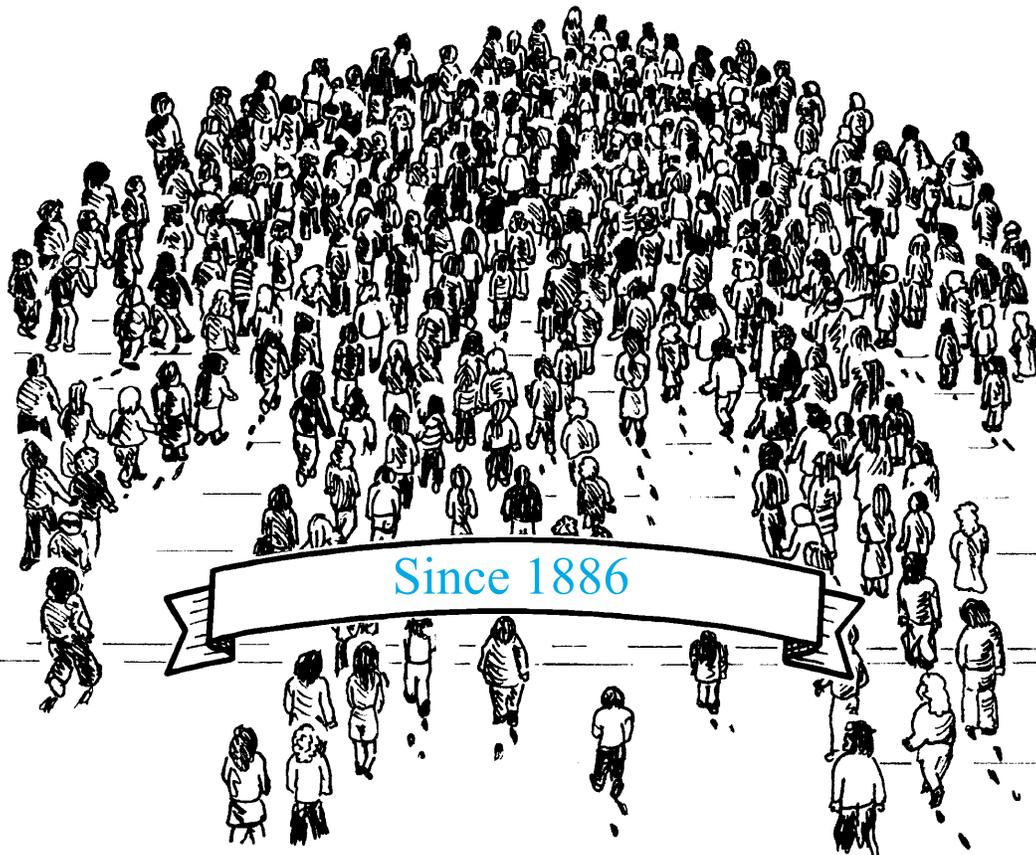


The Community of St. Matthew



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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

This Sunday morning at 9 am in the social hall the parish annual meeting takes place. The annual report was mailed to each parish household on Friday, October 3rd. The report was compiled from the individual reports of each parish ministry and committee and organization.

The purpose of the report is to give a concise and accurate picture of the past year's work and the results of that work.

A year ago the Parish Pastoral Council did a five year plan for the parish ministries. The plan addressed areas of worship and spirituality, education and religious formation, community outreach and finances.

The work of the past year is the beginning of working the five year plan. This year the council and parish ministries and organizations will take further steps in implementing that plan.

The plan is important because without it we find it hard to measure our steps to achieve desired results. The plan is not carved in stone and should unexpected opportunities or challenges arise the plan can be altered to meet the realities of life. The plan is meant to serve the ministry of our parish community.

A challenge we face is to overcome the separations that exist between programs, ministries and organizations. The challenge is to see all of the work as connected in meeting the parish mission. That is a difficult challenge

and we are making progress.

Over the past two years our parish pastoral administrator has asked all parish employees to reflect on how what they do contributes to the total work of the parish, how their individual jobs are part of the total mission.

The parish is a living organism. Each part of the body is essential and contributes to the whole. As a living organism the parish grows and develops in stages; today builds upon yesterday; times and seasons call for differing rhythms and responses. All of this makes parish life forever new and always renewing.

May we continue to be a visible expression of God's love; the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

All are invited to the social hall after both masses for coffee and treats hosted by Michele and Michael Bauer and Beth Bellon- Thanks. Volunteers are needed to staff future coffee Sundays as well. This year marks the beginning of "Coffee for a Cause" where any parish organization/person can host both Sunday coffee hours, bring the treats, promote a cause in keeping with the mission of St. Matthew's and apply the proceeds accordingly. It's a great way to raise awareness and support for your group or cause. Call John DeVecchio at 651-221-0871 to set it up or sign up on the "Coffee Sunday" clipboard at the main entrance of the church. Dates are open from November 23rd and onward.

