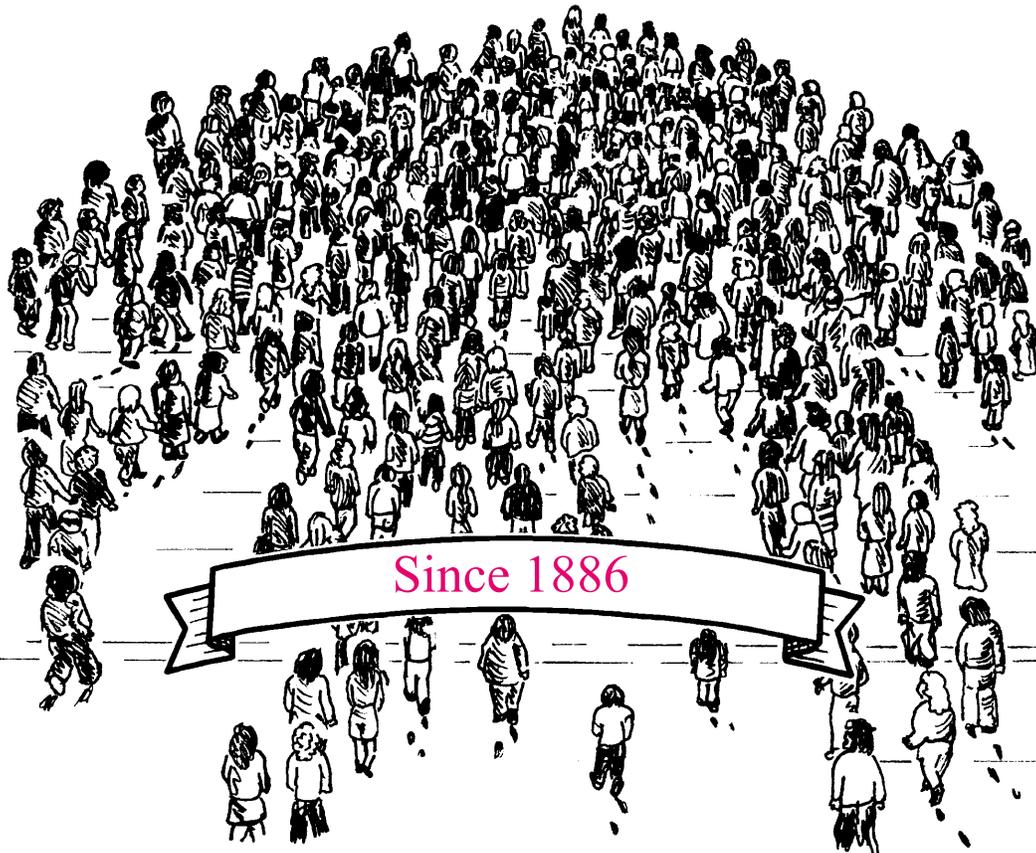


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Each Friday during the season of Lent we will gather at 5:30 pm to celebrate a Mass for peace. Obviously the war in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East is an object of our prayer – but also the many places where tribal and civil wars and insurrections dominate life.

In our prayer we call upon Mary the Mother of Our Lord to intercede for us, to advocate for us, to draw all women and men close to the “giver” of peace, Jesus, Our Lord. He so clearly announces peace to us: “Peace be with you. Peace is my gift to you”.

We will invoke Mary under the title **Our Lady Undoer of Knots**. This devotion arose in Germany in the 1700’s. There is a picture of Mary by an unknown artist showing her “untying” knots from a ribbon. The devotion really harkens back to the very early church and the writings of St. Irenaeus; “Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human family; to the contrary, Mary, by her obedience, undid it.”

We often find ourselves in a situation that “has no exit”. Often individuals and communities paint themselves into

a corner, and there appears to be no way out. War is the dreadful outcome of people coming to an impasse and seeing “no exit”. These are the “knotted” conditions of the human family.

Sometimes we find ourselves at an impasse over community issues – people on both sides of the issue are people of good will, people who have the community welfare at heart, people committed to the best for all – yet they find themselves on opposite sides of the issue, they are at loggerheads. There seems to be no exit.

In this devotion we are asked to step back, calm down, let go of our prejudices and resentments. We are asked to willingly hand the “unsolvable” issue to Mary, the Mother of the Lord, and trust that she will “untie the knot” we have unsuccessfully struggled with.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

RED & WHITE ENDOWMENT DINNER

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Dinner Tickets \$50

Dance Only Ticket \$20.

