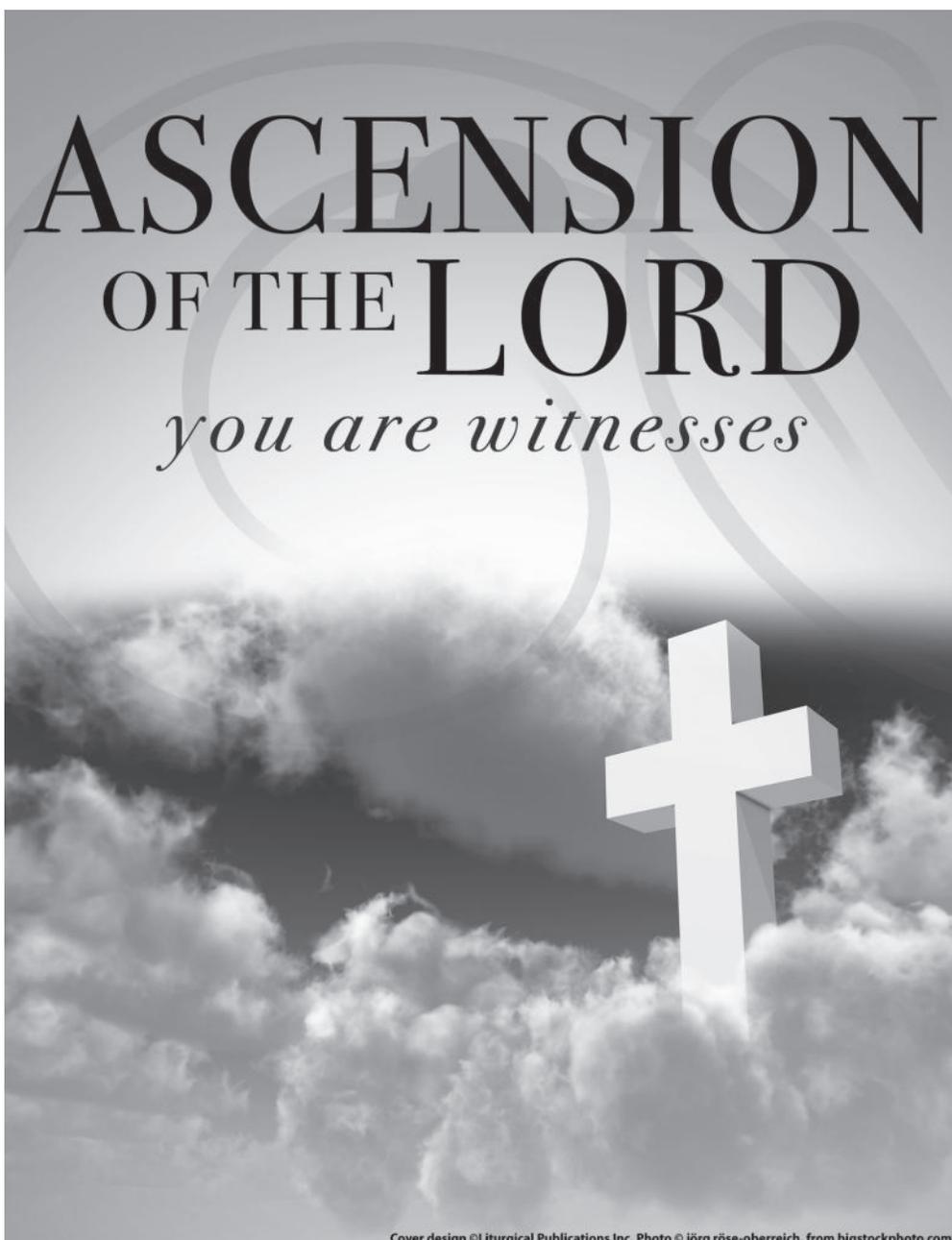


The Community of St. Matthew

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the past year a Strategic Planning Task Force appointed by Archbishop Heisted has been consulting and working in order to make recommendations to the Archbishop in July about significant changes in the Archdiocese structure.

These changes will affect every parish. Certainly there will be clustering, merging and closing of some parishes and schools.

The Archbishop has determined that the numbers of clergy available today and in the future will not allow our present parish structures to be maintained. Today there are 28,000 diocese priests in the United States. Of that number more than 10,000 are retired clergy. That means one in three priests in the United States is 70 years of age or older.

Populations have shifted over the past decades and we have not made adjustments to accommodate the demographic changes that have taken place. In addition to population shifting there has been a strong increase in Catholic population in the 12 county metro area – much of that increase reflected in immigration patterns. The growing percentage of Latino Catholics changes the face and character of Catholic life.

Financial resources, both on the parish level and on the Archdiocese level, are stretched and can no longer accommodate the way in which we carry out ministry as a church.

For all of these reasons and others as well this planning process will issue in significant changes in every parish.