ROSARY SOCIETY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, October 14th, the Rosary Society will meet at 5:00 PM for Mass in the Chapel, followed by dinner and a short meeting in the social hall. All members are invited but you need a reservation for dinner. If you did not sign up at the September meeting, call Judy DeNardo by October 13th at 651-686-5463 to reserve your place!

BENEFIT DINNER FOR CHILDREN OF ROMANIA

Don't miss the authentic Romanian dinner that will be served in St. Matthew's social hall Sunday, October 26, 2008, 11:30 to 1:30. The menu includes Romanian cabbage rolls (meat & vegetarian), sausage, and chicken. Tickets must be purchased by October 19th. Adult \$15, Child (5-13 yrs.)-\$10, under 5 yrs.-free will offering. Proceeds will help support children living in Church sponsored orphanages and foster homes. Call Rick today at 651-455-2174 to purchase tickets.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

2008 BORDER BATTLE #2 HOSTED BY THE ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB

On Sunday, November 9th it's round 2 of the Vikings vs. the Packers. Watch it on the big screen in the social hall. Admission over 16 is \$ 5, 16 and under free, and includes refreshments, snacks, hamburgers and chili. All football fans, adults & children, are welcome!! Doors open at 11:30 AM. Don't want to watch the game? Spend the time assembling a picture puzzle with Ginny Roethler and gang. Questions, Tim 612-269-9471.

BOUTIQUE/TOY SALE

4th grade Girl Scout Troop 50163 are having a boutique/toy sale November 8th, in the social hall. If you would like donate baked goods, or new or gently used toys, please bring them to church and label them Girl Scouts. This is the girls' service project. Proceeds are going to tables for Wilder and to sponsor a family at Christmas. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Osborne 651-457-1651 or Kristine Erickson 651-453-1753.

HOLY TRINITY FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 25th, 6:00 PM Taco Dinner, 7:00 PM Live Auction. Sunday, October 26th, Doors open at 11:00 AM, Award Winning Turkey Dinner at 11:30 AM. Fun for the whole family: TV and Cash Raffle, Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, Sweet Shop, Pull Tabs, Beer, Beef Sandwiches, Needlecrafts and many adult and children's games!

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals have begun and are on going. So far we are groups of approximately 20-25 singers and instrumentalists who are willing to make a commitment to the work of liturgy and music at St. Matthew's 3 weekend liturgies (plus other special celebrations.) This is your invitation to join us as we continue to grow in faith, have fun and become part of a small community within this faith community. No auditions! Just come to the rehearsals!

The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7-8:15 in the Church. Fall rehearsals begin on Sept. 10.

Humm-Dingers! (Grades 4-8) Rehearsals start on Wednesday October 8 from 5:00-6:15.

The Guitar Group practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between the 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie at the parish office if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome.

Questions? Call Bonnie at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 12
9:00 AM, SH	Annual Meeting
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
Monday	October 13
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 14
9:00 AM, PC	Alum's & Friends
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, CH	Rosary Society mtg.
Wednesday	October 15
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
No Religious Ed., No Youth Choirs, No Adult Choir	
Thursday	October 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 17
Saturday	October 18
Sunday	October 19

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, Saint Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

Sharing: Last weekend's totals: \$11,441 was given through the four regular ways; thank you to all! The yearly total: \$128,046—\$146 ahead of budget; \$6872 greater than 2007; \$6772 greater than 2006. Again, thank you. As well, \$720 was given in school envelopes and plate; \$25 to the food shelf; \$25 to the seminary and \$20 in Holyday [All Saints] envelopes. Thanks to all for these contributions as well.

Prayer: Remember the example, often cited in this column, of regular prayer. Many parishioners find it easier if there is a consistent time, and a consistent place. Note your experiences on your weekly envelope... those examples may be helpful for others who want to return a part of each day in prayer to the Lord.

Service: Please note the list of festival workers on the enclosed; it is because of them [each in their own way] that we had such a successful festival. [And, if by chance, a name has been omitted, accept the apologies of the festival leaders. Thanks is no less yours, and you may receive a greater reward because of your anonymity.]

Financial Stewardship Renewal... for 2009. This effort will begin at the end of this month and continue through November. Each parish "family" will be invited to respond with an estimate or a commitment of weekly, monthly, or annual "Sunday giving". A small booklet will be included in the mailing: *A Catholic approach to Stewardship*.

It is important that all three legs [time, talent, and treasure] of the stewardship stool be solidly planted by each of us. In order to be more fiscally responsible, we do concentrate during this time of year on treasure. The participation of each "family" will help our budgeting process for the next fiscal year. Thank you in advance.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 12, 2008
 Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
 Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
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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

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*

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