

The Community of St. Matthew



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

**2nd Annual
West Side Community Bloodmobile
Neighborhood House, El Rio Vista Gym**

**Sunday, December 29
9:00 AM to 2 PM**

**For more information or to make an appointment,
please call Gilbert Delao at 651-789-2544.**

**Give a special gift this Holiday Season.
The Gift of Life.**

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Thank you to all who work so hard to prepare for the Christmas Feast and Season at Saint Matthew, those who carry on the day-to-day mission of our community.....

- Ø Thank you: Musicians and singers – Adult choir, Youth Choir, Adult cantors, Youth Cantors, Bell Choir, Instrumentalists who spend long hours to prepare the music for our celebrations.
- Ø Thank you: Lectors and servers and Eucharistic ministers and ushers and hospitality ministers and sacristans who make our worship prayerful and welcoming.
- Ø Thank you: Men’s Club for setting up the manger scene.
- Ø Thank you: Council of Catholic Women/ Rosary Society who provided us with wonderful baked goods.
- Ø Thank you: Saint Matthew scouts and leaders who served a delicious pancake breakfast.
- Ø Thank you: Parish bulletin Editors who prepare and arrange the weekly bulletin.
- Ø Thank you: Data entry volunteers.
- Ø Thank you: Confirmation Candidates / Sponsors and teachers; musicians and readers and Eucharistic ministers for monthly Confirmation Youth Mass.
- Ø Thank you: Religious education teachers and staff who diligently assist young people in their faith journey.
- Ø Thank you: Child Care staff and teachers who partner with families and provide safe, quality care for children.
- Ø Thank you: Staff of the YMCA / Saint Matthew Extended Day who offer a varied and exciting program for so many young people after school and during holidays.
- Ø Thank you: Saint Mary’s / Saint Matthew’s Clinic who continue in season and out of season to provide health care for uninsured neighbors.
- Ø Thank you: Staff and volunteers of Saint Matthew’s Loaves and Fishes who prepare nutritious and filling meals for 150-200 neighbors Monday thru Thursday.
- Ø Thank you: Saint Matthew’s Maintenance Staff and volunteers who clean and polish and decorate for Christmas.
- Ø Thank you: Saint Matthew’s School Staff and teachers and families for creating opportunities to celebrate and learn about the great mystery of the Feast.

- Ø Thank you: Parish Boards and Committees – Pastoral Council, Educational Advisory Board, Finance Council, Home & School Association, Child Care Advisory Board, Child Care Planning Committee, Liturgy Committee – who give time and energy, even during holiday time, to advance the mission of Saint Matthew’s.
- Ø Thank you: All who donated gifts to the parish program to assist individuals and families; and all those who helped distribute those gifts.
- Ø Thank you: For generous gifts made at the Penance Services to feed the hungry.
- Ø Thank you: Parish office staff and program staff who put in long hours at Christmas time.
- Ø Thank you: Saint Matthew’s Hot Lunch Program for those delightful, delicious home cooked meals – day in and day out.
- Ø Thank you: Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts who found ways to bring Christmas cheer and spirit into the lives of many others.
- Ø Thank you: Saint Matthew Students who raised money for Toys For Tots.
- Ø Thank you: Religious Education Students who participated in the food drive.
- Ø Thank you: Those who made anonymous year-end gifts to assist those in need and to advance our mission.
- Ø Thank you: Those who contributed more than \$600,000 in the first year of the Saint Matthew Capital Campaign.
- Ø Thank you: Volunteers who weekly count and tabulate the parish collection.
- Ø Thank you: Members of the Capital Campaign Transition Team for your gifts of time and expertise in planning and implementing the work for renovation / restoration.
- Ø Thank you: Volunteers who answer the parish phone during evening and weekend hours.
- Ø Thank you: Volunteers who made dozens of calls in follow up for the annual stewardship drive.
- Ø Thank you: The thousands who worship and the hundreds who volunteer time – you make Saint Matthew’s Community vibrant.

