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The Community of St. Matthew



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



Mass Intentions

Monday 6:45 AM Matt Adrian
Evelyn Hager
Tuesday 6:45 AM Pauline Reiland
Lloyd Erickson
Wednesday 6:45 AM Marion Rahn
10:00 AM Rose and Charles Thomas
5:15 PM George Gubash
Thursday 6:45 AM Helen Leibl
Living and Deceased members of
Catholic Aid Society
Friday 6:45 AM
Saturday 5:00 PM Joseph G. Meisinger
Sunday 8:00 AM Parishioners
10:30 AM Parishioners

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**August 15, 2001****Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass Schedule at Saint Matthew's

6:45 AM

10:00 AM

5:15 PM

Today is the Feast day of our Mother Church, The Church of the Assumption in downtown Saint Paul. The Church of Saint Matthew is one of five "daughter" churches founded from Assumption—historically the principal German Catholic Church in the diocese.

MUSIC MINISTRY is gearing up for another wonderful year or making music in community! Is this the year you can be part of the program? We need members for both our adult choir (grade 9 through octogenarian) and our youth choir (grades 3 thru 8). We need adult and youth handbell ringers (no experience necessary). We need guitarists, pianists, trumpet, flute, violin and "whatever" players. (All "whatevers" need to be finely tuned.) Check next week's bulletin for more information and/or leave a message 651-310-0830.

LOAVES AND FISHES Thank you to the St. Matt's volunteers who served Loaves and Fishes on Monday. We served 160 guest with Lu's fabulous chicken salad recipe.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 12
Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48
Monday, August 13 *Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27*
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM Executive Committee - Parish Council
Tuesday, August 14 *Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday, August 15
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 16
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes
Friday, August 17 *Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12*
Saturday, August 18 *Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15*
Sunday, August 19
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

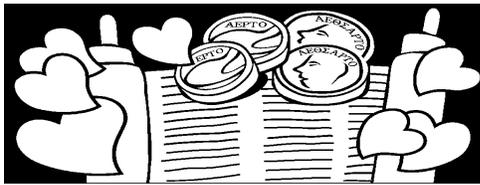
WORSHIP SPACE CLEAN UP DAY, Saturday, August 25th. The Liturgy Committee is asking for volunteers to help give our Worship Space a good scrubbing before our busy parish life swings into action this fall. We need men, women and youth to help with a variety of tasks such as: washing down all the chairs, polishing wood, removing wax from carpet, wood and quarry tile (David - has a spiffy wax remover we can use), polishing brass, cleaning and possibly spray painting some candle sticks. We'll start at 9 AM and be done by Noon or sooner. If you can give an hour or two on the 25th that would be great — many hands make short work!! There are sign up sheets in the back of the church or leave a message at 651-310-0830.

MANKATO TRIP Join us for the fifth annual trip to the Motherhouse of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for their Arts and Craft Fair. We will be going on Saturday, Oct. 13. The round trip bus fare is \$13.00. Registration forms with all the details are available in the church sacristy. Forms and fares are to be returned to Sister Mary Colleen by Sept. 6 at the latest. This year the trip is filling up fast so it will be on a "first come, first serve" basis.

STEWARDSHIP

Let us give what we cannot keep
to gain what we cannot lose.

Treasure last weekend: \$9742.07 The budgeted amount for the year from envelope and plate is \$10,000 per Sunday. Remember that for the fiscal year average needed is \$10,000 per Sunday. Year to date is \$9481.00. *Youth Treasure:* \$ 25.70 was given in child and young peoples envelopes. Thanks to every young person for their weekly stewardship contributions. *School Fund:* Another 1022.34 was contributed for the programs in our day school.



FESTIVAL NEWS A lot of our prayers have been answered!

Chairs and Workers. We have filled these chair positions with these wonderful, generous people: Beth Geis - Desert Booth; Dana McCarthy - Bottle Lotto Booth; John Plante (651) 222-3302 - Foods; Arlene Westernen (651) 687-4355 - Games. John is a chef for a major Minneapolis hotel, so we will expect some great eating. Arlene has a lot of experience working with Senior All Night Parties; she knows many resources that we were not familiar with and has a lot of great ideas. We have a lot of ideas for games. We got our first written commitment from a teenager to help with games – thank you. If you want to help any of these people with their activities, call them or call the Parish Center.

