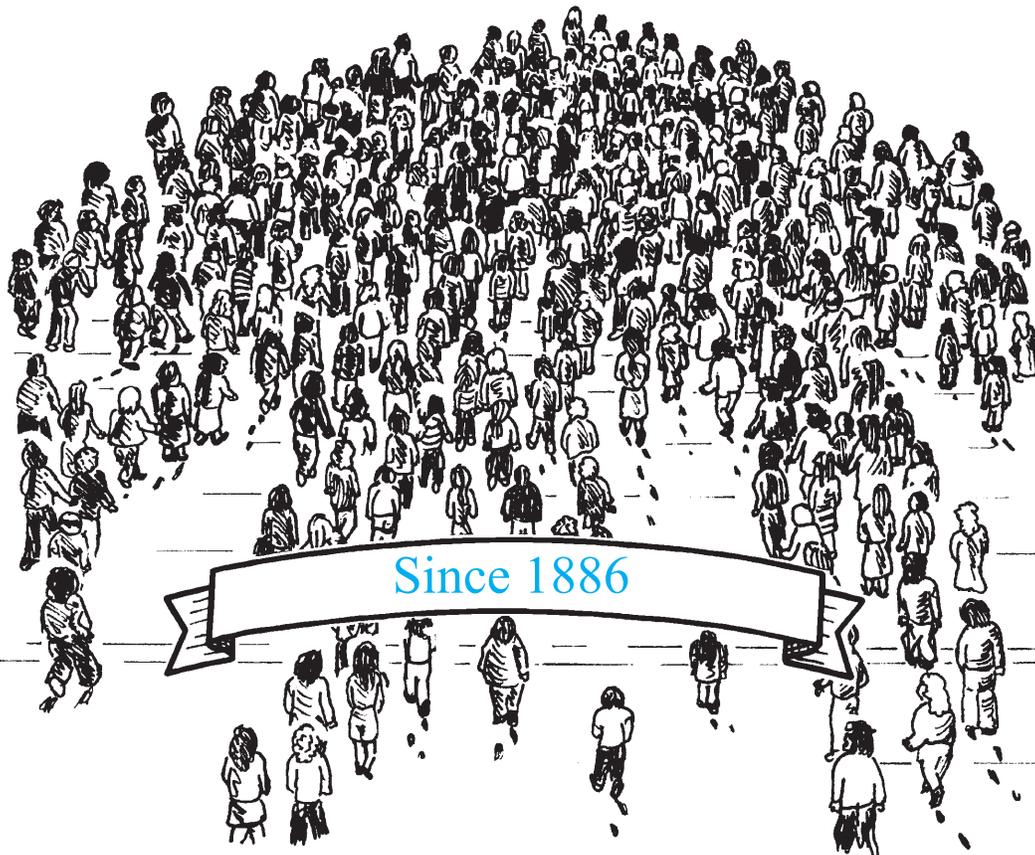


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A significant part of the restructuring of the Archdiocese depends on parishes willingness to share resources, cut duplication and where possible to combine programs and ministries. These efforts will be undertaken by all 220 parishes of the Archdiocese.

Many parishes simply duplicate the same services and opportunities which their neighbors offer. An example of this is the Mass schedule.

Like St. Matthew's, our neighboring parishes; St. Joe's & St. Mike's of W. St. Paul; Holy Trinity & St. John Vianney of South St. Paul; St. Pat's of Inver Grove; St. Rita's of Cottage Grove; St. Peter's of Mendota; and St. Thomas of St. Paul Park **all offer one Mass on Saturday evening, and all offer the opportunity at the same time: 5:00 pm.**

This does not make sense and does not provide any local choice for Catholics in our communities.

Forty years ago the Bishops of the United States extended the Sunday Mass opportunity to include Saturday evening and Sunday evening. They did this in light of the fact that many people work on Sunday or travel on Sunday – so, for necessity and convenience.

Older members of the congregation indicated to me that they would welcome a Saturday evening Mass at a time when it is still light. They find this much safer and more convenient than coming to Mass in the winter darkness. So, during the months of November, December, January and February the Saturday evening Mass at Saint Matthew will be at 4:00 pm.

About 6 weeks ago I asked the congregation at 5 pm Saturday Mass if they would support such a change and more than 90% raised their hands in support. Three people told me after Mass that they work in health care and health care shifts end at 3:30 pm; thus making it difficult for them to be at church by 4 pm. and may be

arriving late for Mass. I understand this and assured them and you that all are welcome, even if you come a bit late.

I have written to the pastors of our immediate neighboring parishes; Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Michael's and St. Joseph's and suggested that we four inaugurate a stewardship envelope exchange. Thus members of all four parishes can make some choices about Mass times according to their needs and convenience, participate in the liturgy, make their offertory contribution in their regular parish envelope and on Monday morning the envelopes will be sent to the parish at which the person is a member.

