

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The Season of Lent and the Easter Feast provided all of us with an opportunity to walk deeper in the very mystery of life.

The liturgy of the church leads us step by step, day by day, and week by week into a deeper understanding and experience of Christ Jesus.

I am deeply grateful to all those who helped me and the rest of us keep and celebrate this Season and Feast. Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Servers, Sacristans, Greeters, Ushers and Gift Bearers all made it possible for us to celebrate and all brought their unique gifts and talents in service of our community.

I am grateful to Bonnie and the Cantors, Adult Choir, Bell Choir and Instrumentalists who worked hard and prepared well to lead us in sung praise.

Thank you to Bonnie and the Liturgy Committee for their preparation and planning. Thank you to musicians, cantors, readers and leaders of Lenten and Triduum Morning Prayer.

Thank you to Shirley and Marguerite who cared for the plants; and Ed who made sure that the vigil lights were cleaned and ready. Thank you to David and his staff who cleaned the church and who tended to cleaning the walks on snowy mornings and weekends.

Thank you to those who planned and accomplished the

environment, to those who were willing and cooperative in moving the sanctuary and other areas of the church space to accommodate our Holy Week and Easter Worship.

Thank you to those who planned and carried out the education and prayer for Children's' Church at the 10:30 Sunday Mass.

Thank you to all of you who brought your faith and prayer to this Season and Feast.

It was my privilege and honor to celebrate the Eucharist more than 100 times during the Season of Lent and Holy Week and Easter – sometimes at the crack of dawn, sometimes mid morning, mid day or afternoon. This opportunity made it necessary for me to find time each day to read, reflect and pray over the Word of God. Each day of Lent, each Sunday of Lent brings to light a new and dynamic opportunity to allow the Word of God to speak. I thank you, who gathered day by day, week by week, for giving me the chance to celebrate Liturgy and open the Word for you, and also for myself.

May this Season of Easter continue to bring us the Peace and Joy of the Risen Lord.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by The Rosary Society. – Thanks to the women who serve. . All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.

FOOD SHELF

Every day some of our neighbors struggle to put food on their table. Helping them is as easy as bringing food or paper products to weekend worship. Every week food is collected here and brought to Neighborhood House. You'll find wish lists or envelopes for cash donations on the bulletin board in back of church. The food shelf is always in need of grocery bags too. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, March 30, 10:30 AM - Katie Alojado, Iliana Galaviz, Alanna Espinoza. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LENTEN ALMSGIVING AT ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL

The students of St. Matthew's School participated in two separate almsgiving projects during the Lenten season. The Middle School students conducted a school-wide food drive that netted 267 pounds of food that was brought to Neighborhood House to stock their shelves. Students also collected money for Heifer International. Over \$350 was collected and will be combined with the Cretin-Derham Hall Empty Bowls program on Wednesday, April 9th in anticipation of buying an ark of animals to help people in third world countries. We are proud of all of our students for their participation in these projects.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS DONATE

Catholic Order of Foresters – partnering with our parish to provide education funding. Recently \$250 was donated by COF as part of an ongoing donation for new youth members enrolling in First Vantage Pathways Program. This valuable starter term insurance plan makes available the numerous fraternal benefits. Tuition Assistance Awards are given each year to the national level. The local court also has funds available for K – 12-tuition assistance. If you'd like more information about the COF or the First Vantage Pathways Program please contact Larry Poppler at 651-454-8906.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!!!

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10 or 11 year old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the Program's 35 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities June 26, 2008 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 4, 2008. Call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at www.cpni.org to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

APRIL 6TH CHESS CLUB SUNDAY

If you missed out in February, you'll have another chance to play chess with St. Matt's Chess Club members after 10:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, April 6th in the social hall. Everyone's welcome to play so join the fun. Mr. Diaz, the instructor, will also play another simultaneous match so you'll get another chance to try to beat the master. This event will mark the end of Chess Club for the year so don't miss it. Chess Club will bring the donuts.

ST. MATTHEW'S STUDENTS WIN LOCAL AWARD

Four St. Matthew's School 6th graders were among the winners of the annual Hope For The City Art Contest. Nicole Brown, 1st Place recipient received a \$100 VISA gift card. Other student winners were Nick Reding, Monique Roquemore and Jack Smith. Hope for the City is a privately funded, 501(c)3 relief organization that was established by Dennis and Megan Doyle in 2000 to fight poverty, hunger and disease by utilizing corporate surplus. Since its inception, Hope for the City has donated approximately \$230 million in wholesale value of goods.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 30
Monday	March 31
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	April 1
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	April 2
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	April 3
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	April 4
7:15 AM-5:15 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	April 5
Sunday	April 6

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus meets the needs of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Prayer: daily spiritual reading...daily morning and night prayer...daily spiritual reading...weekly Bible study...

Service: visited friends in the nursing home...helped a lady who is blind and her baby...give rides to people...volunteered at Neighborhood House...volunteered at Roosevelt School

Sharing: Last weekend \$10,362 was given in plate [\$1,325 from visitors' checks], envelopes and electronically; also \$5,352 was given in Easter envelopes. Thank you to each steward.

Also, \$448 was brought forward—along with many bags of food—on Holy Thursday. Thank you. There was \$160 in School fund envelopes and \$61.55 was given through the Lenten Rice Bowl project.

Young people's stewardship: \$33.95—wow, and thanks!

St. Matt's School Reunion Sunday—May 4, 2008. 10:30 Mass; complimentary brunch; and tours of school. All alums are invited; special invitation to those in the anniversary years; most special invitation to the class of '58—celebrating their 50th year of finishing 8th grade.

RSVPs are needed for the brunch: 651-224-6912 [alumni@st-matts.org]

Kitchen equipment: we're scheduling installation of the dishwasher this week.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2008

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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 six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson
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