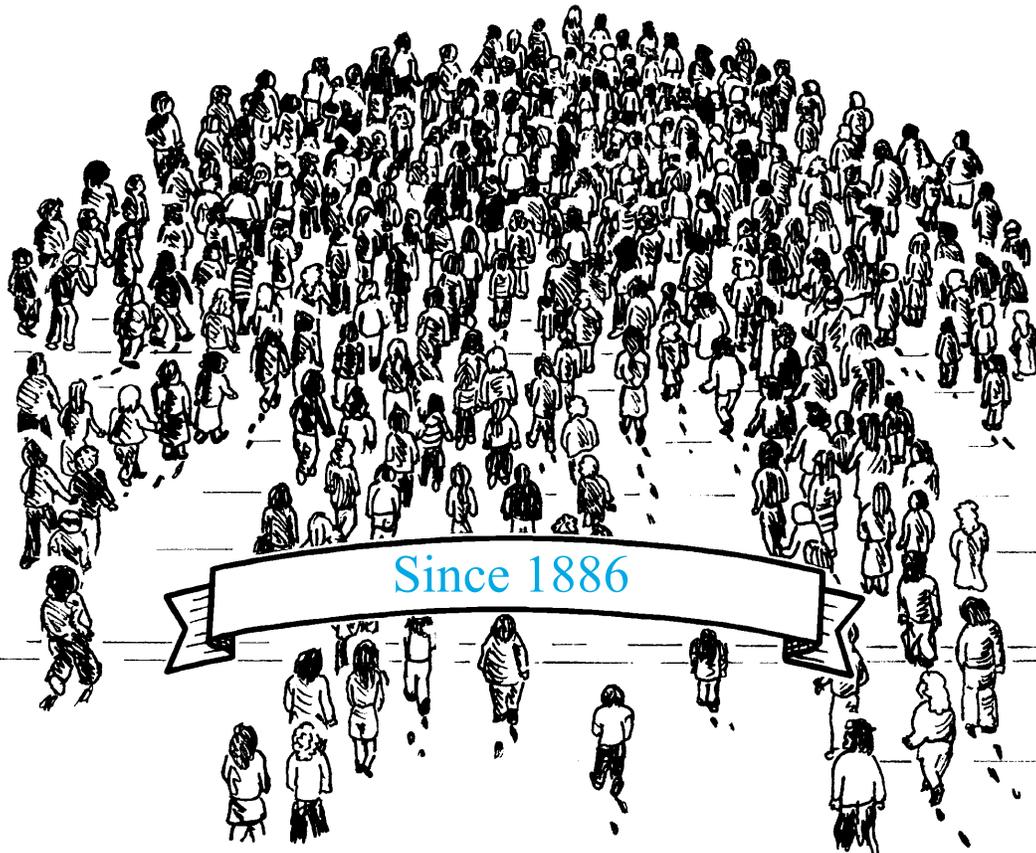


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Sunday the church in the United States observes the Feast of the Ascension. For many years this feast was celebrated on the Thursday, forty days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost Sunday. A number of years ago the bishops of the United States determined that this feast was of such importance in celebrating the fullness of the Mystery of Christ that it deserved to be celebrated on a Sunday, when most people would be able to get to church.

The salvation of all of creation won by Jesus is the one act of redemption – his dying-rising-ascending-sending forth the Spirit. This act of salvation is known as The Paschal Mystery.

In the liturgical life of the Church this one act is celebrated in stages – Good Friday, the suffering and death of the Lord; Easter, the resurrection of the Lord; Ascension, the Lordship of Jesus; Pentecost, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit.

When you think of the Paschal Mystery, think of a beam of light passing through a prism. It is a single beam of light which when refracted shows off the colors of the spectrum. So, the one act of salvation when passing through the prism of the Church's Liturgy allows us to focus on the distinct, but not separate aspects of this mystery – Jesus suffering and dying, Jesus rising in glory, Jesus ascending to the right hand of God, Jesus sending for the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday we celebrate that distinct aspect of the Paschal Mystery by which Jesus becomes Lord of the universe.

