

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Wednesday, May 25th is the 136th anniversary of the birth of John A. Ryan. You say, "Who?". Not surprising, most Catholics have never heard of him; and the tragedy of today is that most young priests have never heard of him.

John A. Ryan was born the eldest of eleven children in Vermillion, Minnesota. In 1892 he graduated from St. Thomas College and in 1898 was ordained a priest of the Diocese of St. Paul by Archbishop Ireland.

At the end of John's college career an event occurred that would mark his life and work. In 1891 Pope Leo XIII wrote a letter to the Church on the demands of justice in the gospel -- the letter specifically dealt with the lot of workers and the growing disparity between labor and capital. It addressed the issues of incipient Marxism and Socialism as well as the evils of rampant Capitalism. The letter is called Rerum Novarum. This letter is the magna carta of the contemporary social teaching of our church. John devoured this letter and it became a touchstone for his life.

Following his ordination as a priest he was sent to Washington D.C. to earn his doctorate in moral theology and economics. In 1905 he completed his university education and presented his doctoral dissertation The Living Wage.

This year is the 100th anniversary of that mile stone book.

He returned to Saint Paul and taught moral theology and economics at the Saint Paul Seminary and in 1915 was called to the Catholic University of American to teach the same courses. During this time John wrote widely and entered into conversations and debate about the social justice teaching of the church. John was a "street wise" fellow and more than capable of "mixing it up" with all sorts of people. He taught at the Catholic University between 1915 and 1939.

In 1917 Pope Benedict XV proposed 7 principals which would allow for the stability of Europe at the conclusion of the First World War. These encouragements were almost universally rejected and ignored -- except for President Woodrow Wilson who incorporated them in his ill fated 14 Points for Peace and the establishment of the League of Nations.

In 1919 the Bishops of the United States desired to issue a teaching and instruction -- a Program for Social Reconstruction. John A. Ryan is the author of this statement adopted by the American Bishops -- and this 1919 statement became the foundation of the American Catholic Social Justice effort for more than a generation.

From 1920 until his death in 1945 John A. Ryan was the director of the Office of Social Action and Social Welfare for the Bishops of the United States. He was for those years the official spokesperson for the Catholic Church in the United States on matters of justice and peace.

In 1932 Franklin Roosevelt was elected. Roosevelt's key advisors, such as Harry Hopkins, were rabidly anti-Catholic; although Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor and Chairperson of the President's Committee on Economic Security, introduced the writings and speeches of John Ryan to FDR. FDR became excited by the program that John Ryan was introducing and he incorporated much of John A. Ryan's ideas in the New Deal. These programs included the National Labor Relations Act, The Social Security Act, The 40 hour work week, the end of child labor. Ryan became known as "Right Reverend New Dealer". FDR grew close to John A. Ryan -- Ryan gave the invocation at FDR's inauguration in 1937 and 1945.

On September 16, 1945 John A. Ryan died.

As we wrestle with globalization and the effect on the world wide labor force; as we debate the place of taxation in providing for the social fabric of our society, as we struggle to secure justice and equity for all peoples, as we seek the means to secure health care, education, work opportunity for all our citizens -- lets us remember John A. Ryan -- a local boy, Minnesota born and reared, a son of populism who more than 100 years ago laid the ground work for our witness and work today.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

UPDATE ON ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ACCREDITATION



Our school was visited by a 10 member accreditation team April 27 – 29. The team took time to interview all staff members of the school as well as parents, students, and other stakeholders. Following their visit the Team Leader met with Father Adrian and Mrs. Behnke to discuss what was observed during their visit. A final copy of their report should be received at the school this month. The decision from the MNSAA (Minnesota Non-Public School Accreditation Association) should arrive during the summer. Any questions about this process should be directed to Beth Behnke, Director of Education and Formation.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR FALL, 2005

The St. Matthew's Religious Education program which meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year is looking for new Catechists for the 2005 - 2006 school year. If you enjoy children and would like to share your faith with them this volunteer opportunity is for you. If you are interested please contact Beth Behnke at 651-224-6912.

OUR ADULT HAND BELL SEASON ENDS WITH THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

THANK YOU to all our adult hand bell ringers who give their time and talent to this unique (& oh so "ap- 'pealing") music ministry: Kevin Z., Pat B., Nicole J., Michelle P., Joanne B., Eunice B., Bernie G., Kelsey W., and substitutes Rachel G., Theresa S., Samantha C., and Liza M. Thank you for Ringing Out our Joy to the Lord!

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE READY!

Our new schedule runs from May 21 thru Labor Day. Please save us postage by picking up your schedule from the back of church. If you cannot find an envelope with your name on it (or want a hard copy in addition to your electronic copy) there are extra schedules on the counter in the Sacristy. This schedule covers the ministries of Altar Server, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer, Lector & Usher/Greeter.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR GRADUATION AND FATHER'S DAY GIFTS?

SCRIP is available after all weekend masses and at St. Matthew's School during the week. There are gas cards, retail stores and restaurants available. What a quick and easy way to purchase gifts!

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, 5:00 PM —Cara Lopez, Paige Gardner, Garrett Gardner.
 Sunday, 10:30 AM—Rafael Fuentes, III, Chaz Barrera, Jacob Gimberlin

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Habitat for Humanity week this year will be August 1-5. Please, I need help doing bulletin announcements, bulletin board, sign-ups and other things of that nature. If you can help please call Ginny at 651-222-2867.

THIS WEEK AT
 SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday | May 22 |
| Monday | May 23 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:45 PM, XC | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | May 24 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| Wednesday | May 25 |
| 9:00 AM, MC | School Mass |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:45 PM, PC | Parish Council Meeting |
| Thursday | May 26 |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| Friday | May 27 |
| Saturday | May 28 |
| Sunday | May 29 |

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 15, 2005

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| Sunday Envelopes and Plate | \$7,571.04 |
| School Fund | \$70.00 |
| Youth and Children Envelopes | \$2.28 |
| Holy Day | \$185.00 |

*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

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| Sunday, May 22 | 8:00 AM Ed Maher Larry Simmons 10:30 AM Parishioners |
| Monday, May 23 | World Peace |
| Tuesday, May 24 | Parishioners |
| Wednesday, May 25 | World Peace |
| Thursday, May 26 | Parishioners |
| Friday, May 27 | |
| Saturday, May 28 | Alice Marthaler Harry Borowicz |
| Sunday, May 29 | 8:00 AM Earl Cafilisch 10:30 AM Parishioners |

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 22, 2005

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| Sunday: | Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18 |
| Monday: | Sir 17:20-24/ Mk 10:17-27 |
| Tuesday: | Sir 35:1-12/ Mk 10:28-31 |
| Wednesday: | Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/ Mk 10:32-45 |
| Thursday: | Sir 42:15-25/ Mk 10:46-52 |
| Friday: | Sir 44:1, 9-13/ Mk 11:11-26 |
| Saturday: | Sir 51:12cd-20/ Mk 11:27-33 |
| Next Sunday: | Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/ Jn 6:51-58 |

APRIL 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st Place—3500—Ann Marthaler and Sister Joanna
Illg; 2nd Place—2890—Trudy Ewald and Marge
Lorch and 2890—Arlene Kempe and Mary Price.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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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..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator *Cindy Hoffman*
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 651-454-5021

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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

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| Linda Sellars | Becky Montgomery |
| Marty Olson | John Sekevitch |
| Suzanne Clarke | Doug Kennedy |
| Larry Sachi | Connie Aligada |

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
Education Advisory Richard Dunn