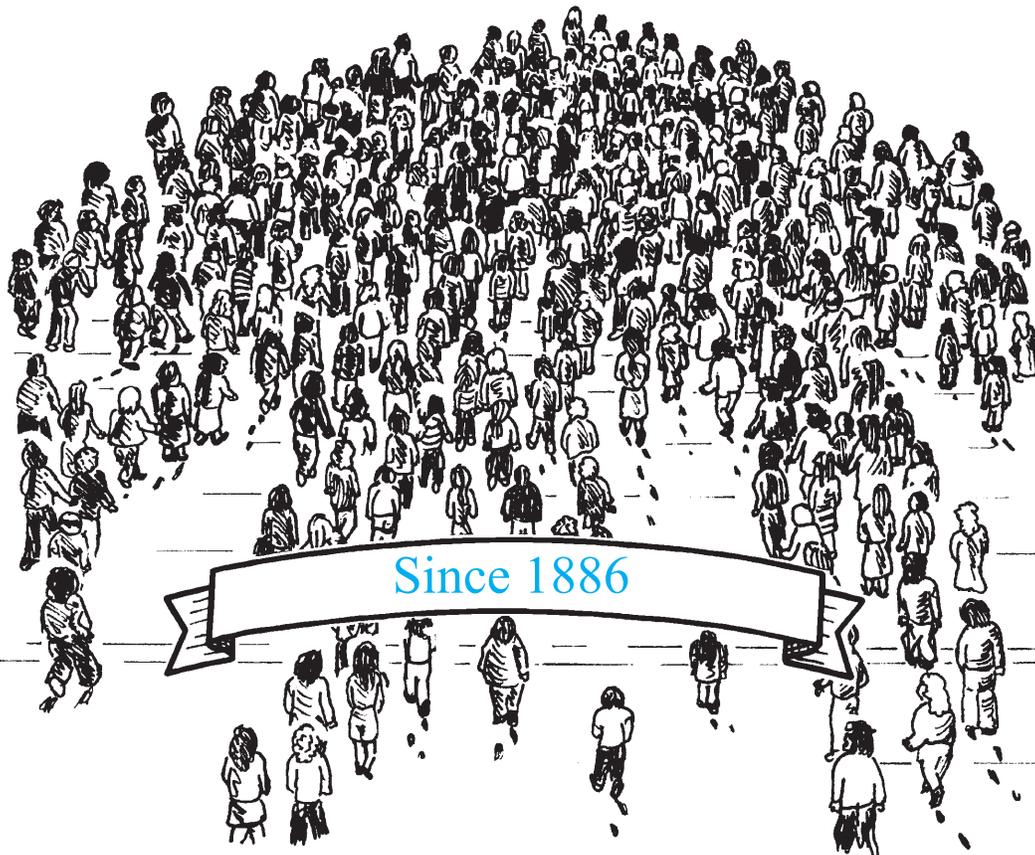


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend we observe Independence Day, the Fourth of July, the 234th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

More than any other celebration in the course of the year, this day is the day with quintessentially marks our identity as a nation.

When I was growing up it was common to describe the United States as a “melting pot” of races and nationalities. The image was a kind of international stew in which we all homogenized into a single reality. We “lost” our identities and became one.

Yet the reality is that we are people who come here with our identities, customs, languages and histories and we seek with each other to participate in a great experiment, a democratic way of life in which our uniqueness is allowed to shine through our strong unity.

We have a unity of purpose and ideal with a diversity of expression.

For the longest time Roman Catholics were “under suspicion” in this new land. It was hard for our neighbors to believe that we could be fully American and yet accept the Pope as visible head of the church. We were seen a people who proposed to hold “dual citizenship”, and the suspicion was that our religious citizenship would trump our national allegiance.

At the beginning of the 20th century John Ireland was bishop of Saint Paul. He was an Irish immigrant and had

studied before ordination in France. He fell in love with his new homeland and cherished the principles of democracy. He saw no incompatibility with being a strong and faithful Catholic and being a proud and loyal American.

Ireland believed that the American principle of freedom of conscience was a strong support and encouragement to the fundamental principle of Catholic morality – that conscience is the most immediate, proximate norm of morality.

Ireland believed that the principle of freedom of expression was a guarantee that the human dignity of each individual would be honored – a dignity resting on the truth that each person is created in the image and likeness of God.

Ireland believed that the enshrined common good of a people, “all persons are endowed with unalienable rights to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness” was a fertile ground for the growth and maturation of Christian faith.

John Ireland was a great American and a singular Catholic leader.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS



FR. BILL EXTENDS A THANK YOU

Thank you to Fr. Steve and to the parish community for your welcome to me for my book launching last weekend. I sold 55 books which was very good. I had two disappointments: 1. I did not have more time to visit with those who stopped to buy a book and say hello. 2. I thought I would meet many more of the people I knew 39 years ago but many have gone to God, were on holiday or moved on to a different parish. Many Thanks and may we continue to pray for each other.

FESTIVAL CORNER

We are looking for anyone who has a few free hours with some festival paperwork at the Parish Center, July 7th at 10:30 AM. Be sure to save those plastic peanut butter jars and fill them with something for the Bottle Lotto.

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.

THE HABIT OF PRAYER

What do I do each morning, in the first hour of my day? I usually read a biblical passage and reflect on it for a while. I pray the rosary and meditate on its mysteries. Sometimes I simply sit in the quiet and peace of the Lord's presence. And at times I fall asleep for a few moments! There is no one particular hour each day that best suits everyone. The idea is to find the best hour — the one that fits your lifestyle, so that if you skip it you will miss it. Similarly, there is no particular place for prayer that best suits everyone. Some like to pray in the privacy of their home or apartment. Others prefer to pray outdoors. Still others opt for the prayerful environment of their parish church. The important thing is to pray each day. If you begin to set aside a definite time for prayer each day during Lent, you soon learn that it influences the rest of your day. And you will want to continue that habit of prayer every day throughout the year.

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 4
Independence Day	
Monday	July 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	July 6
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 7
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
3:30 PM, PC	Finance Committee
Thursday	July 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 9
Saturday	July 10
Sunday	July 11

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“The harvest is rich,” Jesus tells the seventy-two in today’s Gospel, “but the workers are few.” The situation is the same today. How can I help with God’s harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

Sharing Last Sunday of the month; of the quarter; of the fiscal year: thanks for \$6,705. The total for the year: \$481,403. Bad news & good news: That is \$12,997 behind the budgeted amount; however, it is \$12,159 greater than last year’s actual.

Thanks for other money: \$20 in school envelopes; \$5 for food shelf; and \$20 for Peter’s Pence.

Service: Helped serve at a funeral luncheon.

Prayer: Daily mass, prayer, rosary, spiritual reading... watched mass on T.V.

Children: \$7.50, Thank you!

Independence Day is on Sunday. The holiday is celebrated on Monday; daily Mass will be celebrated at 6:45AM [not 9:00AM].

Feast of the Assumption—August 15. Remember the Mass schedule for that weekend: usual Masses in Church at 5:00PM Sat and 8:00AM Sun; last Mass will be at 11:00AM IN CHEROKEE PARK followed by the annual parish picnic. Make plans now to celebrate in the park and share in the picnic.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 4, 2010

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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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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