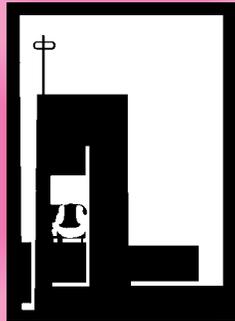
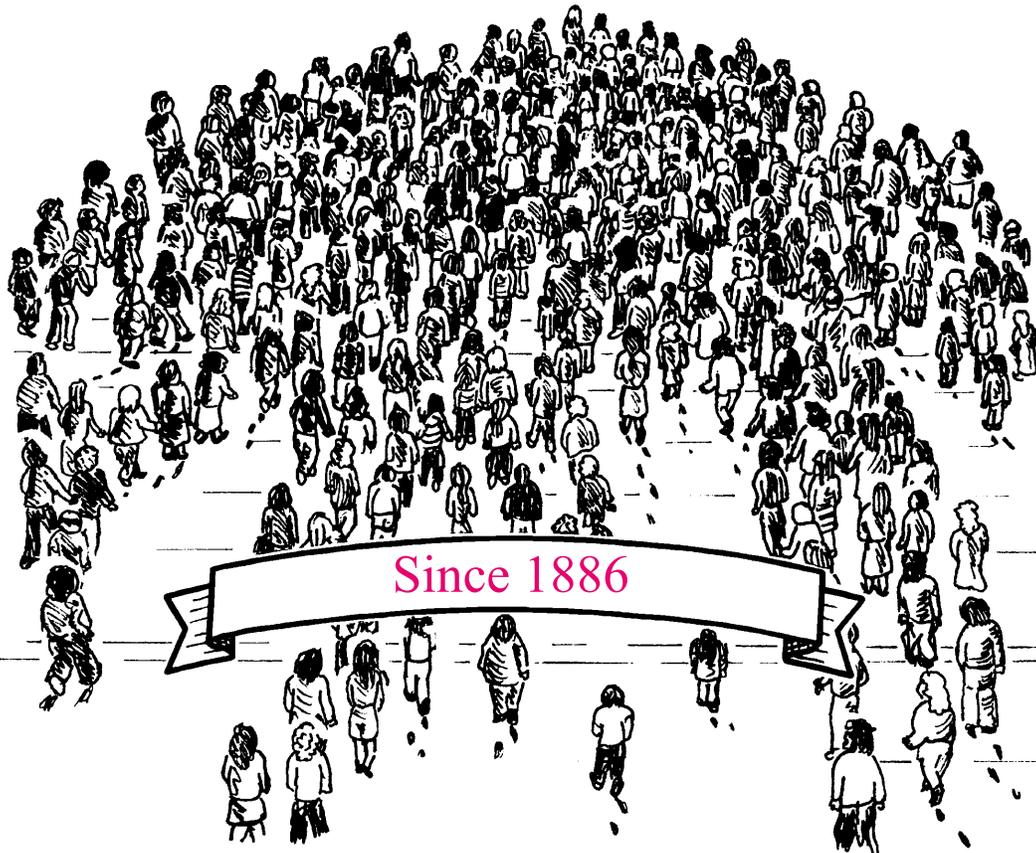


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to engage the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in “Quiz the Priest” or “Stump the Pastor”. They created questions they wanted to discuss and we spent some time in a conversation about a variety of topics related to Catholic faith.

Some of the student questions:

- What was Jesus' last name?
- What would have happened if Jesus had not died?
- Can people who don't believe in Jesus go to heaven?
- Why do young people die?
- Why do good people suffer?
- Why is war immoral?
- Why can't women be priests?
- Why can't gays get married?
- What is the meaning of life?
- Is science and religion at war with each other?
- What is purgatory?
- What is heaven like?
- What is the soul?
- Is there intelligent life in other galaxies?
- What does the sign of the cross mean?
- Why do priests wear black clothing?
- How can Jesus be both God and the Son of God?
- Why is capital punishment wrong?

These young people are bright, articulate, eager to learn and discuss. They are not afraid of asking questions, seeking answers. They are eager to engage in respectful conversation. They are young adolescents and their life experience and faith experience is limited, yet they are exposed to a host of issues through the media. They are not afraid to wrestle with seemingly conflicting issues.

The very beginning of education is the ability to frame a question; then follow the search, which very often opens the doors to further questions. Bit by bit a sense of truth emerges, but it emerges out of the questions and issues of their lives.

I am proud of these young people. I delight in their inquisitiveness. I respect their honesty.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS COMING!

