

The Community of St. Matthew

SUMMER SCRIP CHALLENGE

June 1 – August 31

Earn a raffle ticket for every \$25
in Scrip you purchase. Prize
drawings will be held the last
Sunday of each month!

Scrip is available after all Masses in the back of church
or at the school office during regular business hours on weekdays.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

When I was in high school, as part of English class, I had a “workbook” to help enhance vocabulary. The book was titled Words Are Important. Later, in college, I was introduced to a Latin American educator named Paulo Freire. He wrote a book titled Pedagogy For The Oppressed. He too claimed that words are important, and that the language we use has social consequences.

The actions in Iraqi prisons which so horrify us are not called “torture”, they are called “abuse”. Those detained in these prisons are not called “prisoners of war”, they are called “enemy combatants”. The words are chosen carefully – “torture” demands third party intervention by the Geneva Conventions. “Prisoners of war” are entitled to certain human rights protections by international law. Calling the reality by different names escapes the consequences associated with using the other words.

The American Catholic Bishops have carefully avoided using the words “abuse of power” in describing their neglect in protecting children and vulnerable adults. They speak about a “careless exercise of authority”. The words “abuse of power” carry connotations of the Watergate cover up and the consequences of those events. The American Bishops do not want to be painted with that brush – so the words are different.

Words are containers of meaning – and often times they carry many layers and levels of meaning. The

Second Vatican Council referred to the Church as “The People of God”. Those words carried and still do carry much meaning. Those words affirm the centrality of Baptism in the life of the Church community. Those words acknowledge that each of us is a responsible and active member of the Church. Those words challenge us to build the means by which the life of the Church can be “owned” by all members. Those words speak of a brotherhood and sisterhood which is the underpinning of the church community.

Only after the Council reflected on the Church as The People of God did it take up considerations of the “roles” established to promote the teaching and order of the church community – roles exercised by clergy, religious and laity. The roles have a function, these roles flow out of a basic identity which all share through baptism. The dignity and value of the church member is found in his/her identification with Jesus in Baptism, an identity which is “sealed” and “confirmed” in Confirmation, an identity which is ritually expressed in the Sacrament of the Eucharist – the very mystery of Christ which makes the community Church, and makes all of us the People of God.

Words are important – they can obscure or reveal.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LEISURE CLUB BOAT RIDE

St. Matthew’s Leisure Club will go for a boat ride on the Paddleford on June 9th. All friends and parish members are welcome to join us for the day of fun. Cost of the trip is \$34.60. Please send your money to Gayle Stelter by May 26. Her phone number is 651-228-0856. We will be boarding the Paddleford at 10:30 AM.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

A reminder that they meet again on Saturday, May 29 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon, in the Parish Center.

ST. MATTHEW’S PARISH COUNCIL

Two members of our community have stepped forward to place their names in consideration for the discernment process of selecting new council members. Larry Sachi and Connie Aligada. They will both be presented to the community at masses this weekend. Thank you to everyone who participated in the discernment meetings.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

RED AND WHITE DINNER & SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

Thanks to all those who attended the Red & White Dinner and Silent Auction. As a result of a very successful silent auction and ticket sales, the net profit for the evening was \$15,000. WOW!

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked at the dinner, bar, or helped with decorating, set-up, and clean-up. Thanks to the Men's Club for donating the beer and pop. Thank you to the committee who worked for almost 9 months putting this event together.

Thanks to Deb and Nicole in the Parish Center for their help. Winners of prizes were: Ray Mossberger \$1,500; Mary Jane Ferber \$750; Steve Osborne \$300; 50/50 winners Jeff Warren \$330 and Peg Mike \$225.

Mark your calendars! Next year's Red & White Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on April 23, 2005. If you are interested in helping with next year's event, call Lynda Nelson at 455-3685 or Michelle Edwards at 688-7635.

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.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 22, 5:00 PM Mass:

Esteban Lozano, Daniela Sontoya, Sylina Lopez, Alicia Lopez

Sunday, May 23, 10:30 AM Mass:

Jason Bieza, Yuri Wallace, Daniel Vega, Alayna Tackaberry

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS COMING!

Sign-up is this weekend. 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.

A CITIZENS' RALLY

A rally to protest the torture of Iraqi Prisoners will be held on Sunday, May 23 at 4:00 pm on the South Steps of the State Capitol building.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES READY FOR PICK-UP!

If you are a Communion Minister, Altar Server, Lector, Usher/Greeter or Gift bearer please pick up your schedule in the back of church.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 23
12:00, CH	Baptism
12:30, CH	Baptism
Monday	May 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 25
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 26
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	May 27
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Mtg
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	May 28
Saturday	May 29
8:00-12:00 PM, PC	Centering Prayer Group
2:00, MC	Wedding
Sunday	May 30
PENTECOST—remember to wear red to mass for Pentecost Sunday!	
12:00, CH	Baptism
12:30, CH	Baptism

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day!

Plan Ahead

June 26-27	Little Sisters of the Poor Summer Fest (Spaghetti Dinner, craft sale, bake sale, games, auction)
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Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, May 16	
Envelopes and Plate	\$8032.35
Youth & Children's Envelopes	\$ 3.35
School Fund	\$ 66.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$ 15.00
Holy Day	\$ 51.00

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

Sunday, May 23	8:00 AM World Peace 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, May 24	Donna Marie
Tuesday, May 25	Ed L'Allier
Wednesday, May 26	Doug Olstad
Thursday, May 27	Rose Hebert
Friday, May 28	
Saturday, May 29	5:00 PM Mary Mike George Lackner Earl Caflisch
Sunday, May 30	8:00 AM Rose & Charles Thomas 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 23, 2004

Sunday, May 23:	Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
Monday, May 24:	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 25:	Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 26:	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 27:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 28:	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 29:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday, May 30:	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

WSP KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 23rd from 7 AM—1 PM at the YMCA on Thompson Avenue in West St. Paul. Adults \$4.00; \$2 for children under 12. If you have any questions, call Rick at 651-455-2174.

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.....	Dimary Rosado
Dir. Marketing & Development.....	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	