

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

October 28th marks the fiftieth anniversary of the election of Angelo Roncalli as Pope John XXIII.

The previous year I accompanied my grandmother to Europe for the summer to visit family and relatives. We spent ten days in the city of Rome and on June 28th of that year I had the opportunity to see the pope, Pope Pius XII. He was a gaunt and severe looking man; he appeared to be distant and removed. He was honored and revered and looked upon as an angelic presence of God among us. His death was a shattering blow to not only the Church but also to all people emerging from the horror of World War II.

Two weeks after his death the world was startled to see a new pope—a roly polly grandpa like figure who showed forth a paternal and gentle smile. He was a man of humor and was often making himself the butt of his humor. His predecessor had come from an aristocratic Roman family; John was of peasant stock from the poor mountain country of northern Italy.

John was an old man, well beyond the age of retirement, and few if any expected much from him. He was universally seen as an “interim pope” - someone who would preside over the life of the church for a few years while church leaders determined who they really wanted to lead the church into the second half of the 20th century.

John’s simplicity, his warmth, his gregarious spirit, his contagious smile and his availability immediately made him very popular. He was a man of the people. He was called “Good Pope John”. He provided a new face for the Catholic Church, a face which encouraged people outside the church to look upon the church with receptivity and

openness, as opposed to the caution, skepticism and suspicion that often marked their approach to the church in the era of Pius XII.

John spent many years as a papal ambassador in Eastern Europe. He had strong ties to the Orthodox Church. He opened the church to seek an ecumenical dialogue with other Christian Churches. He sought to open a door to a relationship with leaders of eastern bloc countries and the Soviet Union. This remarkable change of direction startled many. Soviet Communism had been seen by Catholics as an enemy to be crushed and destroyed, not as a society with which to seek dialogue and cooperation. John sought to bring the church into partnership with all people of good will in promoting peace. He desired to open the church to a “new Pentecost”, an inner renewal. This “interim pope” invited us into a new era of church life.

Hubert Humphrey, when asked before his death, who were the most remarkable people he had gotten to know, he named Pope John XXIII and Nikita Khrushchev. “Both”, he said “were peasants and deeply in touch with the average person; and as a result were able to move their people into a peaceful revolution of reform”.

This week let us pray in thanksgiving to God for the gift we have received in the person of Angelo Roncalli—Blessed John XXIII.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

There will be a mini-retreat for homebound ministers— current and new— on Saturday, November 1st, following the 9:00 AM All Saints Mass. If you can join us, call the parish office 651-224-9793. The meeting will be in the Parish Center from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM.

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.

COFFEE SUNDAY

All are invited to the social hall after both masses for coffee and treats hosted by Jim Bregman with help from Bob Creamer and Dean Steinbrenner— 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. There are three Coffees for a Cause coming in November starting with a benefit Coffee Sunday on November 2, 2008 for St. Mary’s Health Clinic. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Call John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871 for more info or sign up on the “Coffee Sunday” clipboard at the main entrance of the church.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MINSITRY SCHEDULE

Yes all you lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers, ushers, greeters and gift bearers time flies and it is time to get your scheduling conflicts in for the next period. The new schedule will cover the first Sunday in Advent [11/29/2008] to the Sunday before Ash Wednesday [2/22/2009]. Please get the information to Ginny no later than Wed. 11/5/2008 at 5:00 PM. If there is anyone who would like to join any of these ministries, please feel free to also use this contact information. 651-222-2867 or GBD1252@comcast.net

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.

CALL FOR TICKETS TODAY!

An authentic Romanian dinner will be served in the Social Hall on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This includes a 1:00 PM presentation by the Izvorasul Dance Ensemble. **Tickets must be purchased by Oct 19.** Adult \$15, child (5-13 yrs)- \$10, under 5 yrs- free will offering. Proceeds will help support Romanian children living in church sponsored facilities and foster homes. Call Rick today at 651-455-2174 to purchase tickets.

ST. MARY'S HEALTH CLINICS

St. Mary's Health Clinics will be opening a second clinic day at St. Matthew's in January 2009. Volunteers are needed to staff this second day. Please think about helping out and spread the word to your family and friends. Our clinic hours are 1:30 to 6:00 PM on Tuesday. Volunteer positions are: 4 Registered Nurses, two nurses work every other week. 2 Admitting/Reception volunteers, one person works every other week. 4 Spanish interpreters, two interpreters work every other week. 2 Drivers to bring clinic bags either to or from the clinic from our office in St. Paul every week. Please call Lynn at 651-690-7020 if you are interested.

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.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 19
Monday	October 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	October 22
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	October 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Girl Scout Meeting
Friday	October 24
Saturday	October 25
Sunday	October 26

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

STEWARDSHIP

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does our stewardship indicate that we are as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God?”

Paul praises the Thessalonians for living as good stewards [even though he and they probably didn’t use that word]: “We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father, your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of help in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Prayer: daily spiritual reading... daily prayer... daily rosary... daily Scripture reading... daily prayed for requests from prayer chain... prayed for deceased neighbors... prayed for a family that lost their 20-year-old son in an accident. Thank you to each steward of time.

Service: provided a ride to someone to Mass... drove someone to hospital for tests... lent my car to someone so they could go to work [while their car was being fixed]... gave a ride to Mankato to someone... cooked and served dinner at Simpson Women’s Shelter... volunteered at Neighborhood House. Thank you to each steward of talent.

Sharing: via the mail, envelopes, the plate, and electronic means \$7,046 was donated [the weekly goal now is : \$9,650]. Thank you to each steward of treasure. Fiscal year to date: we are shy \$2,458. Still, the number is ahead of last year the number is ahead of last year by \$1,964, and two years ago by \$5,152.

Young Peoples Stewardship: \$8.00 Thank you! They wrote: said mealtime prayers, bedtime prayers, cleaned my room, laundry, helped little cousin.

Extraordinary expense: as we enter the heating season, we have an invoice for \$11,000 for major repairs to the boiler.

2009 stewardship renewal. The calendar will begin next weekend when Father Steve reflects on the call to faithful stewardship. These are difficult economic times—as much for the parish and it’s ministries as it is for each of the families in the parish—each of us should reflect in prayer on how much we will be able to return to the Lord.

Font from the “old church.” The baptismal font has been restored. It will be rededicated on the first Sunday in November. Parts of it were returned to St. Matt’s last April; they’ve been cleaned and reassembled with new parts. This is being done in memory of a long-time parishioner.

Save the date: December 7, 2008 [Stay tuned for the reason.]

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
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 Prayerline 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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Anthony Minus
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