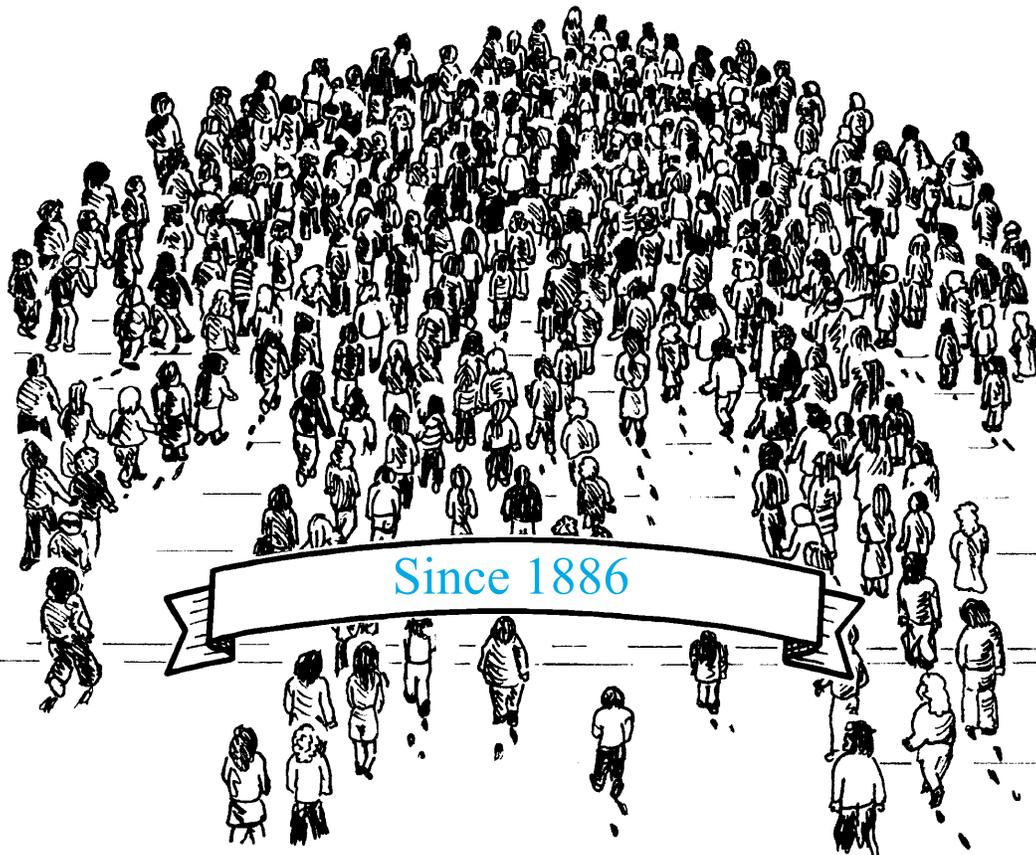


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

In five weeks members of our community will be selected to serve as members of the Saint Matthew Parish Pastoral Council. The Council is made up of ten persons, the pastor and nine other parish members selected to serve for three year terms. The selection is made by lot on the Feast of Pentecost. The candidates are persons who after a process of discernment believe that the Lord is calling them at this time to serve their parish community as Council members.

The job of the Council is to foster the parish mission and to set direction for parish life. Members of the Council are decision makers for our parish.

The Council arrives at decisions by thoughtful discussion and reflection. Decisions are made by consensus.

In matters of governance the pastor cannot act without the other nine Council members; nor can the nine Council members act without the pastor. This effort insures that full responsibility for the oversight of parish life rests with both clergy and laity.

A significant piece of work before the Council in the next two years is participation in the Archbishop's plan to engage each parish and school in a planning process that will allow us to use our resources better in serving the growing Catholic community of the metropolitan area. This planning process will take place regionally. So, Saint Matthew's will join with our neighboring parishes in St. Paul, West Saint Paul, Mendota, Inver Grove, South Saint

Paul and Saint Paul Park in this effort.

The result of this process may be inter-parish programming and staffing.

Pastors and Parish Pastoral Council members will be key players in this planning process.

I encourage you to seriously consider making your self available for this service to your parish. If you believe that you are being called to this work, please call the Church office and indicate that you are willing to participate in the discerning process. If you know a parish member who you believe would be a strong Council member and could bring talent to the work of the Council, please call and indicate who that person is. Either I or another Council member will call on that person and invite them to consider this opportunity.

