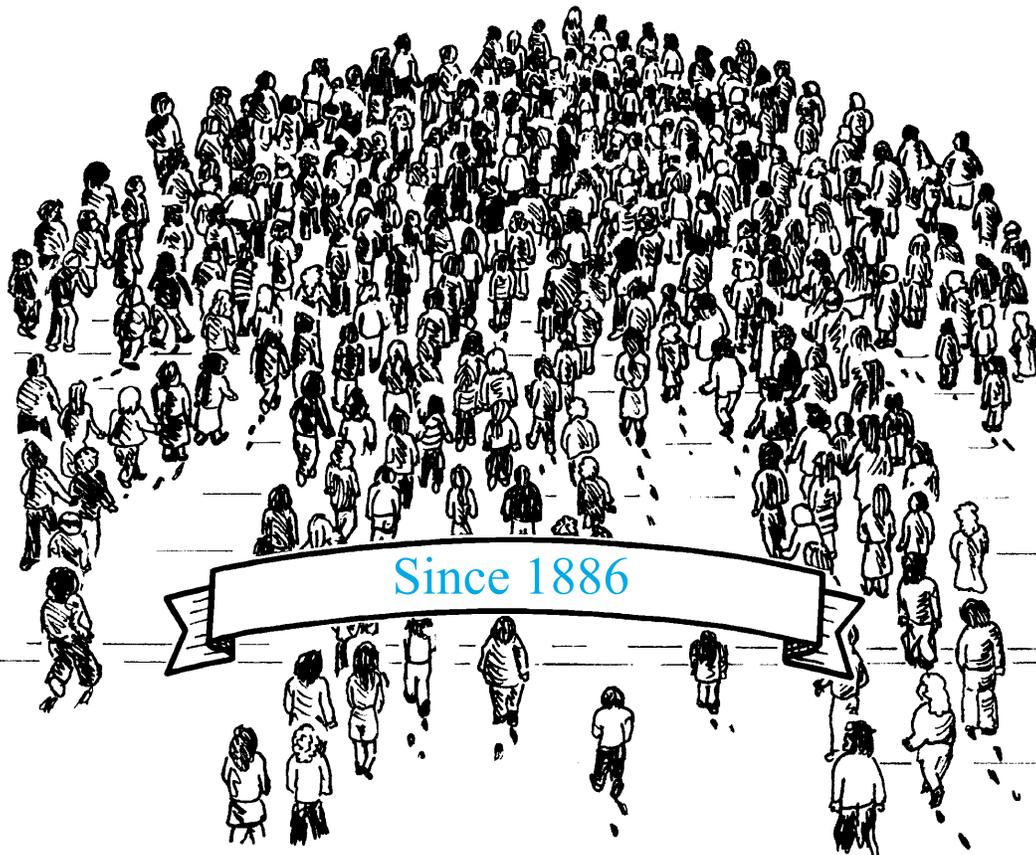


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

Tuesday, November 4th is Election Day. For months on end we have been bombarded with campaign messages and news. All of that comes to an end on Election Day.

November 4th each citizen is urged to vote; to exercise the right to choose national and local leadership.

The act of voting is a moral action, an act of conscience.

What is conscience? The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that:

Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he/she is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all she/he says and does, one is obliged to follow faithfully what she/he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of conscience that a person perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law.

A person has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. "One must not be forced to act contrary to his/her conscience. Nor must he/she be prevented from acting according to his/her conscience."

On Election Day from 7 am until 8 pm the chapel will be open for prayer. Prayer leaders will lead in praying from

the Book of Psalms and read from selected meditations. There will be much times of silence in between readings. You are invited to stop at the chapel and take a bit of time to pray; pray for our nation; pray for women and men seeking to lead; pray for fellow citizens who also take the responsibility to vote today; pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that all may exercise their vote conscientiously and responsibly as their conscience leads them. The act of voting is a moral decision to support the common good of all.

Election Day Prayer

November 4th

7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saint Matthew Chapel

510 Hall Avenue

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

There is no coffee hour after either Sunday morning masses as the Romanian Travelers invite all to the Social Hall to join in supporting their work for the orphanage helping to take care of the lost children of Romania. Coffee Sunday will resume next weekend.

HALLOWEEN/ALL SAINTS' DAY/ALL SOULS' DAY

The church has always honored those who have died in the faith. The importance of these feasts is seen by the fact that three days are actually spent in celebration. The evening before, now known as Halloween, was originally called "All Hallows Eve", or the evening before the feast of All Saints.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Saturday, November 1 at 9:00 am

November 1 is a Holy Day. It is a day to celebrate and remember all the holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and now see God face-to-face. They are an example for us on how to live our lives. This year, because the feast occurs on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is removed. We will have a 9:00 AM Mass on November 1 to honor the custom of keeping a festival in honor of all the saints.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

You are welcome to a discussion with the pastor on Christian responsibility to participate in the election process, the formation of conscience and prudent decision making. This discussion will be based on the booklet *Faithful Citizenship* issued by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Wednesday October 29, 2008 6:45 to 7:30 pm Saint Matthew's School.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

At the church of St. Matthew on All Souls Day, and throughout the month of November, the Book of Remembrance is placed near the font. The blank pages are available for people to inscribe the names of deceased friends and relatives for whom they wish the parish to pray.

MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 2

During this weekends' liturgies, we will especially remember those who have died this past year. All are invited to pray for members of our community who are grieving the loss of a treasured friend or family member...

POINSETTIA FUND RAISER

Once again this year the choir will be taking orders for beautiful poinsettias for the holiday season. Those of you that purchased one last year know what high quality plants you received. In most cases the plants lasted until Easter! Originally, the St. Matt's choir began fund raising for a trip to Ireland. As the cost of fuel and the trip rose to new heights, the choir made the decision to use the collected funds to send High School Students to Music Ministry Alive instead of going to Ireland. The choir has renewed it's commitment to send students to MMA again in 2009. Music Ministry Alive is a leadership camp for talented students to learn more about music and liturgy of the Catholic Church. MMA is now in it's 10th year, held each year at the College of St. Catherine in July. Last year, St. Matt's sponsored Rachel and Becca Goldenstien (choir members) to attend MMA. Adult choir member Chrissey Fritzen also attended the Adult Leadership track, using her own funds. Please ask these MMA'ers about their experience! But be prepared to listen to nothing but kudos! We thank you in advance for your support in our poinsettia sales.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The 26th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner takes place on Thanksgiving Day at the Cherokee Sirloin Room. This complimentary Thanksgiving tradition was started by Bob and Dorothy Casper 26 years ago and continues today with their sons Rick and Jim. Last year more than 3000 meals were prepared and served or delivered out of the Cherokee Sirloin Room. Meals can be delivered to your home. Meals are also served at the restaurant at 12:00 noon and 1:30 pm. In order to have all appropriately prepared it is necessary to make reservations. You can make reservations for the sit down dinner or home delivery by calling the Church office at 651-224-9793. Reservations must be made by November 13th. If you wish to help by delivering meals please call the Church office 651-224-9793.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

On Tuesday, October 28th there will be an informational meeting in the church regarding First Reconciliation and First Communion classes. Who should attend: Parents and students in 2nd grade or older who would like to receive their First Communion in the spring. Parents and students in 4th grade or older who would like to celebrate their First Reconciliation in the spring. Parents and students who would like to prepare for baptism in the spring. You may register at the meeting on Tuesday. There is a \$25 fee to cover the cost of the materials. Student books and family books will be distributed at this meeting along with a schedule of classes. Classes will begin after the new year, families will have an opportunity to work on their books at home before classes begin. Any questions call Kathy at the school office, 651-224-6912.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 26
Monday	October 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Info Night
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Committee mtg.
Wednesday	October 29
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 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 31
Saturday	November 1
Sunday	November 2

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship—joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor’s [both far and near] needs.

Prayer: my daughter and I are learning how to pray the rosary and other daily prayers...for peace, for the elections and for recovery of the economy...daily for 15 minutes...daily rosary...daily Mass...daily spiritual reading. Thanks for the examples and challenges.

Service: volunteer whenever possible...serve as Eucharistic minister...sew, knit and crochet for families in need...provide rides for those homebound—to appointments...gave an elderly friend a ride—to view God’s Fall beauty...volunteered two times in a week at Neighborhood House...brought communion to residents in a nursing home. Thanks for the examples and challenges.

Sharing Last weekend: \$6881 was given; thank you. Currently the total amount year to date [\$141,973] is \$5,227 behind budget; yet it continues above actual collections for the last two years.

Also given: dollars for food shelf: \$130; for school/educational programs: \$35; for missions: \$10; for holydays: \$3. Thank you.

Young People’s Stewardship: \$4.00 Thank you!

Stewardship renewal calendar:

- Individual letters from Father Steve should be mailed mid-week next week.
• Responses are asked by Monday, November 11.
• A reminder postcard will be sent in mid-November.
• Follow-up phoning will occur the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Prompt and complete responses will eliminate the last two of the above mentioned events. Thanks to each parish member who is able to respond promptly.

Election season is in full swing; each parish member is reminded and encouraged to exercise the right vote for candidates for president, US senator and US representative, through all other offices in the state, county, and municipality. As well, there are questions to be decided on both state and local levels.

While there is strong encouragement to participate in the process, the parish does NOT take position for or against any particular candidate or ballot initiative. Permission WILL NOT be granted to disseminate any literature. Leafleting of cars is not done with permission; there is no direct or implied endorsing of candidates or issues.

Regardless, please vote on November 4.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Dir. Child Care..... Shar Lavelle
Dir. KLT Kids Shar Lavelle
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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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Connie Aligada Anthony Minus
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