May all rejoice in the Feast and Season of God-Among-Us.
Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH NEWS

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS ADVERTISEMENTS

The week of December 30, Tony Fosselman of Liturgical Publications will be working on setting up the advertising for our bulletin. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what will make our bulletin possible and at no cost to the parish. If you are interested or want more information please call Tony Fosselman directly at 800-678-4574 or at the parish offices the week of December 30.

NEW YEAR MASSES

Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 PM
 Wednesday, January 1st at 10:30 AM

There is no 8:00 AM mass on New Year's Day

CHILD CARE CENTER INFORMATION

The children have been busy: they visited the Marshall Fields's Holiday exhibit in Minneapolis, hosted a Holiday Open House, and visited Health East residents. They are still in need of donations of winter wear (especially hats and mittens). Please stop by or contact Maureen at 651-224-1450 for donation information.

YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT ON AN ELDERS LIFE

The Elders Counseling Elders Program operated by Catholic Charities Division of Aging Services is recruiting volunteers of diverse backgrounds, age 55 or over, who would like to become peer counselors in this growing program which serves older people who may be experiencing loss and change. A free 12-week preparatory training program (one day a week) begins in February, 2003. All applications must be received by January 6, 2003. For more information about this innovative program, please call Gayle Alexander at 651-215-2237.

EAST SIDE LEARNING CENTER/ SSND VOLUNTEER TUTOR PROGRAM

Consider the rewarding and challenging ministry of tutoring at-risk children in grades K-4. Training is provided; tutoring sessions are held Monday to Thursday from 2:30-5:00 pm. For more information, call Sr. Jana Roberts, SSND at 651-793-7331.

ST. MATTHEW'S CALENDARS FOR 2003

Calendars are available in the back of church after all Masses this weekend.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	December 29
Monday 3:00 pm., SH	December 30 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 pm, SH 5:00 pm, MC	December 31 Loaves and Fishes New Year's Eve Mass
Wednesday 10:30 am	January 1 New Year's Day Mass
Thursday 3:00 pm, SH	January 2 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	January 3
Saturday	January 4
Sunday 12:00 pm, CH 12:30 pm, CH	January 5 Baptism Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Contribution totals for Sunday, December 22 and the Christmas offerings were not available when this bulletin went to print.

It's not too late to make end-of-year contributions. The Parish Center will be open until 5:00 PM on December 31.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 29	8:00 AM Margaret Devlin
	10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, December 30	Jack Heininger
Tuesday, December 31	Anthony Charitan
Wednesday, January 1	James Dieter
Thursday, January 2	
Friday, January 3	Bernard Ferber
	John Bandholz
	Lloyd Erickson
Saturday, January 4	John & Irene Pachl
	Margaret Przblek
	Joseph Karas
Sunday January 5	8:00 AM World Peace
	10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 29, 2002

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21;
	Lk 2:22-40
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
	Mt 2:1-12

ST. MATTHEW'S 7TH GRADERS COLLECT TOYS 4

TOTS

Seventh graders at St. Matthew's are involved in service projects during the year. One group sold pretzels and nachos and cheese during lunches in December and raised over \$350. The students then bought toys at Kmart and Target and delivered them to KARE II for the Toys for Tots drive. Other service projects are continuing at the school watch for further news on the students efforts.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office651-224-9793

Pastoral Staff

Pastor *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Priest in Residence.....*Father Marty Warren*
 Deacon *Rev. John Murphy*
 Pastoral Administrator
 Dir. Education & Formation*Scott Breimhorst*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Pastoral Ministry..... *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*
 Dir. Child Care.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator*Patty Flynn*
 Administrative Assistant.....*Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 Extended Day.....651-228-1535
 Child Care Center.....651-224-1450
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver 651-222-3622 or 651-224-2903-

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

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.

Parish Council Members

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
Wally Nelson	John Sekevitch

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Peter Grayson
 Education Advisory Michele Edwards
 Liturgy