The tickets are available after all masses.

Tickets are also available at the Parish Center and the school office during regular business hours.

LEISURE CLUB MEETING

Join the Leisure Club for an early St. Patrick’s Day Party on Wednesday, March 8 at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

St. Matthew’s School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the lower level of the school.

New books on many topics are available for purchase before and after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM masses this weekend and also during the week until Thursday. This is a great way to purchase gifts for children while helping to build our school library. Please walk over and take a look!

BOY SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING — THIS WEEKEND

The boys will be collecting aluminum cans before and after all Masses this weekend. Please bring your ALUMINUM cans only to the Boy Scout Recycling Trailer in the parking lot. Your support of the Boy Scout Can Recycling is greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the recycling go to help pay for Scouting events and campouts for those boys who work the recycling. Thank you.

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 masses Sunday for coffee and goodies staffed by Bob and Judy DeNardo - thanks. To the folks bringing in baked goods thanks from all of us who enjoy your work (including St. Matt’s school kids at lunch). If you and/or your family/group would like to help in the future or if you can commit to bringing baked good items for a future coffee hour contact John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Mondays during Lent at 7:00 PM in the main church.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



BOY'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!

The 8th grade boys basketball tournament held at St. Matthew's on the weekend of February 18 and 19 was a huge success!!! Over \$1,000 was raised for the St.

Matthew's athletic programs and the St. Matthew's boys took home the third place trophy. Thanks to the parents, grandparents, students and friends who volunteered to help with the tournament. Thanks also to the wonderful referees who worked the tournament, most of whom volunteered all of their time: Pepe Ortega, Ty Ortega, Joren Skugrud, Don Luna, Arnulfo Flores, Tony Rodriguez, Lydia Mesa.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

There will be no religious education class this Wednesday, March 8. Grades 1-5 will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 15. Students should report to their classrooms at 6:30 PM. Grades 6-10 will have regular class on Wednesday, March 15. Family, friends and parishioners are invited to join the students for the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:45 PM in the church.

CHILD CARE FAMILY NIGHT

St. Matthew's Child Care will be hosting their monthly Family Night on Thursday, March 16 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Join the staff and families from the Center in celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There will be treats, games, and craft projects. Please call Dimary at 651-224-1450 with any questions or to RSVP.

SISTER PARISH NEWS

Our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi, will be joining us for this coming Friday's Fish Fry. We are excited to welcome them to this wonderful St. Matthew's tradition and hope they enjoy the experience as much as we do. We are hoping that they will join us for 2 more Fish Fry's before the end of the Lenten season.

COME AND SEE

The School Sister of Notre Dame invite young women between the ages of 18 and 35 to come and get a closer look at their community life and ministries. On Saturday, March 18, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, gather with Sisters, Anne, Margie, Joanna and Rita for prayer, lunch and stories about SSND throughout the world. Bring along a friend and your questions about religious life today. If you want to end the day with a Sunday liturgy, you are welcome to the 5:00 PM Mass. For registration contact Sister Rita at ritaw@juno.com

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 5
9:00 AM-12:00 PM SC	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday	March 6
3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, MC	Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Stations of Cross
Tuesday	March 7
9:00 AM-2:30 PM SC	Scholastic Book Fair
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 8
9:00 AM-7:30 PM 12:00-7:00 PM, PC	Scholastic Book Fair St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH 8:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes Men's Club
Thursday	March 9
1:00 –7:00 PM 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, PC	Scholastic Book Fair Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir AA Meeting
Friday	March 10
4:30-7:30 PM, SC	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	March 11
9:00 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
Sunday	March 12
9:00 AM, MC 4:00 PM, MC 5:00 PM, CH	Bell Choir Confirmation Class Confirmation Mass

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-February 26	\$8,584.44
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$305,944.00
Need to date:	<u>\$330,995.00</u>
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School Fund	\$121.00

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 5	8:00 AM Larry Simmons, Roger Klingner, Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, March 6	6:45 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, March 7	6:45 AM Vicki Traynor 12:10 PM Parishioners
Wednesday, March 8	6:45 AM Klingner Family 12:10 PM Sr. Colleen Hau
Thursday, March 9	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM World Peace
Friday, March 10	6:45 PM Parishioners 5:15 PM Eugene Kubiszewski, World Peace
Saturday, March 11	John Williams
Sunday, March 12	8:00 AM Helen Savard Robert J. Stickler, Sr. Richard Charbonneau, Jr. 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2006

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
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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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: parishcouncil@st-matts.org

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
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Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
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