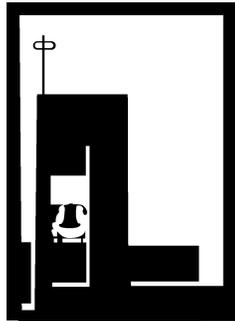


The Community of St. Matthew



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



"Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

– Blessed John XXIII

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Lent 2003 dawns.

This First Lenten Sabbath throws us into arid desert

burning high noon sun

bone chilling star studded midnight cold;

cyclone desert sand storms – alter terrain,

obliterate roads,

cover footprints before the next step

is taken;

barren daylight landscape

turns to a night time menagerie –

telltale signs of life abound in early morning foot prints –

only a memory of nocturnal ramblings.

City folk come out –

out of the familiar,

the ordinary,

the comfortable,

the manageable.

Not willingly – do we come,

but hurled, tossed, thrown –

into the unmanageable,

uncomfortable,

extraordinary,

unfamiliar –

into the place of mischief;

divine mischief,

divine reordering,

divine transforming.

The desert shakes the soul loose, unties the spirit,

assaults the senses.

Reduction to essentials – naked identity.

This container, transforming cauldron, magic pot –

this is the place to confront fear, arrogance,

impatience, the grand design –

in this place one stands as she is –

creature before the God-so-big.

this is the place to know anew compassion, mercy,

forgiveness –

in this place one stands as he is –

creature before the God-so-loving.

In this place we learn to hope anew,

dream new dreams – here frustration turns

to promise – promise of what can be, is

already there;

deep within, hidden, covered,

plastered over

by the ordinary, the regular, the comfortable, the expected.

In this place,

once again,

as of old –

The flint is struck.

Divine fire is cast upon the earth.

sja

PARISH EVENTS

NEW LITURGY SCHEDULES

The new schedule has started. If you are an Altar Server, Lector, Gift Bearer, Communion Minister, or Usher/Greeter, please take your schedule home with you today.

EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

Rehearsal for Easter take place during regularly scheduled Thursday choir practices in Lent. If you would like to sing for any of the Triduum or Easter Sunday Service—or if you can lend a hand with office preparation of any support materials for our music ministry—give Dana a call at 651-310-0830

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF CHURCH ELEVATOR

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

5:00 PM MASS

MORNING RETREAT FOR LECTORS

The Worship Center is offering 2 hours of prayer and reflection for Lectors on Saturday, March 22nd from 9:30 to 11:30 Am at the Church of St. Richard in Richfield. If you would like to attend or want more information, please call the Parish Center. Registration deadline is March 14th.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES MEET SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Candidates are reminded of the meeting this Sunday in the main Church. Mass will follow at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. All parishioners are invited to attend Mass and show your support for these candidates. A light supper will be served after

Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Monday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church.

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FISH FRY

This week's Fish Fry on Friday, March 14th is co-sponsored by the Men's Club and Cub Scout Pack 107. Volunteers are always welcome, sign up in the back of church at the Scrip table.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN XXIII POTLUCK AND DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us at the school for a potluck supper and discussion this Wednesday night, March 12 at 5:45 PM. Discussion of John XXIII encyclical "Peace on Earth" will begin around 6:30 PM. Join us for all or part of the evening

PEACE QUOTES

Following with our Lenten theme, peace quotes from parishioners and others will be interspersed in the bulletin during Lent. If you would like to submit a quote on peace please put it in the bulletin mailbox at the parish center or email it to bulletin.editor@st-matts.org. Quotes not used in the bulletin or in their entirety will be published on the St. Matthew's website: st-matts.org

LEISURE CLUB MEMBERS

The club would like all members to meet for lunch at the Old Country Buffet at 2000 So. Robert St., W. St. Paul at 12:00(noon) on March 12, 2003. If you have a Senior Card the price of the buffet is \$6.49, if not the price is \$7.02. Carmella will greet all members at the door as they arrive. After lunch a short meeting will be conducted, attendance prizes will be drawn. Let's all make a special effort to come and make the outing a huge success.

ROSARY SOCIETY/CCW MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11

All members are encouraged to attend this General Business Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center on March 11. We will be planning the April community and social events. Join us and let your ideas be heard.

CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS AND NURSES

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is seeking our assistance in obtaining the names and addresses of Catholic physicians and nurses from our parish. These individuals will receive a personal invitation to attend a White Mass in April, to honor and support this group of health care professionals. Please contact Nicole at the parish center if you wish to receive an invitation by March 14.

SHELVING FOR OUR NEW STORAGE SPACE A couple of parishioners have volunteered their skill in building some storage shelves for our liturgy supplies. We have some lumber available, but we could also use a few 2x4's. Does anyone have some extra 8 ft. lengths of 2x4 laying around? Leave a message at 651-310-0830.

THOUGHTS ON PEACE

"Peace begins each day with my attitude, what I think is important, and how I act upon it." Mary Lou Logsdon.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 9
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
Monday	March 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of Cross
Tuesday	March 11
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	March 12
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM, SC	Wednesday Potluck
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
6:30 PM, SC	Wednesday Lenten Discussion
Thursday	March 13
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, CH	Parish Youth Choir
7:00 PM, CH	Adult Choir
Friday	March 14
3:00-7:00 PM, CH	Peace Vigil
4:00-7:00 PM, SH	Fish Fry
Saturday	March 15
5:00 PM, CH	Dedication of Church Elevator
Sunday	March 16
12:00 PM	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for March 2, 2003: \$8,952.64
 Youth treasure for March 2, 2003: \$9.85
 Donated in children and young people's envelopes

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 9	8:00 AM John Bandholz, Lloyd Erickson, George Gubash 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, March 10	6:45 AM Albert Hartmann Ella Rosenberger
Tuesday, March 11	6:45 AM Carol Schubring 12:10 PM Parishioners
Wednesday, March 12	6:45 AM Clarence and Irene Bunde 12:10 PM Fred Rogers
Thursday, March 13	6:45 AM Parishioners 12:10 PM Parishioners
Friday, March 14	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM Mass for Peace Bernard Ferber
Saturday, March 15	John and Irene Pacht, Bernard Ferber, James Dieter
Sunday, March 16	8:00 AM Sadie Monsour Irene Pacht, Clarence Kammerer 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 9, 2003
 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

FEBRUARY 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st Place—3850—Ann Marthaler and Sister Joanna Illg
 2nd Place—2980—Arlene Kempe and Mary Price

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
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 Child Care Center 651-224-1450
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 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

Monday 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

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

Committee Chairs

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