

The Community of St. Matthew

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



St. Matthew's Annual Craft Sale



Where:
St. Matthew's Social Hall



When:
Saturday
November 8th, 2003
9:00 AM-6:30 PM

**Lots of Crafts and Vendors!
Food and Beverage Bar!**



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Are you tired of the celebrity trials? Have you heard enough about Scott Peterson, the D.C. Snipers and Kobe Bryant, to say nothing of Robert Blake?

Two weeks ago a law professor, Paul Butler, from George Washington University wrote an op-ed piece in the Washington Post. He contends that we want the verdict, but we may want and need the trial more. He writes:

Celebrated criminal cases have cultural as well as legal significance. They are secular rituals through which people hope that the mystery of evil will be explained. We hope for divine judgments as well as legal verdicts.

Since their inception in ancient times high profile trials have had purposes larger than law. From ancient Rome through the Dark Ages, some capital crimes were resolved through trial "by the body." As a judge presided, the prosecutor and defendant literally would fight it out. Huge crowds assembled to watch. The parties swore an oath and then went at each other with clubs or swords. The trial lasted until one of them was killed or conceded defeat. If night came first, the defendant was acquitted.

Trials by duels were eventually replaced by the present system of trial "by argument." Yet even these more modern proceedings included a remarkable yet little-known series of death penalty cases. In these, animals were formally accused of killing or hurting humans. There are records of more than 200 such cases, which occurred until the early 20th century – mainly in Europe, but also in the United States and Canada.

The accused animals were treated like human defendants. They were officially summoned to answer the charges, and pending trial, placed in human jails. Defense counsel was appointed. At trial, prosecutors presented evidence against the animals. If convicted they were executed, most often by hanging. Legal historians have related these historical cases to contemporary expectations of trials. We look to the law, perhaps with too-high expectations. Still, trials do serve an important social function.

Trials help communities cope with evil. In the face of evil,

people use the laws to discover the how and why.

Trials also can make us feel better about our desire for vengeance. The judicial proceeding becomes a way to mediate two desires: for the bodies of atrocious criminals, and for civilization and order.

A public proceeding seems to make the ultimate punishment more respectable. The evidence is presented for all to see. We have the same confidence in jury trials that Europeans of old had in divine intervention. After the verdict, then, it seems fairer to demand blood.

There is one particularly unsettling function that criminal trials serve: They entertain. They are not fun, but they are spectacle. They are fascinating to watch. During the Middle Ages, they had to build stands in the fields to accommodate all who came to see the trials by duels. A cynic might say that things have gotten worse. There's a reason every television drama these days seems to have "Law & Order" in its title. In high profile cases, lawyers routinely proceed from the courtroom to a news conference on the courthouse steps.

In South Africa's recent "truth and reconciliation" proceedings, some apartheid-era criminals were allowed to escape punishment if they agreed to tell their stories in front of the victims. In a strange way, we recognize the humanity of murderers when we want to hear their stories. Nothing human is alien to us; maybe, we hope, there is something to be learned. We may come away from the sniper trials with an understanding that makes last October's terror more comprehensible.

It may be, though, that making sense of tragedy is asking too much of the law. Sometimes, a trial is just a trial.

I am grateful to Professor Butler's insights. It helps me understand a bit of all this celebrity trial hype.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FATHER STEVE'S 35TH JUBILEE

Reservations to Father's Steve's Jubilee Dinner may be sent to the parish center. The planning committee is looking for pedestal cake plate for that night, if you have a cake plate to donate please bring to the parish center. Cake plates will not be returned. Thank you.

FALL FESTIVAL NUMBERS

The gross receipts for the Festival totaled \$23,657.04 with expenses of \$7,105.50. This brings us to a net profit of \$16,551.54. Thank you to Tim Nowak, Wayne Gilbertson, Michele Edwards, the Rosary Society, Men's Club, Scouts and everyone who helped make this year's festival a success.

PRAYER-AT-TABLE BREAKFAST FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you serve our eucharistic liturgies as an altar server, communion minister, lector, gift bearer, usher/greeter, music minister, leader for children's church, or MC/sacristan you should have received an invitation by now. While our November 15th breakfast is for all liturgical ministers, the in-service which follows our breakfast and prayer is for some, though not all, of the ministries. To help us prepare, please let us know if you will be attending (you can bring a guest) and what food you plan to share (juice, salad or bread). You can sign up at the back of church, call the Parish Center or leave a message at 651-310-0830. Also, if your invitation didn't find you, let Dana know at the above number and she'll get one out to you!