Two-Liter Bottles. We need lots of 2-liter bottles of pop; we could also use bottles of apple, cranberry, or other juices for non-pop drinkers. Right now we do not have even one bottle donated! How about checking out the ads in the next few weeks, buying at least one bottle, and donating it?

Donations. Thank you for the donations last week. Someone turned in a lot of very nice candles which we can use in baskets or for door prizes. One person gave a full bag of new stuffed animals, hair bands and other prizes for games. We are getting so much jewelry that we will probably have a table with these items for sale. We think two pins are “estate” jewelry and might be placed in the Live Auction. Are you looking in your closets or attics for some great items that you just don’t use any more or never liked in the first place—items that might appeal to someone else, but just aren’t you?

Fall Festival Headquarters. With a little bit of luck and being in the right place at the right time, we have a room in the Parish Center for the Festival where we can gather and sort donations. We hope to keep this room throughout the year. It will help us a lot if you turn in donations, baskets (preferably filled), bottles, and prizes as soon as possible.

Festival Happenings. We will need workers to help set up on Friday evening, September 21, and during the day on Saturday, the 22nd. On Saturday, after the 5:00 mass, we will serve grilled foods, “Walking Tacos,” desserts, and snacks such as popcorn and pretzels and peanuts. The Basket, Bottle Lotto, and Kissing Booths will be open. On Sunday, after the 10:30 mass, we will offer the above foods plus pizza and real, authentic tacos. We have many games, but we need many workers, and more importantly, we need lots of game players. Bingo will begin at 1:00. The Live Auction will start at about 4:00. Put us on your calendar. Consider helping out by volunteering for an hour or two. Either call one of the chairpersons, the Parish Center, sign-up at the back of church, or wait for the all-call for volunteers at the end of the month.

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Our school building is filled with blockades and barriers to accessibility. We cannot use the third floor of the 1902 building because we lack a second egress. The gym is inaccessible except for “a lot of stairs”. The men’s restrooms are inaccessible because of the need to step up to get into them. Our restroom facilities are not handicapped accessible. To get to a class room or meeting room one has to be able to climb stairs.

Our educational ministry is limited by these barriers, our hospitality rings hollow to some because of these barriers – we may not be all things to all people, but we can be inviting to all.

To people who are physically challenged or inform Saint Matthew’s buildings appear to be a fortress with little accessibility.

Often I encourage elderly people to come to parish events – long time parishioners, grand parents of school and religious education and child care students, etc. They say to me, “it is so hard to get to places there. I don’t walk very well and I am afraid of all those stairs”.

The \$1,000,000 addition to Saint Matthew’s school building would provide a second egress for the unused 3,000 square foot third floor of our historic building; it will provide a four stop elevator which would bring people to each floor of the building – the gym level, the three class room levels, and the third floor.

I can no longer close my eyes to the barriers that make our facilities impossible or difficult for those who come to Saint Matthew’s.

A large piece of the Capital Campaign is to enshrine in brick and mortar and concrete the mission we carry in our hearts – that we are a welcoming community who seek to be a visible sign of God’s love on the West Side.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian

**BUILDING
FOR TODAY.....
VISIONS
FOR TOMORROW.**

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I have a friend who is a community organizer in Chicago. When I have visited with him he has said of the Twin Cities and the State of Minnesota – “you folks are all talk and no access”.

He says that “Minnesota Nice” welcomes everyone and is willing to listen to anyone – and in the end is rather patronizing and little access to power is available to anyone except those who have power.

I am not sure how accurate his assessment is. I repeat it just as an outsider’s observation.

What I do know is that “power” is what life is all about. Power is simply the ability to act; the ability to act in behalf of one self and the ability to act in behalf of others. Those who cannot act are “powerless”.

Saint Matthew’s has an accessibility issue. Our buildings were built at a time when no one gave a second thought to people who are physically challenged or disabled. No consideration was given to people in wheel chairs, people with canes, people on crutches, elderly people who find it more than difficult to negotiate steps, young people with mobility challenges – and steps is something we have in abundance.

A significant piece of the \$7,600,000 Capital Campaign involves making our facilities accessible, welcoming, user friendly for all. For a while Saint Matthew’s has had a church elevator fund. That fund has reached almost \$35,000. We need another \$70,000 to complete the project and make our church accessible to all; give all the opportunity to move from our worship space to our social hall – give all the opportunity to enter our church without having to negotiate stairs or a winter time slippery ramp.

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(651) 224-8124

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

Weekday Worship

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

First Friday: 6:45 am and 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday: 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 three months prior to wedding.