

The Community of St. Matthew

Lenten Potlucks 2004

Wednesdays

March 10, 17, 24, 31

Come share community, food, and prayer

All are welcome



Food for Body: 5:45-6:25 PM

Potluck: Bring a dish to share

Food for Soul: 6:30-7:45 PM

Reflections on the writings of
Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton

St. Matthew School
Faculty Lounge

Sponsored by the Parish Enrichment Committee

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

On Friday, February 27th, the National Review Board released its Report on the Crisis Within The Catholic Church.

The report is long and disturbing. It details data gathered over the past months about the sexual exploitation of minors by clergy. At the end of the report, section 5, there are some recommendations made by the panel.

The final recommendation of the panel states: "The bishops and other Church leaders must listen to and be responsive to the concerns of the laity. To accomplish this, the hierarchy must act with less secrecy, more transparency, and a greater openness to the gifts that all members of the Church bring."

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is The People Of God, and that all members of the Church bear the image of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All members are called to holiness and all members participate in the priestly, prophetic and royal mission of Jesus.

The Council reminds us that the Whole Christ, Head and members, form one body, and that no part of the Body of Christ is to be disregarded or dismissed. While there are different roles and different works within the Body of Christ, all are one.

There is no place in such a view of church for a clericalism which claims superiority or personal privilege. And the trappings of exclusivity or privilege must be rejected in favor of a tangible sign of the truth that all who exercise leadership in the Church – clergy and lay – lead as servants of God and servants of the Gospel, and as brothers and sisters of all.

Structures must be put in place to guarantee that we live out this mandate and carry out our vocation as the Body of Christ. Greater consultation with the local church must take place in the selection of bishops, and instruments of accountability must be created so that bishops are truly accountable to the Whole Church community.

The same is true of pastors. Local parishes must have a voice in the selection of their pastor, and there must be instruments by which the pastor is accountable not only to the bishop, but also to the local church community.

The governance of the diocese and the governance of the parish community must be a shared responsibility. Structures must be created and implemented that allow the whole church to participate in the governance of the church – bishops, pastors and Catholic lay women and men.

The exercise of authority is for the common good and must be open, respectful, transparent and accountable. The common good demands that sincere, open, prayerful and honest dialogue takes place within the church; and that the goal of such dialogue be the discernment of the will of God, which is the common good of the community. The National Review Board has much to say. Can the Church hear this, and having heard, do we have the will and courage to act?

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ST. MATTHEW'S LEISURE CLUB

The next meeting will be on March 10 at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. Come to a short meeting and then play St. Patrick's bingo. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Gayle Stelter at 228-0856.

BOY SCOUTS COLLECTING ALUMINUM CANS THIS WEEKEND

Please bring your cans to the trailer on the parking lot (before or after masses). The Scouts use the money from this program to support their projects. Call Diane at 222-3512 if you have cans to donate but need them picked up at your home. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN FISH FRIES

There is still time to sign up for a shift or two to help out with the Fish Fries every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. See Tim Nowak at the Scrip table in the back of church after all Masses.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS—LAST MEETING WITH MASS

Confirmation students are reminded of the reading assignment for our next meeting on Sunday, March 14. If you did not receive a copy please pick up a copy at the parish center. It is important that everyone **read the assignment before class**. Service project journal sheets should be turned in; please bring them to the next meeting. If you were not baptized at St. Matthew's and have not turned in your baptismal certificate, please bring it too next Sunday. **IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU MUST CALL FR. STEVE AT THE PARISH CENTER.**

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LEADERSHIP AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to **Thomas Mahowald** and **Jasmine Johnson** who are being recognized by Saint Bernard's School with the annual Leadership Award and Scholarship. This award is annually given to students in the sixth or seventh grade who have demonstrated living their Christian faith through academic proficiency, community involvement, parish participation and social leadership. Principals and teachers nominate students who demonstrate leadership and service in their daily lives.