I have not received a response from our neighbors yet, and I will follow up and encourage this practice; for it provides additional opportunities and convenience to Catholics of the neighborhood.

During the four winter months the Saturday Confessions in the Chapel will be at 3:00 pm.

The winter schedule also allows for evening weddings on both Friday and Saturday evening – on Saturday weddings could take place at 6 or 7 pm.

Change is always disruptive. I hope we can accommodate this winter schedule for the needs and convenience of the majority.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Church of Saint Matthew
Saturday Evening Mass
November, December, January, February
4:00 pm
Saturday Evening Reconciliation
3:00 pm

PARISH EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

At Neighborhood House Food Shelf, multi-cultural, multilingual staff, link food shelf users to a network of resources to help them address challenges with housing, clothing, and financial assistance. St. Matthew's Food Shelf Ministry depends on contributions from YOU. Please help us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. A few extra grocery bags along with your donations would also be much appreciated. Thanks.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next scheduling period will run from November 27th through the Sunday before Ash Wednesday March 7th. Please get your scheduling requests in by no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday October 27th. Any one wanting to join one of the ministries should also contact us by October 27th. **We really are in need of you.** Please give it serious consideration. Contact info GBD1252@comcast.net or Ginny at 651-222-2867. NOTE: this is the Holiday schedule please let us know if you will not be available at your normal times or if you would like to serve at a particular mass. Thanks your schedulers Mary Ann, Joanne and Ginny.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION PREP CLASSES

Parents of students enrolled in sacrament preparation will have a informational meetings on Wednesday, October 27 and Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Parents must attend one of these two meetings if their child/ren will be celebrating these sacraments in the spring. The meeting is for parents with students who will be preparing for First Communion(2nd grade and up) or First Reconciliation(4th grade and up). If you have not already registered please do so as soon as possible, so that we have the correct number of materials to distribute at the October 27th meeting. If you have a child who has not been baptized, please attend this meeting as well. Any questions, call Mr. Lieser at the school office (651-224-6912).

BOY SCOUT TROOP WREATH SALES

Boy Scouts from Troop 107 will be selling wreaths after all Masses on November 20th and 21st. Wreaths will be available for you to take home on that day. If you have made arrangements to purchase a wreath from a Boy Scout, they will be making that delivery. If you would like to be contacted by a Boy Scout to purchase a wreath before the date of the sale, please email kim.baumeister@gmail.com or call at 651-788-3021 and your information will be given to a Boy Scout. Thank you for supporting the St. Matthew Boy Scout Troop.

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We are in need of clean, empty ice cream buckets and cool whip containers. You may drop them off at the Parish Center Monday-Friday, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Thank you for your help

S.O.S.: SINGLES OVER SIXTY

We would like to invite you to dinner at Allison's 900 Grill on October 20th at 5:30 PM. Reservation required. Please call Rita at 651-455-2952.

VIKINGS VS PACKERS ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL OCTOBER 24!

Watch the game in the social hall on the big screen. Admission is \$5 over 16 and free for 16 and under with an adult. The St. Matthew's Men's Club will provide the hot dogs, snacks and refreshments. All football fans are welcome and the doors open at 6:45 pm. Questions, Tim 612-269-9471.

THE ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB FALL WINE TASTING

Friday November 12 from 7-10 pm in the social hall Come for an enjoyable evening with friends, neighbors, and relatives. Sample some great wines, nibble on some cheese and crackers, try some tasty treats at the chocolate fountain. Order some of the wines you enjoyed for the holidays. Admission is \$15. Questions, Tim at 612-269-9471.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 17
Monday	October 18
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 19
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	October 20
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	October 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 22
Saturday	October 23
Sunday	October 24

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

A common thread in the readings today is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of god’s gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

Sharing Last weekend, via the four usual routes, \$9,890 was contributed. Thanks. [Remember that electronic giving happens in a number of ways: some do it weekly; some do it on the 5th; some on the 20th; some on both the 5th and 20th.] Might you be interested? It’s quite a simple procedure. [Please call John at the parish center and you can begin.]

Additionally: \$215 in school envelopes; \$25 for the food shelf; \$15 for Mission Sunday. Thanks for these as well.

Service: Participation in the choir.

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

Youth: \$9.75, Thank you! They wrote: mealtime prayer... cleaned pool... spend time taking care of neighbors hens.

AED [Automated External Defibrillator]. One is now housed in the sacristy. This is courtesy of the members of the Rosary Society, especially Catherine Fee and Debra Kammerer. Thank you, ladies! Use of it might save a life.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 17, 2010

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8
 Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/
 Lk 18:9-14

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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

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