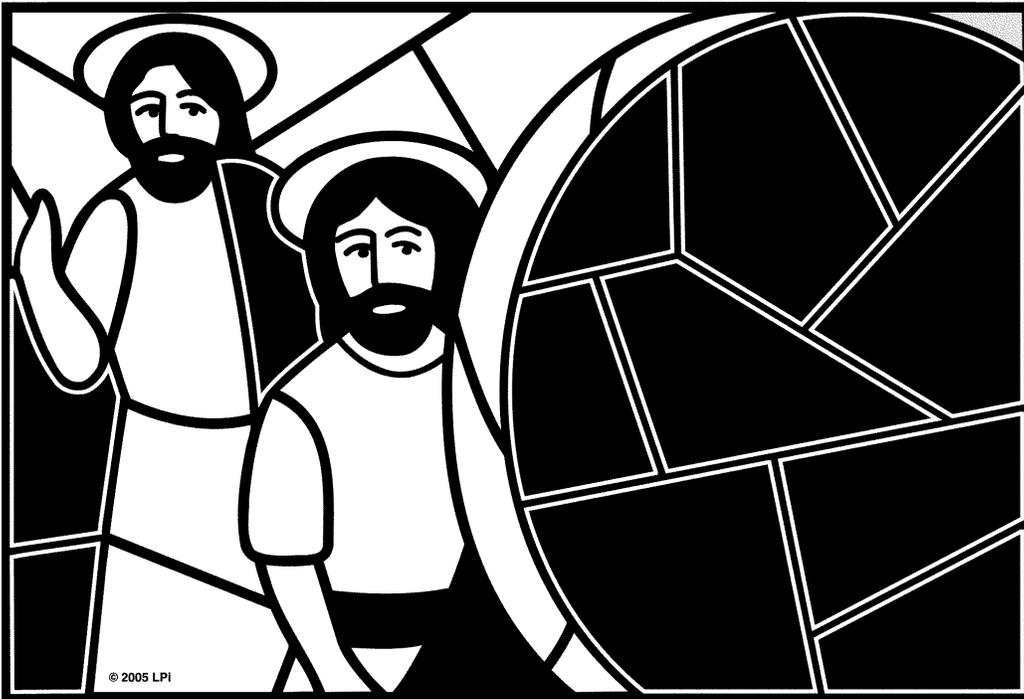


The Community of St. Matthew



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When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

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—Jn 20:6-8 NAB

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A Happy and Blessed Easter 2005!

Ten days ago Stephen Mike and I returned from a Roman Holiday. For me the occasion of the 13 day trip was the opportunity to participate in the International Symposium celebrating the 40th anniversary of the final and most important document of the Second Vatican Council -- the Church in the Contemporary World -- also know by its Latin title, Gaudium et Spes.

For Stephen, my opportunity became his -- and we took advantage of a long desired opportunity to vacation together and see the world through each other's eyes, a chance for him to recuperate from major surgery, a chance for us to spend 13 days without an agenda, without a plan, without a deadline to meet.

Over the past ten days I have again and again played out the millions of images and experiences and tastes and sounds those 13 days provided.

Today I hold on tightly to the words and spirit of the document the symposium was called to celebrate. The Latin title is rendered in English as "Joy and Hope".

Those two words, perhaps more than any others, characterize the soul of Blessed Pope John XXIII, the spirit and vision of the Second Vatican Council, and they characterize the spirit and message of the Easter feast and season. They characterize the yearning and desire of the human heart and the longing of peoples and nations.

The spirit of joy and hope is found the more closely we

draw to the very person of Jesus -- Jesus suffering and dying and rising in glory. Jesus risen and glorified is the new Adam, the first born of all His sisters and brothers, the image of who and what we are called to be and live, the very reconciliation and freedom which God desires for all.

The Easter Feast is cosmic, the very gift of life explodes anew in all creation, there is no element, no part, no single molecule which escapes the transforming grace of the Easter Lord.

Only in Jesus is it possible to unwrap the meaning of the human person, only in the Risen Lord are the hopes and dreams of the human heart satisfied, only in Jesus does God reveal Himself in history and become an integral part of human history.

The Easter Feast is the great interruption which God caused in the ordinariness of life, an interruption that turns life upside down and sends us careening in a new direction -- hurls us more deeply into the very center of life -- the mystery of the Creator and creature forever bound together.

May this Feast and this Season truly be a gift of joy and hope for you and may you proclaim this "Good News" by all you do and say.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

THANK YOU

Sincere thank you to Alice and Sarah Schletty and Arthur Minus who worked hard last Saturday afternoon to clean away the snow before Palm Sunday Masses.