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MARATHON FOR NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION

On October 3rd, Saint Matthew's School students, parents and staff including Father Steve participated in this annual fundraiser by walking to the West Side Boys and Girls Club (a distance of almost two miles one-way!) The Boys and Girls Club generously donated the use of its facilities for the afternoon. It was a glorious day and the students had a great time. Students collected pledges totaling almost \$24,000 and parishioners generously donated almost \$1,500. Thanks to all who assisted with this important fundraising event!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS MEET NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Confirmation students are reminded to bring their bibles to next week's class, we meet at 3:30 PM in the Church. Mass at 5:00 PM in the chapel is open to anyone who would like to pray with the candidates as they prepare for this sacrament. Candidates should call the office if they are unable to attend.

WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS AND GOSPEL READERS

There are still a few workbooks available for interested Lectors. An order sheet is provided in the main sacristy next to the Ministry Sign-In Board. Check out the sample copy provided—you'll find it is well worth purchasing for insight into our Sunday scriptures, as well as for help with your ministry. Cost per book: \$10.00.

20TH ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER 2003

The Casper brothers, in cooperation with area Churches and social service agencies, will host the Cherokee Sirloins Room's 20th annual Free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 27th.

In keeping with a tradition started in 1983 by their parents, Bob and Dorothy, the popular West Saint Paul restaurant will be closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day. Rick and Jim Casper, along with a full crew of volunteers, will serve a free, white tablecloth, traditional Thanksgiving dinner consisting of roast turkey with all the trimmings, including pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

These complimentary dinners are provided for members of the community who wish to celebrate Thanksgiving together and would find it hard to accomplish otherwise; elderly people who find it difficult or impractical to prepare a dinner for themselves, single people who do not have family nearby, families who for a variety of reasons would find it difficult to have Thanksgiving Dinner in their homes are all welcome at the Cherokee!

Dinner will be served at two seatings: 12:00 noon and 1:30 PM. All who plan to attend must obtain dinner reservations (tickets) by calling Saint Matthew's at 651-224-9793.

All are invited. The meal is FREE. Home delivery is FREE. See you for Thanksgiving!

MEALS ON WHEELS UPDATES

A volunteer is needed for delivery once a month on Wednesday from 10:45 AM to about noon. Please call Ron Finnegan at 651-457-9183. Also, a reminder that Loaves and Fishes is serving Monday, November 3rd.

LOAVES AND FISHES REMINDER

We will be serving at Faith Lutheran on Monday, November 3rd.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 2
12:00PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
7:00 PM, SH	Viking-Packer Game
Monday	November 3
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 4
	Election Day
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	November 5
8:30 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1—10
Thursday	November 6
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	November 7
Saturday	November 8
	Craft Sale
Sunday	November 9
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
3:30 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
5:45 PM, SH	Confirmation Social

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, October 26	
Envelope and Plate offering	\$7,939.24
Holy Day—All Saints	\$10.00
Children's Envelopes	\$3.95
School Fund Envelopes	\$30.00
All Souls Remembrance	\$681.00

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, November 2	8:00 AM John Bandholz Agnes De Foe
	10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, November 3	Arthur Geis
Tuesday, November 4	Robert Stickler
Wednesday, November 5	Clarence and Irene Bunde
Thursday, November 6	
Friday, November 7	James Dieter Shirley Shepard
Saturday, November 8	Clarence Kammerer Leonard Voto
Sunday, November 9	8:00 AM Edward Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 2, 2003

Sunday, Nov. 2:	Dn 12:1-3; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Monday, Nov. 3:	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday, Nov. 4:	Rom 12:5-16a; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday, Nov. 5:	Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday, Nov. 6:	Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday, Nov. 7:	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday, Nov. 8:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

BORDER BATTLE

Sunday, November 2nd: Vikings vs. Packers. Watch it on the big screen in the Social Hall. Admission is \$10.00. Includes refreshments and snacks, plus food at half-time. Wear your team colors and cheer the Vikings on to victory! Packer fans also welcome and will be provided with a crying towel! Doors open at 7:00 PM.

OCTOBER 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st Place-3100-Lois Schiller and Marge Patnode
2nd Place-2770-Linda Brooks and Tecla Ambrose

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*
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Dir. Education & Formation *Beth Behnke*
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Dir. Child Care *Maureen Gitlin*
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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
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