

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Coming Home from War

The Faith Community's Response to Veterans and Their Families

Strategies for members of faith communities

to welcome back and support veterans and their families

Every parish has parishioners – as well as spouses, family members and friends of parishioners – serving overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq. Some military men and women from our parish have already come back home. We pray that all will return home soon not only safely, but also with much support and care from fellow Christian sisters and brothers.

In addition to prayers, liturgies, and a parish-wide embrace ... one way our parish can support veterans and their families is to make widely available resources that could make all the difference in the world to them.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

Pastor

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans

MACV provides a structured assistance program giving the homeless veteran support to once again become a productive member of the community, confidence to rebuild relationships and knowledge that the community recognizes and cares about them and their service to our country. We assist homeless veterans but also provide supportive services to prevent homelessness for veterans and their families in the form of rental/mortgage assistance, employment assistance, transportation, an, utility, and food. www.mac-v.org

Military OneSource

Military OneSource is a free support service provided by the Department of Defense offering assistance and resources to service members and their families on many different issues. Military OneSource, which supplements existing installation services, provides free help and information, by phone with a professionally trained consultant or online, on a wide range of issues that affect you and your family -- from budgeting and investing to relationships and deployment. It's available whenever you are -- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Whether you're single or married, a parent or not a parent, Military OneSource can help with the issues that are important to you. www.militaryonesource.com

Child & Youth Services – 88th Regional Readiness Command

Child & Youth Services supports readiness and well-being of geographically dispersed families by reducing the conflict be-

tween military mission requirements and parental responsibilities. This includes helping to access child care for Army Reserve Families at a reduced rate, connecting AR youth with after school and weekend outreach services, participating in community support networks that help reduce stress on “suddenly military” kids, offering summer camp opportunities for Military youth, providing many Army Reserve youth leadership opportunities, and bringing awareness into the community about the effects of “suddenly military” life. www.arfp.org/cys

Barbara Schneider Foundation

The Barbara Schneider Foundation is working with its partners in law enforcement, courts, corrections, mental health, and social services and health care systems to improve the response to those in mental health crisis and to prevent mental health crises. The result has been more appropriate and effective mental health crisis response, improved officer safety, growing police/community partnerships and increased collaboration among all the systems that work with those with a mental illness. www.thebarbaraschneiderfoundation.org

Disabled American Veterans

With more than 1.2 million members, Disabled American Veterans is an organization of disabled veterans who are focused on building better lives for disabled veterans and their families. The organization accomplishes this goal by providing free assistance to veterans in obtaining benefits and services earned through their military service. It is fully funded through its membership dues and public contributions. It is not a government agency and receives no government funds. DAV is the foremost representative of the interests of disabled veterans and their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before federal, state, and local governments. Our National Legislative Program ensures disabled veterans are not forgotten by lawmakers. www.dav.org

88th Regional Readiness Command Family Support

Track family information on mobilized soldiers. Send deployment and return information to family members. Support Family Readiness Volunteers. Train Family Readiness groups. Train rear detachment officers to support soldiers and families as requested. Support Youth Service Programs, support Army Family Action Plan and Army Family Training as requested. Provide deployment briefs, support individual families in crisis as requested. Provide training to volunteers, units, unit commanders and persons of interest. www.usarc.army.mil/88thrc

Dislocated Worker Program

JOBS for VETERANS, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, is designed to help you find the job that best utilizes your skills. JOBS for VETERANS provides these unique, free, individualized services to veterans: Employment Services, Education and Skills Training, One-On-One Support, and Follow-Up Services. JOBS for VETERANS serves veterans throughout the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and the four-county St. Cloud Area. lhuether@resource-mn.org

PARISH EVENTS

TODAY: SECOND COLLECTION FOR ROMANIAN ORPHANS

Please be generous. Four couples from the parish will be traveling to Romania this week to visit and work at the orphanage. They'll bring the parish donations and make a report upon their return.

THE PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir is providing music leadership at the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend. This is their last ministry for the season; thanks to each of them for their work over the last several months: Freddy, Lexie, Aytiana, Talia, Becca, Bridget, Julianna, Sera, Sheala, Edison, Nia & Anne. It takes disciplined practice to sing and ring well and these young people have proven they are up to the task! Some of the group will be graduating to the adult choir in the fall; returning members & new singers/ringers are always welcome. The Youth Choir is for young people in grades 3 thru 8. Watch for ads in the fall. .

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 12, 5:00 PM—Bree Osborne, Valentine Alsides, Samantha Plante, Amanda Reding and Sydney Lee Quinlan. Sunday, May 13, 10:30 AM —Tyler Columbus, Mersadie Quinlan, Austin Quinlan, Eleanor Jackson, Olivia Ahern. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join friends and family at Arby's this Thursday night, May 17. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. Hope to see you there.

SPRING CONCERT AND SCIENCE FAIR AT ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL

Come to school on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 PM to view the student experiments at this year's Science Fair and the Secret Garden. Slips of plants and other contributions to the garden are still being accepted. Then at 7:00 PM head to the gym to enjoy the spring concert "They Write the Music" —a celebration of the music of Bach, Beethoven, Handel, Starvinsky and others. All are welcome.

WEEKLY READINGS

	Readings for the Week of May 13, 2007
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 or Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 14:23-29 or Jn 17:20-26
Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	(Easter Weekday) 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 of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 10:30 AM, MC	May 13 First Communions Celebrated
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	May 14 Loaves and Fishes EAC Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	May 15 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 9:00 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	May 16 School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 4:00-8:00 PM 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, SC Gym 7:00 PM, MC	May 17 Loaves and Fishes Arby's/S'Barro Night Science Fair School Spring Concert Adult Choir
Friday	May 18
Saturday 5:00 PM, MC	May 19 First Communions Celebrated
Sunday 10:30 AM, MC 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	May 20 First Communions Celebrated Baptism Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship remind us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

Thanks for continued witness and encouragement from those who spend a few moments reflecting on their week of "stewardship living" and attesting to that on the weekly envelope.

Prayer: Daily prayer for the sick; faithful to morning and evening prayer; attend Mass daily; one hour prayer daily; two hours daily

Service: Fulfilled activities as council member; helped a neighbor without being asked; spent time planning activities at my child's school.

Sharing: Last weekend \$10,638 was given through envelopes, the plate and electronic transfer. Also, \$5,420 was given through a donation of stock. [The donation of stock was received and then sold immediately: it is not the practice of the parish to "speculate" with money contributed.] That total of \$16,058 increases the Sunday average by \$120 per weekend.

If you are interested in donating by means of stock transfer, please contact John Riehle at the parish center. There are two advantages to the donor: there is no capital gains to be paid and the parish pays the transfer and selling fees, so the total contribution is tax deductible.

Young People's Stewardship: \$8.50. Examples of service this week: helping with the animals, helping my brother, dog sitting, helping clean up for dinner.

Window project: There are still some donations being made to the project—money which will be used to purchase air-conditioners and make any other changes that are needed. [Certainly some of the sills on the South side need work because they have baked in the sun over many years.] Congratulations to everyone—including the money that was given prior to the project, and the challenge grant yet to come—more than \$100,000 has been raised! Thank you.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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 six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish.

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
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