"ALL YOU CAN EAT" PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Men's Association of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church invites you to an "all you can eat" breakfast of pancakes, sausage and beverage on Sunday, April 3, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Adult plate—\$5.00, Kids plate —\$3.00.

KIDS FIRST SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for students currently enrolled in public schools who wish to attend St. Matthew's. Contact the school for more information, 651-224-6912.

THE 31ST ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN RECOGNITION MASS AND CELEBRATION

Sponsored by Catholic Charities—Division of Aging Services, Mass and Celebration will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112. Check-in begins at 10:00 AM with Mass being celebrated by Archbishop Harry Flynn at 10:30 AM followed by lunch. Registration is required and must be received by May 6, 2005. Forms are available at the parish office and include a map. Cost for the event is \$17 with participants providing their own transportation. To register, send name, address, and phone number to: CAB Consultants/Catholic Charities, 4571 Niagara Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55446, plus the \$17 (checks made payable to Catholic Charities). For more information call Cheryl Biel at 763-557-0220 or Kathy Hall at 763-383-1108

BEWARE OF SOLICITATION

In the past months a solicitation has repeatedly come through the mails selling a prayer rug. This solicitation appears to me to be fraudulent. The solicitation claims to come from "Saint Matthew's Churches." This organization has no relationship to our parish. Stephen Adrian, Pastor

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2005-06

St. Matthew's school is now accepting registration for children entering grades K-8 in the 2005-06 school year. Come be a part of The Catholic School of the West Side—Faith in Every Student! For information or to schedule a tour call 651-224-6912. Financial assistance is available.

RED AND WHITE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Red and White Endowment Dinner on Saturday, April 23. This year's dinner has been underwritten by a generous donor. Tickets are available at the school during regular business hours and at the parish center. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, the silent auction and the game. Don't delay get your tickets today!

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite single, Catholic women (high school junior-age 35) to a weekend at their Motherhouse in Mankato, April 8-10, 2005. There will time to pray, to learn about the life and mission of the sisters, to relax, have fun and interact with other young women who are curious about religious life. There is no charge for the weekend. Carpools can be arranged. The weekend begins Friday evening at 7:00 PM and concludes at 1:00 PM on Sunday. You may register online at www.ssndmankato.org or by calling Sister Joyce Kolbet, at 507-389-4296. Registrations are due by April 1.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Did you graduate from St. Luke's Grade School between 1905 and 1991? Or Immaculate Heart of Mary between 1953-1990? How about IHM-St. Luke's between 1992-2004? GET ON OUR MAILING LIST: alumni@ihm-stlukes.org or call Julie (Hermes) Hersman (St. Luke's class of 1976): 651-773-2188 for more information and how to get involved. AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the evening of June 4, 2005, when decades of alum converge for the party of the century. 4:30 pm Masses at the Church of St. Luke and Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by a casual evening of drinks and hors d'oeuvres at IHM-St. Luke's School.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

25th National Veterans Wheelchair Games is being held in the Twin Cities Area from June 27-July 1. More 2,000 local volunteers are need to assist with all aspects of the Games, from helping with transportation, to event set up, etc. The local coordinator for this event is Sharon Skoblik. For more information contact her at 612-467-5273 or by e-mail at sharon.skoblik@med.va.gov

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 27
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
Monday	March 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	March 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 30
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
Thursday	March 31
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	April 1
Saturday	April 2
Sunday	April 3
10:30 AM, MC	First Communions: Lindsay Rae Trost Raylene Thompson Dignisio Zafke-Varela

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$8,549.90
School Fund	\$70.00
Holy Day	\$108.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$67.00

*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 27	8:00 AM Agnes Stefaniak Mae Gonsowski Vincent Plumbo 10:30 AM Bernice DeNardo Carol Grundei Parishioners
Monday, March 28	Red & Madeline Curran
Tuesday, March 29	Parishioners
Wednesday, March 30	World Peace
Thursday, March 31	
Friday, April 1	6:45AM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, April 2	Robert Weber (ann'y) Tim Jack, Robert Stickler
Sunday, April 3	8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society, Arthur Geis 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2005

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31

MARCH 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st place—3500—Mary Price and Arlene Kempe, 2nd place—2870—Bea O'Neill and Rita Marquardt.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Beth Behnke*
Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator
Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
Parish Engineer *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
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 651-454-5021

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

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Tim Jack	Larry Sachi
Connie Aligada	

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Peter Grayson
Education Advisory Michele Edwards
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