The Planning Task Force issues an invitation to us to attend a meeting to learn more about the significant scope of likely changes to parishes and Catholic schools which are anticipated in the coming months. Two meeting sites close to us are:

Thursday, May 27th; St Patrick's, Inver Grove Heights,
7:00-9:00 pm

Monday, June 14th; Lumen Christi, Highland Park, St Paul,
7:00-9:00 pm

I encourage parish leadership – board members, council members, committee members, etc to attend one of these meetings.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ROSARY MEETING

The May Rosary Society meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2010. The meeting will start with a Rosary in the Chapel at 6:15 p.m.; the meeting will continue at 6:45 p.m. Social Hall. Please note the date change. This is the last meeting before the summer break.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Start looking at your calendar and save time to volunteer for Habitat our week will be June 14-18. The address will be: Prior Lake (3631 170th St). Sign ups will be the weekends of May 15 & 16 and May 22 & 23. Any questions call Ginny at 651-222-2867.

BOOK NEWS

Father Bill Whittier, pastor at St. Matt's during the late 60s [fire and new church] has written an autobiography. It'll be available June 26 & 27.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE FREE TUTORING IN READING THIS SUMMER?

The East Side Learning Center will provide one-on-one tutoring in reading this summer for students from St. Paul in grades K-4. Students need to attend every day, Monday through Friday, from June 28 through July 20 for one hour. Tutoring will take place both in the mornings and afternoons at North End Elementary, 27 E. Geranium Av. Student does not need to be in summer school to attend tutoring. There is a \$5 non-refundable registration fee or special arrangements can be made. Call (651) 793-7331 for more information or to register. Openings will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Registrations close June 15.

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME GOLF & CARD TOURNAMENT

Bring your friends to the 6th Annual School Sisters of Notre Dame Golf Tournament Benefit to be held at the Daytona Golf Club in Dayton Minnesota on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Men and women are invited to play. It will be a four-person, 18 hole scramble format, \$400 per four-some—\$ 100 per person (includes golf, carts, range balls, buffet dinner and prizes). All proceeds will benefit the SSND fund for Mission. Registration deadline is June 4, 2010. For more information or a registration brochure, please call Golf Committee Members Dave Suman at 763-421-6495 or Diane Maidl at 507-389-4213, or visit our website at www.ssndmankato.org

PORK ROAST & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

St. Bernard's Catholic Aid Council is hosting a Pork Roast & Sauerkraut Dinner at St. Bernard's Parish Center on Saturday, May 22nd, from 4:00-7:00 PM. **Adults \$8.00, Children 12 and under \$3.50.** Dinner includes: potatoes, dumplings, gravy, dessert and beverage. Bottomless cup of coffee is also available. The parish center is located on Rice and Geranium. Call 651-488-6733 for more information.

SAINT MATTHEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Next weekend, the Feast of Pentecost, selection of council members will take place. The following parish members have agreed to be candidates for selection: Mark Thomford, Jason Delmont, Becky Montgomery, Judy DeNardo, During this week we are all asked to pray for them, asking the Holy Spirit to grant them wisdom, understanding, courage, knowledge, counsel, reverence and awe.

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. - Lk 24:50-53

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 16
Monday	May 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 18
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 19
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, SC	Home & School
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	May 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	May 21
Saturday	May 22
Sunday	May 23
Pentecost Sunday	

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus told the disciples that “you are witnesses of these things”—all the things that he had done in their midst, including the stewarding of time in prayer and serving others. And, according to Acts, the disciples will receive the power to be those witnesses, so they can act confidently.

Sharing Last weekend: \$10,233 was given by faithful stewards. Thank you to all. The ‘year to date’ amount [45 weekends] is behind budget only an average of \$125 per weekend.

Other contributions: \$208 for holydays; \$87 in school envelopes; \$25 for the food shelf. Thanks.

Service: Thanks to those who organized St. Matt’s presence at the Cinco de Mayo parade...those adults who decorated the float; who showed up on the chilly morning; who walked along with the school children. Thanks again to Captain Ken’s for allowing St. Matt’s to be ‘on the fire truck’ in the parade [the 7th year of our relationship].

Prayer: Daily mass, rosary, prayer and scriptural reading.

Children: \$39.25, Thank you! They wrote: Cleaned mom’s car... helped fold clothes... cleaned the rabbit cage.

Future dates

August 15, 2010—11:00AM Mass in Cherokee Park, followed by parish picnic. Do you have a game or two that might be played? We want to make it ‘fun for the family.’ Remember the will be NO Mass in Church at 10:30AM.

September 18 & 19—Fall Festival. Watch for details [and maybe a Friday night dance]. Planning committee meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM.

March 5, 2011—kick off to 125th anniversary celebration for the parish and school. Archbishop Flynn will celebrate the 5:00PM Mass; further activities will follow during that “Mardi Gras” weekend.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 Deacon *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation *Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Donna Jenniges*
 Parish Engineer *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Parish School 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center 651-224-1459
 Prayer line 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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*

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
Connie Aligada	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	David Burrows