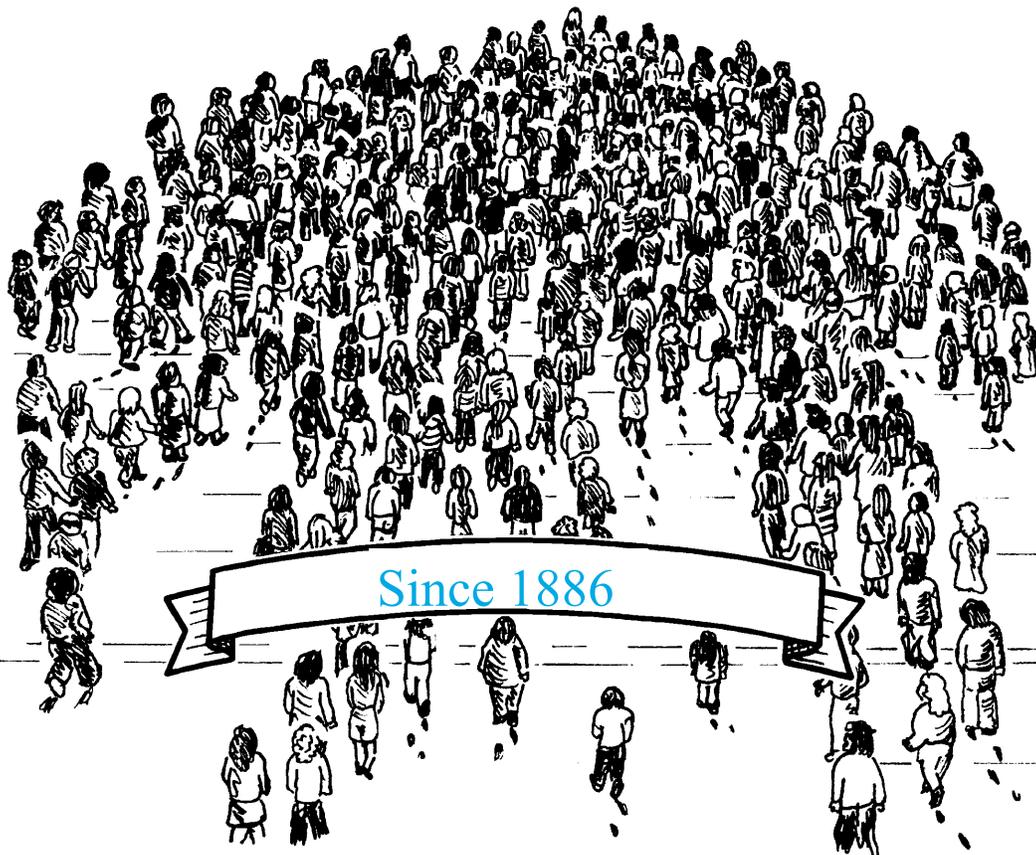


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I am sometimes asked to recommend a book or an area of reading. A few have asked me to develop an eclectic reading list for Lent. I am glad to do that. Below you will find a series of titles under various headings.

**Scripture:** The engaging writings of Bruce Feiler: Walking the Bible, a Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses; Abraham, A journey to the Heart of Three Faiths; Where God Was Born, A Daring Adventure Through the Bible's Greatest Stories.

The Collegeville Bible Commentary, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota. Each book of the Bible is available in a self contained, small, pamphlet style booklet. There is a fresh translation and commentary. I recommend any or all of the four Gospels, and especially the reading of the narratives of the Passion and Death of Jesus.

**Classical Spiritual Writings:** Introduction To A Devout Life, Saint Francis DeSales. The Confessions, Saint Augustine. The Life of Christ, Giuseppe Ricciotti. The Life of Christ, Fulton J Sheen; Jesus and His Times, Henri Daniel-Rops; The Lord, Romano Guardini.

**Lives of the Saints:** My Life with the Saints, James Martin S.J.; A Tremor of Bliss, Contemporary Writers on the Saints, editor Paul Elie; The Heroes of God, Daniel-Rops; The Seven Story Mountain, Thomas Merton, St Thomas Aquinas, G. K.

Chesterton, Saint Francis, G. K. Chesterton, The Life You Save May Be Your Own, Paul Elie, 8 Spiritual Heroes and Their Search For God, Brennan R. Hill.

**Classical Catholic Novels:** The Power and the Glory, Brighton Rock, The Heart of the Matter, and The End of the Affair, Graham Greene; Mr. Blue, Myles Conley; The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings, J. R. R. Tolkien

**The writings of Wendell Berry:** This Kentucky farmer has written dozens of books of poetry, story stories, essays and some very engaging novels. Almost all of his writing is an appeal to community and the respect for natural community. **The writings of Flannery O'Connor:** She is a Christ-centered author from the South, Georgia. **The writings of Dorothy Day:** Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and an early pioneer in the Liturgical Movement.

Milestones, a memoir, Joseph Ratzinger. God is Love, Benedict XVI.

Books are the frigates that transport us on the sea of human experience.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### FOOD SHELF DONATIONS MATCHED IN MARCH

Every weekend, non perishable food and cash is collected at St Matthew's Church and brought to Neighborhood House. During March, every donation of food or dollars will earn a proportional match from Minnesota Food-Share. Even though Neighborhood House has the second largest food shelf in Ramsey County, their shelves are often nearly bare before the end of the week. Help us to make this limited opportunity count. Feed our neighbors in need! Food is collected in the basket in the back of church, cash is collected in yellow envelopes found in the back and put in the regular collection. Thank you for your generosity. St Matthew's Food Shelf Committee

### BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

A belated Happy Birthday to Alma Becker who celebrated her 108th birthday on February 23.

