

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Sunday, April 24th was a long day for me. I woke up at 2:30 am to be sure that I would get my morning coffee brewed and myself cleaned up before I settled back to watch the Inaugural Mass of Benedict XVI. I move quickly in the morning.

Over the past weeks, each time I see scenes from the death and burial of John Paul II and the conclave preparations and election of Benedict XVI, I am immediately transported to but a few weeks ago when Stephen Mike and I sauntered through the streets of Rome. More about that later.

Six weeks ago I met Benedict XVI -- aka Joseph Ratzinger. He was a curial participant in a part of the symposium The Call To Justice: The Legacy of Gaudium et Spes 40 Years Later. He was not a presenter although he did celebrate Eucharist for the participants at the altar of Saint Peter's Chair in Saint Peter's Basilica -- a providential or ironic twist, since within six weeks he would be elected as the Successor of Peter, and be called upon to teach from Peter's Chair. Six weeks ago he looked and sounded more robust, fresh and vibrant that he has looked on the TV over the past few weeks -- those dark circles under his eyes were not present, he was sturdy and his complexion was ruddy and strong -- although, he has been through a lot since I saw him.

Benedict XVI is now called upon to exercise the office of Pastor of the Church. This is very new to him. For most of his life he has been a university professor and then a Vatican bureaucrat heading the prestigious Office For The Doctrine Of The Faith. For a few short years he was the Archbishop of Munich. Now he is called upon to be a visible expression of the presence and face of Jesus for the world.

The pictures of Saint Peter's bring back a variety of

images. I was ejected from the Papal Gardens, Stephen was surrounded and almost arrested by the Swiss Guards for climbing over a barrier to get a picture of the Holy Year Door -- enough said about the near-international-incidents we caused. One Sunday noon we went to the Square, after morning Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Carmel, and saw the blessing of John Paul II on big screen TV -- he was still in Gemelli Hospital. We were in the square in the morning, at mid day and often in late evening walks in the city after a delightful and gracious Roman supper.

The snap shots of the side streets and the Via Conzellacione bring back of host of images and smells and tastes and sounds. The sounds of traffic, cars and cycles, the sounds of so many languages spoken by people as we passed by, the sound of sirens from ambulances and police cars. Smells of food emanating from side walk café's and trattorias, the smell of fresh cappuccino and freshly baked bread, the smells of fresh laundry -- sparkling white and washed in detergent and vinegar.

The sights of people's daily lives -- not the stuff of tourist areas, but the stuff of the back alleys and narrow side streets and the off-the-beaten-track places -- children running and playing, men sitting and talking, women at the markets making purchases for the day's table. These tight places, often in the shadows are the places of "real" life and spirit for the Romans.

The joy of this Roman Holiday is found not in the agendas and schedules of most foreign visitors, the delight is found in the slow, even paced, unscheduled, come-what-may enjoyment of a city and its people. And in the midst of all of this I did meet Benedict XVI.



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

P A R I S H E V E N T S

BOY SCOUT CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troop 107 will be recycling cans on May 7 & 8 at all Masses. Please bring aluminum cans only to the Scout Recycling Trailer located in the parking lot/playground. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Sunday—10:30 AM—Max Newman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our last 10:30 mass for this season will be Sunday, May 15th. Thank you to all the families who participated in this special liturgy for our young ones. Also, thank you to our Worship Leaders and their helpers: Gloria Deziel, Caitlin, Jason, & Sarah Bieza, Jeanne & Julianna Maanum, Maureen & Mara Sunday, Lisa Klein, Shannon Morissey, & Bridget, D.J. & Becca Goldenstein. We apologize if we left out any names. We'll be starting up again in the fall so keep us in mind as you consider how you would like to share your time and talent with your parish family next year.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registrations from the school year 2005-06 are being accepted for grades K-8. Contact the school office they will be happy to answer any questions you may have, set up a time to tour the school or send out a registration packet to you. The school office phone is 651-224-6912.

SCRIP FOR MOTHER'S DAY AND GRADUATION PRESENTS

SCRIP is available after all masses on Saturday and Sunday. During the week it is available at the school office during regular school hours. Scrip gift certificates are great gifts for those hard to buy for graduates. Or buy SCRIP and take Mom out for a nice meal on Mother's Day next Sunday. Check out the various SCRIP vendors that we carry in the back of church. Remember this is the fundraiser that costs you nothing!

THANK YOU FROM ARC

Dear Church of St. Matthew: Thank you very much for your recent donation to the American Refugee Committee! Your generous gift will be used to rebuild boats in Thailand and restore hope to communities affected by the tsunami. Welcome to the ARC family of donors! Sincerely, Erin Brandt, ARC Volunteer.

GREETINGS FROM THE FARM OF THE CHILD, HONDURAS

Excerpts from a letter received from Rafael Harrington recounting his experiences in Honduras. *My life on the Farm has been pure joy. My work at the Farm consists of maintenance work in the mornings, and in the afternoons, I help lead gym class, dance class and catechism class, coach soccer and go out into the surrounding areas for community outreach. I don't have much time off! I am thankful for the opportunity to be here. It is demanding, yet the rewards are rich. When I lived in a children's home in Venezuela, I remember the impact that volunteers had on my life. I am committed to make a child smile on a daily basis. Christmas was a special time. Our preparation and celebration of the holiday season was focused on the birth of Christ rather than the material celebrations I experienced in the United States. The Farm has been a place of growth and love for me the past six months. As I am learning to put God at the center of all my work, thought and actions, I feel like I am getting a small taste of God's unconditional love. It puts a smile on my face and makes me hungry for more. Thank you for sharing this experience with me. Your support — spiritually, financially and emotionally — has made this journey possible. You are in my prayers. Sincerely, Rafael*

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

My sincere thanks and appreciation for all your concerns, well wishes and many prayers these past weeks. Vicki Traynor

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	May 1 Baptism
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	May 2 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	May 3 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	May 4 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	May 5 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
Friday	May 6
Saturday	May 7
Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	May 8 Baptism

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 APRIL 24, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,003.00
School Fund	\$92.00
Youth and Children Envelopes	\$0.50
Holy Day	\$40.00

*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, May 1	8:00 AM Wesley Wiler Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, May 2	Parishioners
Tuesday, May 3	Arthur Geis Agnes Allers
Wednesday, May 4	George W. Reiland
Thursday, May 5	
Friday, May 6	6:45 AM Isabelle Vaughn 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, May 7	George Lackner Helen Leibl
Sunday, May 8	8:00 AM Agnes Stefaniak Agnes Allers, Vincent Plumbo 10:30 AM Agnes DeFoe Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2005

Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/ Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator.....
Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
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Phone Numbers

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Extended Day651-228-1535
Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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
Education Advisory Richard Dunn