Sign-up is this weekend and the next. NO experience necessary! If you cannot participate in the construction week, there are lots of other opportunities; we need call committee folks, food committee folks, and, always, bars, cookies, etc. If you want to help in any way, talk to Ginny at the sign-up or call her at 651-222-2867.

SCRIP PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Scrip program will continue to run during the summer months to support our school. Scrip certificates are available for gas, groceries, restaurants, clothing stores and other retailers. You can purchase Scrip each weekend after Mass or in the school office during the week. Watch the bulletin for more information on Summer Scrip!

RED LAKE MISSION TRIP FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS!

This Mission opportunity is available to students entering high school and older, and to middle school students, if one of their parents is attending. Mission Red Lake is July 10th through July 16th. An information meeting will take place on May 18th, 7:00 PM at the Saint Matthew's Parish Center. This is a mission of service to the St. Mary's Mission community as well as a Vacation Bible School. The cost of the Mission trip is \$80 (\$75 if a parent also attends). Please call Linda Anderson at St. Thomas Becket, 651-683-9808, if you have any questions.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 15, 5:00 PM—Christopher Escoto, Ed Olson, Nicholas Redding, Cole Lucken. Sunday, May 16, 8:00 AM—Kali Davis. Sunday, May 16, 10:30 AM—Adrian Miller, Francis O'Brien, IV, John Wallner, Ariel Behnke, Cody Sticha.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent fundraisers. Our Craft/Bake Sale/Garage Sale raised \$200 and our Cinco de Mayo button sale raised over \$200. All money will be used for summer field trips for our children. We were excited to have many of the Child Care families march in the Cinco de Mayo parade. A good time was had by all. Finally, the Spring Music Program/Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 5th at 10:00 AM in the school gym. Refreshments will be served following the program. If you would like more information about this or any other programs at the Child Care Center, please call Dimary at 651-224-1450.

REGISTRATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Registration is now being accepted for the 2004-2005 school year at Saint Matthew's School and the Religious Education program. Please call the school at 651-224-6912 for a tour of the school or to receive registration materials. Financial assistance is available.

PROJECT RAINBOW REMINDER

The yearly Project Rainbow celebration will be held at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, May 19th. A reception will follow the Mass. Thank you to all the elders who participated this year. And please remember that we are still looking for pen pals for some of our students.

ARBY'S /SBARRO NIGHT: LAST CHANCE THIS SEASON!

Don't feel like cooking supper? Visit Arby's/Sbarro in West Saint Paul on Thursday, May 20th. Saint Matthew's School will receive 20% of the sales made between 4:00 and 8:00 PM to patrons who identify themselves as from Saint Matthew's. Money earned from this program is used to purchase necessary school equipment. Past purchases have included a television, VCR, CD player and laminator. This program runs September through May, so after May 20th, that's it until the next school season. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to support Saint Matthew's School!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Boy Scout Troop wants to thank Saint Matthew's Community for the food donations and support with the collection of aluminum cans. This community has always helped the troop. The boys and leaders are very grateful for the generosity shown to them. Next can recycling will be the weekend of July 10th and 11th.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	May 16 Baptism
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	May 17 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	May 18 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	May 19 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 4:00-8:00 PM 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	May 20 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Arby's Night Youth Choir Adult Choir
Friday	May 21
Saturday	May 22
Sunday 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	May 23 Baptism Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, May 9, 2004	
Sunday Envelopes & Plate	\$10,386.77
Youth & Children's Envelopes	\$2.77
School Fund	\$168.00
Holy Day Envelopes	\$20.00

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me. sj. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 16	8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners Pauline Reiland
Monday, May 17	Parishioners
Tuesday, May 18	Shirley Capistrant
Wednesday, May 19	World Peace
Thursday, May 20	Sophie Verbance
Friday, May 21	
Saturday, May 22	Leonard Voto Bernard Bukowski
Sunday, May 23	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2004

Sunday, May 16:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Monday, May 17	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday, May 18	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 19	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 20	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
Friday, May 21	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23a
Saturday, May 22	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday, May 23	Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

GARDEN PLANT SALE

As a benefit for Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, a garden plant and perennials sale will be held on Saturday, May 22nd from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The sale will take place at 1454 Charlton St. West Saint Paul.

Stewardship thought: "BLESSED IS THE PARISHIONER...who uses his numbered envelope and writes the amount in the correct box on the front of the envelope. It makes our work easier...Amen!"

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

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
Education Advisory Michele Edwards
Liturgy