Finally, I ask you to pray that the Lord may touch members of our parish to respond to this challenge and call for the good of our parish community.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

There is no coffee hour after either Sunday morning masses as the Men's Club is hosting the Athletic Banquet honoring the athletes of St. Matthew's School. Thanks to all who supported Coffee for a Cause on Easter Sunday benefiting St. Matthew's Choir and thanks to Janice Steinbrenner and Dean Steinbrenner for their help serving. \$161.00 was raised.

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's parish Fall Festival will be held on September 19-20. Spread the word to family and friends!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

All you lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers, ushers, greeters and gift bearers time flies and it is time to get your scheduling conflicts in for the next period. The new schedule will cover from the Sunday after Memorial Day [May 31] through the Sunday before Labor Day [Sept 6]. Please get the information to Ginny no later than Wed. May 6, 2009 at 5:00 pm. If there is anyone who would like to join any of these ministries please feel free to also use this contact information. 651-222-2867 or GBD1252@comcast.net. If you would consider being a Sacristan/Mass Coordinator at either the 10:30 or 5:00 masses please let us know.

PARISH COUNCIL INFO MEETING

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, April 30th at 5:30 PM or Sunday, May 3rd between Masses, in the Parish Center for those interested in learning more about the role of the Parish Council member. Questions, call the parish office 651-224-9793.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION THIS THURSDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Twenty-two young people from the parish will be confirmed at the Cathedral on Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 PM. These confirmation candidates have been working together to learn more about their faith since last September. Please remember them in your prayers this week.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH LITTLE BROTHERS

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly has been serving isolated older adults in the Twin Cities since 1972. Our founder, Armand Marquiset, began his work by delivering hot meals and flowers to the elderly poor in Paris after World War II, believing that people needed not only the necessities, but friendship and love as well. Today, we rely heavily on volunteers to carry out our work in both Hennepin and Ramsey County. Our Peer Counseling Program is currently recruiting and training non-professional volunteers to counsel older adults who are dealing with mild to moderate depression, anxiety, or grief/loss. If you're 55 or older, a good listener, supportive, and interested in helping isolated older adults with these issues, please contact Nichole Salaam at nsalaam@littlebrothersmn.org or 612.746.0753. Training begins May 14. For more information, go to www.littlebrothersmn.org.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

It's Spring and Tootsie Roll Time again! The Knights of Columbus, Council 4184, is sponsoring the Tootsie Roll Drive to aid people with Developmental Disabilities. The monies we collect go to the Dakota's Children and the Special Olympics. There will be a second collection for the Tootsie Roll Drive on Saturday and Sunday at each Mass. The Knights will place Tootsie Rolls by all the entrances to the Church. Help yourself. Some of the Knights will also be passing out Tootsie Rolls after Church. The Knights of Columbus, Council 4184, thanks you for your support.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM OF NORTHERN IRELAND

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!!!! Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10- year or 11- year old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4,000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the Program's 35 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities June 30, 2009 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 6, 2009. Please call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at www.cpni.org to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	April 26
Monday	April 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	April 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	April 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
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	April 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	May 1
7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	May 2
Sunday	May 3

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Prayer: prayed a novena to the Sacra Heart; spent 45 minutes each day in prayer; daily spiritual reading, morning and evening prayer, rosary and other prayers. [where, why, and how am I praying?]

Service: sewed for families in need, volunteered at Neighborhood House, phoned to comfort a friend who had lost a friend; spend one hour volunteering. [where, why, and how am I of service to others?]

Sharing Last weekend: \$7,646. Thank you. That amount brings the year-to-date total to about \$20,000 short of the budget. [During the last 12 weekends we have been short an average of \$1,000 each weekend.]

Other money: \$250 for the food shelf; \$50 in school envelopes; \$40 for archdiocesan assessment; \$1,105 additional for Easter. Thanks to all for all.

Young People's Stewardship: \$1.00, Thank you! They wrote: Helped with sister's B-day.

Last call for Reunion Sunday—next Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 Mass. Come early to reconnect; complimentary brunch [RSVPs needed], and then tour the school.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of April 26, 2009
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 or
 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26---2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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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

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