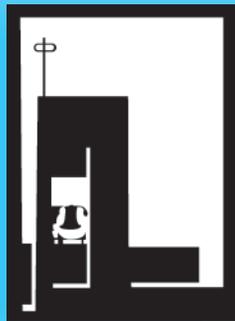
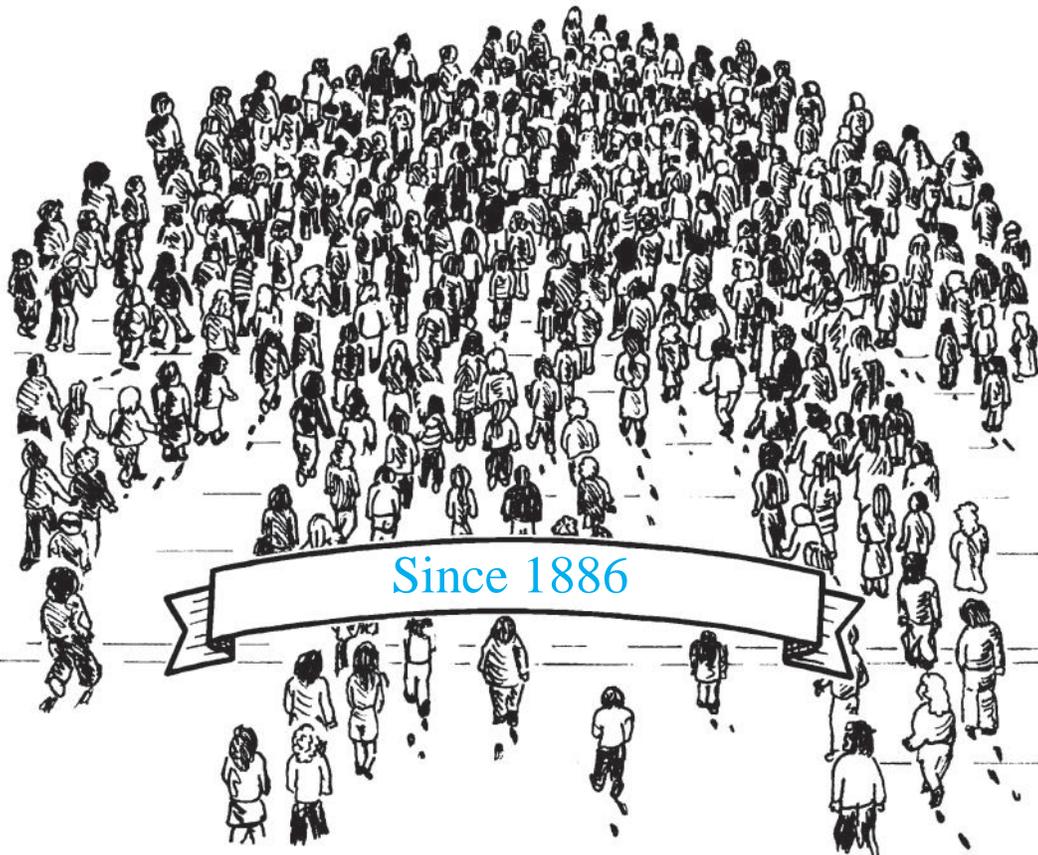


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

May 15th is the Feast of Saint Isidore the Farmer, 1070-11-30.

In March, 1622 five great saints were canonized together. They included four of the giant figures of the Catholic Reformation: St. Ignatius, St. Francis Xavier, St. Teresa and St. Phillip Neri. The fifth, St Isidore stood apart. He founded no order, he accomplished no great deeds (apart from tilling the land); he neither left teachings nor inspired any disciples. He was, in fact, a simple farm worker, born in Madrid, who spent the entire of his life working for the same wealthy landowner. He and his wife, Maria had one son who died in childhood. He knew the hardships, the toil and the sorrows of all farm workers then and since. And he displayed the simple though profound faith common to campesinos the world over. He attended Mass daily and prayed continuously as he worked the fields. In Isidore's case, however, his faith was attended by visible signs and wonders. It was reported that angels were seen assisting him as he ploughed. He was famous for his generosity toward those even poorer than himself. His table was always open to the indigent. His kindness extended also to animals.

What most stands out is the very ordinariness of his life. He is simply one of the "little one's" so beloved of God. Though not a monk he passed his life in "work and prayer". Though poor himself he poured himself out in charity. In the list of canonized saints his type is surprisingly rare; in heaven, presumably, less so. All Saints, Robert Ellsberg

On Saturday, May 15th at the conclusion of the 5 pm Mass

we will observe the "Blessing of Plants". Bring your seedlings, your seed packets, your garden baskets, your annual and perennial starters. Bring a bucket full of earth from your garden. Bring your shovels, hoes, spades, rakes, etc.

Together we will call God's blessing down upon our labor, ask for the success of our work, seek God's blessing on all those who labor in the fields - all through the intercession of Saint Isidore the Farmer.

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Blessing of Plants and Gardens
Saturday, May 15, 2010
End of the 5pm Mass

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.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The West Side Boosters are having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 16th, in the Social Hall, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per plate. This is a fundraiser for Joe Garibay's 12U Boys Baseball Team.



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.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you St. Matthew's Parishioners, once again for your generous support for the Tootsie Roll Drive. This year we collected \$820.00. The proceeds will go to organizations that support the developmentally disabled, such as the Special Olympics. Thank you also fellow Knights of Columbus from St. Matthew's parish.

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

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 9
Monday	May 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 11
9:00 AM, PC	Alums & Friends
2:00 -6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 12
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club
Thursday	May 13
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	School Spring Concert
Friday	May 14
Saturday	May 15
Sunday	May 16

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

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." - Jn 14:27-28

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STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

Sharing Thanks to all faithful stewards for last weekend's giving: \$8,050 was received in the usual four ways. The year-to-date amount is still \$13,500 greater than last year.

Other giving: \$1,220 in school envelopes; \$30 for holydays; \$10 in initial and fuel envelopes. Thanks for each of these gifts.

Service Thanks to a bevy of volunteers for a most successful Reunion Sunday meal: Donna Jenniges, Jan Casillas, Sister Anne Becker for preparing and decorating; For serving and cleaning up: the Henjum family [Mark, Georgann, John, Ann], the Osborne family [Brian, Joyce, Sheala], The Goldstein family [Scott, Kathy, Becca, Daniel, Bridget], The Casillas family [Pete, Samantha, Holly], Lexi Erickson and Kai Endahl; Mr Lieser for hosting the school open house.

There were alums representing a span of 75 years!! from as early as 1934 to as recent as 2009!!

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

Children: \$2.25, Thank you! They wrote: Helped fold clothes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2010

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
Jn 14:23-29
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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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

Tuesday7:15 AM
Saturday4:00 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
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