

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week the much touted, awaited and some-time feared movie of Dan Brown's blockbuster novel opened. Over the past months much ink has been spilled in repudiation of the film.

I read *The DaVinci Code* and *Angels and Demons*. They are great "who-don-its". The novelist places much of its action within the Catholic Church and suspicions about the clandestine quality of Vatican life.

This novel makes no attempt to masquerade as factual. It is total fiction. The story line is bizarre. The villains are connected with *Opus Dei*, a predominately lay society founded by St. Josemaria Escriva. *Opus Dei* is, in fact, a quasi-secret society – and thus an obvious group to be fictionalized as the clandestine society in the novel. The plot depends on the hypothesis that Leonardo DaVinci, a member of a secret society – the *Illuminati* – left coded messages in his art work, especially his painting of the Last Supper. The secret which the Church is keeping from us is that Jesus of Nazareth was married to Mary Magdalene and they produced a child – thus the blood line of Jesus goes on and is present today. To keep this secret dramatic efforts are made to silence anyone who might expose it.

All of this is patently fictional, and in no way whatever reflects reality.

Many are outraged by the story and are demonstrating against the film, asking people to boycott it. All that this effort does is create greater interest in the film and encourage people to see the film out of curiosity.

A couple generations ago a Hollywood blockbuster *Baby Doll* was vilified and protested by Cardinal Francis Spellman. The effect of this attention grabbing ploy was to insure that the film would be box office success.

I have not seen the film, I don't know if I will. More often than not I find the book more enticing than the film. If you have traveled Europe the settings for the film might well bring back a host of memories. For that alone it might be worth the time of some to see it.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 27, 5:00 PM—William Hernandez, Antonio and Emilio Estrada, Enrique Robles, Cheyanne Schletty and Miranda Herman— Crawford. Sunday, May 28, 10:30 AM—Alyssa Wallace, Sarah Beiza, Athena Garcia, Daniel J. Vega, and BriShaun Castilo Kearns. Please welcome them to the Lord's table with open arms and offer your congratulations

COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY

All are welcome to stop by after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday masses for coffee and donuts staffed by St. Matthew's Parish Council – thanks. Last week's coffee hour was staffed by St. Matthew's Student Council with help from Nathan Delmont, Mark Rosario, Samantha Casillas, Jasmine Johnson, Jan Johnson, Jan Casillas and Doug Lieser.

SCRIP AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES

You can find a great selection of gift cards at the St. Matthew's Scrip table for Graduations and Father's Day. Dad can always use a Menard's or Home Depot gift card. Get the graduate a gift card to Barnes and Noble or a gas card. There are many choices available. Stop by the Scrip table and see what we have. There are also great selections for Birthday, Anniversaries and Weddings. Every purchase you make provides funds to St. Matthew's at NO COST TO YOU! New information - Marshall Field's now accepts the Macy's gift cards.

ROSARY SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

The gift certificate winners are: \$60 Applebee's — Gen Fretschel, \$60 Cherokee Sirloin — Doris Schillinger, \$60 Joseph's — B. Kirk, \$25 Holiday — Julie Heimel, \$25 SuperAmerica — Lee Quinlan, \$20 Jerabek's — Rita Plantenberg, \$20 KFC — Lu Stickler, \$20 McDonald's — Joe Savard. This was our most successful raffle, and the Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts by purchasing tickets.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—10:30 AM MASS

This Sunday, May 21 will be the last Children's Liturgy of the Word for this year. Special thanks to Shannon Morrissey, Lisa Klein and Gloria Deziel and all the young helpers. Children's Liturgy of the Word will return in the fall, anyone interested in helping with this program should call the parish center and leave your name with Nicole.

A SPECIAL READING FOR PENTECOST

Your Liturgy Committee is working on a special treatment of the Acts of the Apostles for Pentecost. If you speak another language such as Spanish, Filipino, Korean, Swahili, German, Italian, Czech, Croatian, etc. (& would be comfortable reading that language as a part of the Liturgy of the Word) please call the Parish Center (651-224-9793). Right now we are focusing on the 10:30 mass -- but if we have enough volunteers, we can extend the experience to other masses that weekend. ("Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to express themselves in foreign tongues . . .") We'll provide the text if you provide the "tongue".

VOTING ON THE PARISH CONSTITUTION

The vote on the constitution will take place this weekend, May 20 & 21 a half hour before and after each Mass. On Saturday it will be in the Church proper on Sunday it will be in the Social Hall. Copies of the Constitution are available in back of Church. Registered members of the community, 16 and older, are eligible to vote. If you are not a registered member of St. Matthew's, you may register the day of balloting.

BASE CABINETS WITH COUNTER TOPS

As we continue our efforts to remove the "clutter" from our Worship Space, we would like to neaten up our Food Shelf Corner a bit. We would like to replace the tables we have with cabinets that would allow us to store the boxes & bags we need "out of sight". (Clutter attracts clutter.) We are looking for 2 sections that could be set into our available space much as the 2 tables are now. We have two options for maximum cabinet length: If one section is five feet long, the second section can be 2 feet long; OR if one section is 4 feet long, the second section can be 3 feet long. We're not looking for new cabinets -- we have volunteers willing to paint and "adapt" the cabinets as needed. Do you have something in your basement or garage you think might work for us? Are you remodeling your kitchen, or do you know someone who is remodeling? Please call the Parish Center. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 21
	Ratification of Parish Constitution Voting after all Masses in the Social Hall.
Monday	May 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 24
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	May 25
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	May 26
Saturday	May 27
5:00 PM, MC	First Communion Christopher Acesor
Sunday	May 28
10:30 AM, MC	First Communions LaBrea Vasquez- Milton, Talia Vasquez-Milton, Amelia Franco
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

Plate and envelope-May 7	\$7,739.00
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$417,375.00
Need to date:	<u>\$426,655.00</u>
	-\$17,737.00
School Fund	\$82.00
Holy Day	\$20.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 21	8:00 AM +Helen Savard 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, May 22	Parishioners
Tuesday, May 23	World Peace
Wednesday, May 24	Parishioners
Thursday, May 25	World Peace
Friday, May 26	
Saturday, May 27	+John and Helen Leibl +Bernard Bukowski + Tim Jack
Sunday, May 28	8:00 AM +Marie A. Willems +Ed Maher 10:30 AM +Agnes DeFoe +John Meyers +Klotine Mosby

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2006

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9, or Mk 16:1-7
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
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 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 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
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
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Committee Chairs

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