CHILD CARE CENTER SPRING FUNDRAISER

The children are looking forward to summer and going on several field trips. You can help us pay for these trips by participating in our spring fundraiser. A spring gift catalog is available at the Fish Fry's, in the back of Church after masses, and in the Parish Center. Payment is due with your order, and items will arrive prior to Easter. If you have any questions about the fundraiser, or the Child Care Center, please call Maureen or Dimary at 651-224-1450. Thank you in advance for your support!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us in Church on Monday evenings of Lent at 7:00 PM for Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN PARISH POTLUCKS

The potlucks will be held on March 10, 17, 24, 31 in the faculty lounge at St. Matthew's School. The meal will begin at 5:45 PM, and at 6:30 PM those in religious education will go their rooms, and those who stay and are interested will explore the writings of Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day. Books of reflections by these two people are available for \$6 at the Parish Center, but there will also be some for use at the pot luck. Bring a dish to pass, an appetite, and we hope to see you there!

HOLY TRINITY PRESCHOOL ENROLLING FOR 2004-2005

This preschool is located within St. Augustine Church in SSP. They are currently enrolling children (ages 3 to 5) for the 2004-2005 school year. Students are enrolled for either morning or afternoon sessions. They prepare children for future education by offering a fun, social learning environment full of exploratory activities. For details or further information, call Kristy Wagner at 651-455-1437.

CRETIN DERHAM 2ND ANNUAL LENTEN EMPTY BOWL BENEFIT

On Wednesday, March 24 from 11am-2pm (lunch) and from 4pm-7pm (dinner) you are invited to attend this event. Admission is free and open to the public. Guests are invited to purchase a ceramic bowl, hand made by local artisans and art students, and then enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread. The proceeds from this event benefit the Heifer Project whose goal is to end world hunger by providing livestock to families in developing countries so that these families may become self-sufficient.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday 3:00 PM | March 7 College of St. Kate View the Ade Bethune Collection |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Ctr Fundraiser Catalogs/Orders in the back of church • Boy Scouts Collecting Cans TODAY |
| Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, MC | March 8 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Stations of the Cross |
| Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH | March 9 Loaves and Fishes |
| Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:30 PM, SH 3:00 PM, SH 5:45PM, SC 6:30 PM, SC | March 10 St. Mary's Clinic Leisure Club Mtg Loaves and Fishes Potluck & Discussion Religious Education Grades 1-10 |
| 7:00PM, SH | Men's Club Meeting |
| Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC | March 11 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir |
| Friday 4:00-7:00PM, SH | March 12 Fish Fry |
| Saturday | March 13 |
| Sunday 3:30 PM, MC 5:00 PM, CH | March 14 Confirmation Mtg Confirmation Mass and Social |

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 29 Collections

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| Sunday Envelopes and Plate: | \$8979.83 |
| Youth and Children's Envelopes | \$ 14.90 |
| School Fund Envelopes | \$ 100.00 |
| Fuel Collection | \$ 70.00 |
| Vigil Lights | \$ 13.00 |
| Archdiocese Assessment | \$ 15.00 |

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

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| Sunday, March 7 | 8:00 AM Larry Simmons Agnes DeFoe Ed Maher |
| | 10:30 AM Parishioners |
| Monday, March 8 | 6:45 AM Helen Brennhofer Agnes M. Blatchley |
| Tuesday, March 9 | 6:45 AM Rose Mary Littfin 12:10 PM World Peace |
| Wednesday, March 10 | 6:45 AM Lorraine Mike 12:10 PM World Peace |
| Thursday, March 11 | 6:45 AM Carole Zuniga 12:10 PM World Peace |
| Friday, March 12 | 6:45 AM Daniel Stelter 5:15 PM World Peace |
| Saturday, March 13 | Living & Deceased Members of St. Matthew's Catholic Aid George Allers George Lackner |
| Sunday, March 14 | 8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners |

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2004

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE DURING LENT

The Blood Mobile will be here at St. Matthew's Church on Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 am—1:00 PM. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for further information. Remember to give the gift of life!

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org

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.....*Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator *Debra Lindstedt*
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 651-224-2903-

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

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| Kathy Goldenstein | Linda Sellars |
| Marty Olson | Jeff Gilberg |
| Paul Kempe | Suzanne Clarke |
| John Finnegan | Tim Jack |
| Doug Kennedy | Becky Montgomery |
| John Sekevitch | |

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Peter Grayson
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