

The Community of St. Matthew

Lenten Conversations

Based on the Pastoral Constitution
Gaudium et Spes

“Christians cannot yearn for anything more ardently than to serve the men (and women) of the modern world ever more generously and effectively.

Discussion at the Church of St. Matthew
Sunday, March 13, 2005
4:00-5:30 PM

Join us on our Lenten Journey as
Four panel members including:

Mary Heinen, CSJ, Monica O’Kane and Kim Anderson

Discuss

Bringing the Gospel to life as Catholics in
service to the modern world.

You are invited to join us for refreshments following the discussion

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A week ago I had a conversation with a friend. We talked about a malaise we sense in the spirits of our contemporaries. These once bright and eager people seem to be tired or resigned. There is a sense of "just getting by".

A generation ago Joe Namath was chastised in the press for his womanizing, heavy drinking and all the while trying to be a football super star. Namath said in response to the criticism -- "what do you expect of me, all I am doing is trying to get by".

Part of this malaise is a preoccupation with security and safety -- financial security and personal safety. There seems to be a growing sense that every person must take care of "number one" because there is no chance that anyone else will be looking out for you.

There is a privatizing of life and a privatizing of morality.

Little if any is heard about the common good and human solidarity.

We have a strong tradition within our church of a social ethic. Our very faith calls us to recognize the corporate nature of human life and the interdependence we have upon each other.

We have a tradition of seeing ourselves as "our brother's keeper".

The very measure of moral rectitude is found not in our "personal morality", but in our "social morality" -- "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a prisoner and you stood at my side, I was a foreigner and you welcomed me....."

Since 1891 and the teaching of Pope Leo XIII on the Dignity of Human Labor and Laborers there has been a mountain of teaching and writing and reflecting on the social nature of moral living.

The social teaching of our church is at the heart of the Gospel. A few generations ago a former pastor of Saint Matthew's was a seminary teacher, Msgr. James Cecka. On a given day each year he would pass out to the students in class a small red booklet that contained five papal teachings on the social dimension of Christian life. The booklet was called Five Great Encyclicals. As he passed out that booklet he would say, "Gentlemen, unless you truly believe what is contained herein and practice it, you have no business becoming a priest."

And the heart of the message contained in those writings is that each and every human being is created in the image of God and is endowed with an immense dignity and value. As a result economic, social and political energies must be balanced and proportioned so that the good of the person is never forsaken -- especially the good of the poorest and most vulnerable.

A rebirth of such a social ethic, such a social conscience could well energize a people, bring hope to the hearts of a people, dispel the darkness of resignation and fear.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

IT TAKES A CHURCH TO PUT ON A FISH FRY

Rosary Society officers want to express their thanks to their family members and friends, to the students performing community service, and to the other volunteers who just "showed up to help" at the February 25 Fish Fry. Along with more than 30 Rosary Society members, we served 504 meals! We also want to thank Tim Nowak and his crew of Men's Club members who prepared and fried the fish, who served pop and ice, and who washed all the dishes and the piles of pans and trays.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed for set-up, serving and clean-up at the last 2 fish fry nights. The March 11 fish fry is for the benefit of the street children of Bucharest and the March 18 fish fry is the Catholic Order of Foresters 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.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, March 8th, 6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served! All women are welcome. Hope to see you there!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to Leo and Marcie Kegler on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday March 5, 2005. They were married at St. Matthew's Church on March 5, 1955.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

There is no religious education class this Wednesday, March 9. There will be class next Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 PM.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATED LAST WEEK

Congratulations to the 24 young people of our community who celebrated this First Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 1.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

After the mass this Sunday, join us at school for the Scholastic Book Fair. Take this opportunity to pick up a good book for your children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews and help the school raise funds for new books for our classrooms and library. Book Fair hours are: Sunday, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM; Monday & Tuesday, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM; Wednesday, 3:00-7:30 PM and Thursday, 1:00-7:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 CAN RECYCLING

This weekend at all Masses. Please bring ALUMINUM CANS ONLY to the Boy Scout trailer in the parking lot. Thank you for your support.

LEISURE CLUB

The next meeting of the St. Matthew's Leisure Club will be on March 9 at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. PLEASE NOTE the change in plans. We were unable to get a reservation at the Country Buffet for that date. Please bring a friend to the meeting and share your ideas with us. See you there!

CELEBRATING THE TRIDUUM

The holiest three days of the Church year offer unique opportunities for participation in the ritual action of the Triduum liturgies. Your participation enriches the prayer life of the entire community. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. Please consider participating in one or more of the following: HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING -- We need people of all ages reflecting the beautiful diversity of our community. Consider participating as a family. HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL -- This action is open to ALL at the liturgy, yet people are hesitant. The choir always joins the procession; but we need others to step in behind them, HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL IN THE CHAPEL - 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 3:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS -- we plan on an INDOOR experience but we still need volunteers for carrying our large cross from station to station. HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL -- Since horticulturists have not yet found the genetic key to the "walking Easter Lily", we need help carrying flowers forward as part of the preparation of the table at this liturgy. Your participation is welcome in any or all of these ritual actions. For more information, leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0830. She will return your call.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

The Centering Prayer group will meet March 5 and March 19 beginning at 9:30 AM in the parish center. Please join us.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 6
8:00-11:30 AM	Boy Scout
School parking lot	Aluminum Can Recycling
8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Book Fair
School Health Room	
Monday	March 7
9:30 AM-2:00 PM	Book Fair
School Health Room	
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 8
9:30 AM-2:00 PM	Book Fair
School Health Room	
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, SH	Rosary Society Meeting
Wednesday	March 9
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 P M, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
3:00 -7:30 PM	Book Fair
School Health Fair	
Thursday	March 10
1:00-7:00 PM	Book Fair
School Health Room	
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	March 11
4:30-7:30 PM, SH	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	March 12
9:30 AM, PC	Centering Prayer Group
Sunday	March 13

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 FEBRUARY 27

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$6,855.91
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$20.00
School Fund	\$10.00
Holy Day	\$5.00

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 6	8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society
	10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, March 7	6:45 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, March 8	6:45 AM
Wednesday, March 9	6:45 AM Ray Mosberger
Thursday, March 10	6:45 AM World Peace
Friday, March 11	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM Living & deceased member of the Diprima family
Saturday, March 12	5:00 PM Parishioners
Sunday, March 13	8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2005

Sunday, March 6:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Monday, March 7:	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 8:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 9:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 10:	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 11:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 12:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday, March 13:	Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

NO PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

There will be no private reconciliation during the time that Father Adrian is in Rome. There is no private reconciliation this Tuesday, March 8 or Saturday, March 12.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail 651-310-0830
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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

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

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
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Liturgy