In the second chapter of the Letter to the Philippians, read as the second reading for Palm Sunday each year, the full sweep of the Mystery is proclaimed:

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was*
in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Those final words of this hymn contain the statement of the mystery we celebrate today:

Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEKEND

Coffee hour this Sunday is served by the Sundays - Mooreen, Dave, Mara, Anna, Laura - Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat in the Social Hall. Special thanks to The Johnson Family: Daryl, Kristen, Elise, Drew and Dane for serving last Sunday and providing caramel rolls too.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 19, 5:00 PM—Sara Mendez and Kaylee Long. Sunday, May 20, 10:30 AM —Henry Steinhauer, Eleanor Sonnabend, Sarah Garcia and Talia Garcia. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

NEXT WEEK IS PENTECOST!

Help create the environment for next weekend: wear something red to Mass -- symbolizing the Spirit's Fire living in, & entrusted to, us

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS:

We want to thank everyone who supported our raffle. The winners are: \$75 Applebee's—Angie Abbott, \$60 Cherokee Sirloin—Stella Lundquist, \$60 Joseph's—Rose Patton, \$25 Holiday—Margaret McKayne, \$25 SuperAmerica—Lucina Abrego, \$20 Jerabek's—Madelyn Perron, \$20 KFC—Sister Carolyn Fasnacht, \$20 McDonald's—Mary Kline. This was our most successful raffle—parishioners who are not Rosary Society members purchased more tickets than ever. We will use the profits for charitable donations and activities.

LAST CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

This Sunday, May 20 will be the last Children's Liturgy of the year. THANK YOU to our Adult Prayer Leaders: Gloria Deziel, Lisa Klein, Cheryl McNellis, Shannon Morrissey & Suzanne Steinhauer, THANK YOU to all the young people who helped our leaders, and THANK YOU to the families who encouraged their children to worship at this special part of the Sunday liturgy. With your help and participation, Children's Liturgy of the Word will return in the fall.

BOY SCOUTS—LINDER'S GARDEN CENTER CARDS

THANK YOU to all who purchased Linder's Garden Center cards from St. Matthew's Boy Scout Troop 107. The five boys who worked earned enough to pay for a weekend campout! Diane Kammerer and Clare Vogel were the winners of the hanging baskets that were donated by Linder's. Remember if you are shopping Linder's this weekend please mention Troop 107 when you check out and the Troop will receive 15% of your purchase. You do not need to use a gift card for the troop to receive this benefit. Thanks for your continued support of the boys of Troop 107.

PRO-LIFE WALKATHON

Sunday, June 3, 2007 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Lake Phalen Pavillion. Walkathon to benefit the Wakota Life-Care Center. For a pledge form or further information contact Pat Foley at 651-457-1195.

Readings for the Week of May 20, 2007

- 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
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Mass in the morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 20
10:30 AM, MC	First Communions
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	May 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	EAC Meeting
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 23
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, PC	Finance Committee
Thursday	May 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	May 25
Saturday	May 26
9:30 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
Sunday	May 27
10:30 AM, MC	First Communions
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In the account of the Ascension from Acts 1, Jesus tells the apostles that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them and they will be witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. We are likewise those witnesses on every occasion that we steward our time, talent, and treasure. As a liturgical song—now 40 years old says—they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by walking hand in hand, by guarding each others’ dignity. Where are we on that scorecard?

Continued thanks for the witness and invitation to be aware of the lives we lead—and how often can act in concert with and for others:

Prayer: lead an Alpha prayer group; prayed for deceased parishioners; prayed that marriages be strengthened; attended daily Mass; prayed the rosary daily; prayed for the sick.

Service: helped a handicapped person in their home; picked up trash on Earth Day; helped at my daughter’s school; helped a family prepared for a 50th anniversary; spent 20 hours sewing for “Bundles of Love;” read with children.

Sharing: Last weekend: \$9352 was given in the plate, in envelopes and electronically. Thank you. The year-to-date stewardship giving is \$440,133; an average of about \$9550 per Sunday. Also, there was \$1296 given for the Romanian Orphan Fund, and \$405 in holyday envelopes. Last week’s report omitted the school fund collection--\$1,133 [which is being matched by the Catholic Order of Foresters]. Thank you.

This past week, the Rosary Society made its annual gift to the parish to pay for the cost of hosts and wine. Thanks to each of the members for the generous gift of \$2,500. [And thank you to all those who support the activities of the Rosary Society.]

Young people’s stewardship: \$7.75. Examples of service this week: spent time with Grandpa, read to someone, helped a neighbor, made mom a present, helped mom with dinner.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

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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.

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