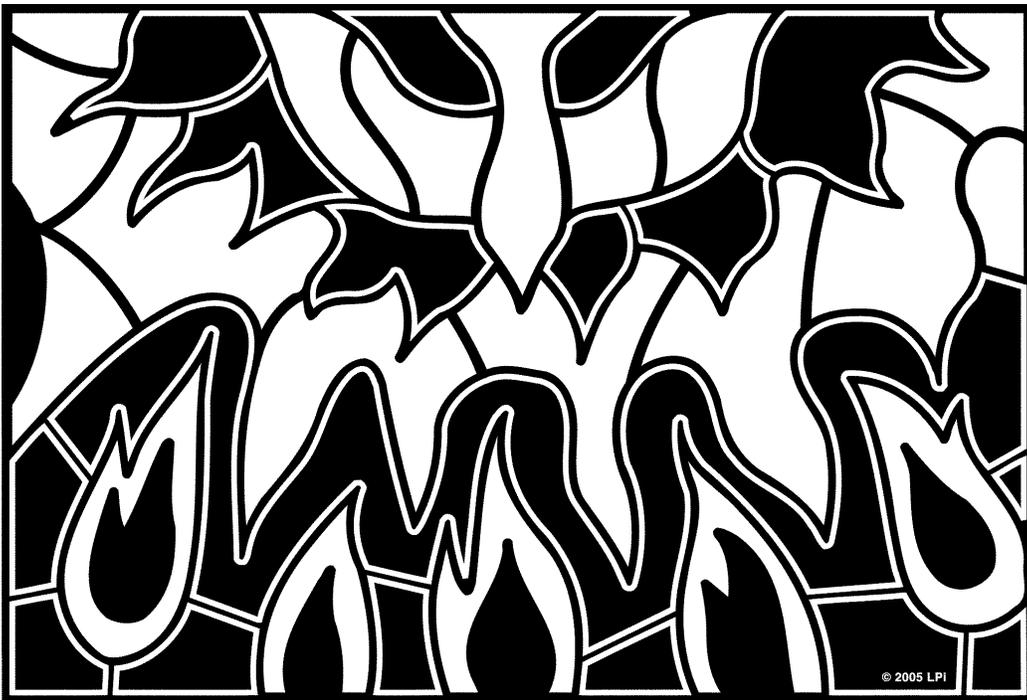


The Community of St. Matthew



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Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

— Acts 2:3-4 NAB

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost -- the final moment of the Easter Season and celebration and the Feast of the birth of the church.

As a child and adolescent the concept of the Holy Spirit was illusive and shaky. I could readily embrace the image of God the Creator and of Jesus the Savior -- but the image of the Holy Spirit, that was a different story. But then we used to refer to the Third Person of the Trinity as "the Holy Ghost" and that didn't make things any better. I remember a book about the Holy Spirit called "The Forgotten Paraclete".

As I prepared for Confirmation I was taught that in this sacrament the Holy Spirit comes to me and brings gifts which will allow me to be an adult in the faith and a witness to the faith. I learned the list of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

It was only as a young adult and at the time of the planning for the Second Vatican Council that the Holy Spirit came alive for me. Pope John XXIII asked that all Catholics pray weekly for the success of the Council. He asked that we pray to the Holy Spirit who will guide the deliberations of the Council. He asked that we acknowledge

that the Holy Spirit might lead us to new places and might refashion the face of the Church.

In my life the Holy Spirit became a dynamic and powerful image of God at work in the world and the Church.

Jesus tells us that He will not leave us orphans, He tells us that He will send us an Advocate -- a Defender, a Counselor, One to lead us through the maze of life. This person, the Holy Spirit fills us with the presence of God and the promise of life. This Holy Spirit is the one who directs our thoughts and actions so that we can and do live by the word of Jesus, keep the word of Jesus -- "those who keep my word the Father will love, and I will love them too, and we will come and dwell with them."

On this Pentecost let us become even more conscious of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our personal lives and in the life of the world.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

TODAY IS THIS SEASON'S LAST 10:30AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

With your help, we will offer this program again in the fall. Look for further announcements as fall approaches and THANK YOU for your participation.

ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN INVITED TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FOR CELEBRATION

The Catholic Women's group from our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi, invites all women to mass and a potluck supper on Monday, May 16th at 6:00 PM. Father Jerry Keiser will conduct mass at 6:00 PM with the dinner to follow. If you would like directions or more information about this event call Mary at 651-436-7817

CONSTITUTION OF ST MATTHEWS INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday May 22, 2005

9:00 am – 10:15 am

Parish Center

Parishioners interested in reviewing the proposed Pastoral Constitution and learning more about the consensus decision-making process are invited.

We welcome your comments.

OUR ADULT CHOIR SEASON ENDS WITH THE FEAST OF PENTECOST-

THANK YOU to all our dedicated musicians -- vocal & instrumental: Mary & Theresa B., Michele B., Ralph B., Paul C., Dana D., Lori D., Dennis E., Rachel G., Jaentra G., Edith, Jack H., Rick K., Beth L., Liza M., Vickie M., Anthony M., Michael R., Larry S., Andy S., Rich & Theresa S., Linda S., Carol S., Jackie S., Mary Rose Van P., Lynn V., & Arlene W. Your ministry enriches our prayer and we look forward to your return in the fall.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

St. Matthew's School presents their annual Spring Concert. on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Admission is free and everyone is invited. The students look forward to presenting a wonderful concert.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, 5:00 PM—Elizabeth McDonough, Thalina Garcia, Sheala Osborne, Tyler Nowak.

ECKER, ILLG, THOMFORD AND WENKER COMPLETE THE PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Four parishioners have completed the pastoral council discernment process. They are Lucas Ecker, Sister Joanna Illg, Mark Thomford, and Tony Joe Wenker. These candidates provide a wonderful mix of people that will enrich the Council's work immensely. They will be introduced to the parish community on the weekend of May 7/8. Three of the candidates will fill vacancies that occur when Suzanne Clarke, Douglas Kennedy, and Linda Sellars complete their terms on June 30th. The fourth candidate will complete the last two years of a currently unfilled vacancy. The terms will be decided by drawing of lot on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, following the 10:30 Eucharistic celebration. The first three names drawn will fill the three year terms and the fourth name drawn will serve a two year term.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROSARY SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners: \$60.00 gift certificate to Applebee's—Joe Savard; \$60.00 gift certificate to Cherokee Sirloin Room—Carol Nehring; \$60.00 gift certificate to Joseph's—Pearl Bebjlik; \$25.00 Holiday gift certificate—Lavina Jack; \$25.00 Super America gift certificate—Jackie Deneen; \$20.00 gift certificate to Jerabek's—Nancy Befort; \$20.00 gift certificate to Kentucky Fried Chicken—Nancy Thurber; \$20.00 gift certificate to McDonald's—Thek Simmons. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.

LAST ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Before the Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19, stop by Arby's on Robert Street for supper. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 29% of your order. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this fundraiser during this past school year. This is the last Arby's Night until September.

PENTECOST SUNDAY AND THE FEAST OF ST. ISIDORE

On this Pentecost weekend, we also remember the feast of St. Isidore, the patron of farmers. We pray for farmers and others who devote themselves to this important and noble work. We pray that their labors may reap a harvest of spiritual benefits and abundant crops, and join our thoughts and actions with theirs in efforts to find and work for just solutions to continued challenges in the food and agriculture sector.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 15
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
Monday	May 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 18
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	May 19
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	St. Matthew School Spring Concert
Friday	May 20
Saturday	May 21
5:00 PM, MC	Baptism
Sunday	May 22

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 MAY 8, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$8,069.57
School Fund	\$177.00
Youth and Children Envelopes	\$4.00
Holy Day	\$432.50

*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 15	8:00 AM World Peace 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, May 16	Edward Lard
Tuesday, May 17	David Plante
Wednesday, May 18	Ray Mosberger
Thursday, May 19	World Peace
Friday, May 20	
Saturday, May 21	Tim Jack
Sunday, May 22	8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 15, 2005

Sunday: Vigil:	Ez 37:1-14/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39;
Day:	Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/ Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/ Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19/ Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8/ Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17/ Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15/ Mk 10:13-16 (346)
Next Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18

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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
Tim Jack	Larry Sachi
Connie Aligada	

Committee Chairs

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