

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

As we enter the 21st century the Western world is highly secularized and materialistic. The search for happiness is focused on acquisition and individual self interest. Yet women and men continue to ask fundamental questions. Does God exist? And if so, does it make any difference? Is Jesus more than a good human being? Is the resurrection truth or fable? Is there more to my life than the here and now? Is there any purposefulness in the universe? These are questions about meaning.

Confrontation, argumentation, condemnation do not change hearts and minds.

People are passionate about their own existence and loyal to their own experiences.

The search for happiness is experiential; the search for God is experiential.

Benedict XVI reminds us that Jesus is the human face of God; and that in Jesus we discover not only who God is, but also what it means to be a fully mature human being.

Jesus challenges his disciples in Matthew's Gospel, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48); and in Luke's Gospel specifies the perfection of God, "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate" (Luke 6:36).

God is active, God is about "doing" compassion; and God's doing flows from God's very being, for God is

compassion.

The world is hungry for the face of God; and only the experience of the compassion of God will satisfy the human longing for meaning.

At the heart of the Catholic Worker mission is the "doing of compassion". Dorothy realized that human beings do not think themselves into new ways of being, but they act their way into new ways of living. She realized that one does not become a compassionate person by thinking and reflecting on compassion; one becomes a compassionate person by daily doing the works of compassion.

As one does the works of compassion day in and day out, one becomes compassion – one puts on the very image of Christ and it is "no longer that I live, but Christ lives in me."

Compassion is the very presence of God in the world. Compassion is the over flowing grace of Christ which embraces each person. Compassion is the undeserved love of God with a human face. Compassion is the revelation of God. Compassion elicits faith in the other. Compassion is the answer to the hunger of a secularized world.

Dorothy knew that actions speak louder than words, and that God acts in this world in the lives of human beings.

PARISH EVENTS



FALL FESTIVAL – WE NEED YOU! - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The next meeting for people interested in helping with the Fall Festival will be Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome. We need your ideas and comments. Take Note: Now is the time to watch the ads for soda on sale. We are looking for donations of 2 liter bottles of any flavor soda to be used in several areas of the Fall Festival; and if the soda is root beer, it can be used for the delicious Root Beer Floats. Your donated 2 liter bottles of soda can be brought anytime during the week to the Parish Center and we will be more than happy to store it there until our festival in September. The Sassy Silver Seniors

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION AT ST. MATT'S

St. Matthew's Preschool offers a program that is both convenient for parents and engaging for preschoolers. If you want your preschooler in a caring Christian learning environment, St. Matthew's Preschool will fit your needs. **Enroll before September 1 and we'll waive the \$60 administration fee.**

Our Preschool educates children ages 3-5. St. Matt's understands that child care isn't cheap, which is why we offer unique ways for parents to cover the cost. In addition to participating in the Federal Food Program so kids can have breakfast and lunch at no additional cost to parents, hourly rates for child care are offered instead of the typical daily rates charged at other facilities. That way parents pay only for the actual time their child requires care between 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Preschool is also offered free to any child enrolled full-time in child care. Creative and engaging activities prepare kids for kindergarten and create a strong foundation for life-long learning. A licensed, highly qualified staff teaches kids both in the classroom and on field trips. Call Shar Lavelle at St. Matt's. 651-224-1450.

PRAYER OF THE EYES

An icon — a holy picture — can help you pray. The Greek word *icon* means “image,” a sacred image of Jesus, Mary or a saint that is painted in two dimensions on wood panels, usually with egg tempera paints. Here's how you can use an icon or other sacred image to focus your prayer. You want to be in a comfortable position and you want to be able to look into the image's eyes. If you don't hang the image on a wall, you might find an easel (or one of those hinged wooden stands used to display plates) to hold the image on a table. Praying before an icon or a sacred image is a matter of looking deeply. Think of how deeply you look at the face of someone you love. You never tire of that face and you notice every detail: the way light and shadow fall across the nose and cheek, how the brow moves, the subtle changes of expression. Look at the sacred image this way, too. Such intense looking will center you in prayer, in the presence of the holy person depicted. You may want to light candles or incense before the sacred image, too.

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 11
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	July 12 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 9:00 AM, PC 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	July 13 Alums & Friends St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 8:00 PM, SH	July 14 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Men's Club
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	July 15 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 16
Saturday	July 17
Sunday	July 18

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers—and us—to go and do the same!

Sharing Thanks—first Sunday of the fiscal year [first of the month, but 'holiday' weekend]: \$9,223. Appreciation to each faithful steward in any of the four 'usual ways'—envelopes, plate, electric, and surface mail. Thank you. As well: thanks: \$852 in school collection [envelopes and plate], \$233 for Peter's Pence and \$15 for the food shelf.

Service: Thanks to six parishioners who have answered the call to a new ministry: that of funeral sacristan. Joanne, Anne, Colleen, Carol, Bob and Judy have begun this work which is supportive of the grieving family as well as overseeing the practical aspects of the celebration of the funeral Mass.

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

Youth: \$3.50, Thank you!

Visiting celebrants. There will be visiting priests presiding at the Masses for the next two weekends [so that Father Steve gets some extended time away for re-creation]. Next weekend [July 17/18] will be the annual Mission appeal. [Each parish in the diocese welcomes a visitor who preaches about one of the world's mission lands. This year we will have a priest from Kutui, Kenya. There will be a second collection. [Each summer, the money collected in all the parishes is divided among the religious orders and dioceses who come.]

The following weekend [July 24/25] there will be another visiting priest who will talk about one of the many programs for helping those around the world. There will NOT be a second collection, though there will be avenues of response.

Festival [if nothing supplied by them]...10 weeks and counting...next meeting: 6:30PM, Wednesday, July 14. A repeat of last year's raffle...tickets will be available soon; plan to pick up yours.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 11, 2010
 Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34---11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
 Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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
 Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum
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