### LENTEN POTLUCK MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 6:30PM ST. MATT'S PARISH HALL

Come for a mid-lent gathering and evening of reflection. The St. Matthew Enrichment Committee is pleased to once again offer an opportunity to gather and explore some deeper themes of Catholicism. We will begin with table prayer. Following the meal Father Adrian will discuss *On the Development of Peoples*, Pope Paul VI's ground breaking encyclical linking economic justice and world peace. (It's the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.) Part of our baptismal calling is to build the world outside of the private circle of family and friends. One step is to understand the link between the Gospel and economics. So come' bring a dish to share; spend a couple hours considering the meaning of our common faith.

### SINGING ONCE IS PRAYING TWICE!

If you would like to be part of Music Ministry for the Triduum and/or Easter liturgies join us for rehearsal on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM in the church. There is room for vocalists and instrumentalists -- men and women -- grade 8 and older. Questions? Leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0830 with good times for her to call you back.

### COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by St. Matthew's School. Thanks to Elizabeth, Tim, Sue and Bob Nowak for braving the snow last Sunday and making coffee hour happen in the parish center. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat in the Social

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

St. Matthew's School is hosting their Spring Book Fair from Sunday, March 4 through Thursday, March 8. Stop by this Sunday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and shop for spring, Easter gifts and support our school.

### NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

There will be no religious education class for grades 1-10 this Wednesday, March 7 due to school conferences. There will be class next Wednesday, March 14 for all grades.

### NEXT WEEK'S REFLECTION: FIRST CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12.

The passage from First Corinthians read for the Third Sunday of Lent is about faithfulness to covenant. You are invited to gather before or after liturgy to pray on this reading for a half hour.

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

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

### ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING THIS WEEKEND

Boy Scouts from Troop 107 will be collecting aluminum cans this weekend, March 3 & 4 at all Masses. Please bring aluminum cans only to the Scout trailer in the parking lot. Scouts will be there to accept your cans. Thank you again for your continued support.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The parish council will meet on Sunday, March 11 at 6:45 PM in the parish center. Agenda items include public comments, discernment process, parish census and committee reports. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

### BRINGING BACK THE PRAYERLINE

Sister Anne Becker has taken responsibility for the re-starting of this wonderful avenue of prayer. This is how it works. If you have a prayer request you may call Nicole at the parish office (224-9793) with that request. Nicole will call the leader of each of the teams. They in turn will call the next team person on this line. If you would like to be one of the pray-ers, call Nicole. She will help you get on a prayer team.

### LENTEN RETREAT

Loyola Spirituality Center in St. Paul is sponsoring *Lenten Awakening: A spiritual retreat* with Larry Gillick Friday March 9, 7:00-9:00 PM., and Saturday, March 10, 9:00 AM.-1:00 PM. Father Gillick has been a Jesuit for almost 50 years and travels across the country giving retreats. The retreat is at Lumen Christi Catholic Community (formerly St. Leo's in Highland), 2055 Bohland Ave., St. Paul. Cost is \$25. Call 651/641-0008 or visit [www.LOYOLASPIRITUALITY-CENTER.ORG](http://www.LOYOLASPIRITUALITY-CENTER.ORG) to register.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 4</b>
	Boy Scout Can Recycling Before and after both Masses
9:00 AM, MC	Liturgy Committee Meeting
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 5</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:30 PM, SH	Men's Club Board Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 8</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 9</b>
4:30 7:30 PM, SH	Lenten Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 10</b>
9:00 AM, MC	Morning Prayer
9:30 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
9:30 AM, SH	Scripture Study
4:15 PM, CH	Lectio Divina
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
Daylight Savings Time Begins	
9:00 AM, MC	Adult Hand Bell
9:15 AM, CH	Lectio Divina
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Meeting

### **Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*Peter, James and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.*

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

Prayer: 14 hours in prayer; 12 hours in prayer; morning and evening prayers daily

Service 50 hours babysitting [grandparenting?] grand-kids; shopping for a blind neighbor; volunteering at the parish office; driving for Meals on Wheels; visiting the sick; being a cantor at Mass; volunteering at my child’s school

Sharing The snowed in weekend contribution total was \$7296, helped out by more than \$1900 given electronically. [Maybe now is the time to enroll for electronic giving— simply call the office to start the process.]

Young People’s stewardship: \$15.35. A few wrote of praying before meals and at bedtime. One helped put together a crib with his aunt and another made a birthday card.

**Parish Center Windows:** We would like a response from each parish household—regardless of the level at which you can participate in the window project. You can honor or memorialize anyone [as many] you wish.

There will be a memorial book placed and kept in the parish center chapel; in that book will be a listing of those memorialized; those honored, and all those who have contributed. We will use this process, rather than putting plaques on specific windows, or people choosing individual windows for “purchase.”

We thank the people who have funded the beginning of this project: the Century Club, the Rosary Society, the Morning Mass crowd, and some individuals.

As money is available, more parts of the building will be measured and contracted for manufacture and installation.

If there are questions, please call John Riehle at the parish center.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of March 4, 2007

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM –4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
 Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

### 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

### Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448  
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayerline..... 651-224-9793

### 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](mailto: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