

The Community of St. Matthew

CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMED AT THE ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A week ago Benedict XVI addressed many people and a variety of issues facing the world, our nation and our church.

On April 17th he met with educators and spoke of the mission and ministry of Catholic education in the United States,

Referring to Catholic elementary and secondary schools he said:

Dear friends, the history of this nation includes many examples of the Church's commitment to education. The Catholic community here has in fact made education one of its highest priorities. This undertaking has not come without great sacrifice. Towering figures, like Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and other founders and foundresses, with great tenacity and foresight, laid the foundations of what is today a remarkable network of parochial schools contributing to the spiritual well-being of the Church and the nation. Some, like Saint Katharine Drexel, devoted their lives to educating those whom others had neglected – in her case, African Americans and Native Americans. Countless dedicated Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests together with selfless parents have, through Catholic schools, helped generations of immigrants to rise from poverty and take their place in mainstream society.

This sacrifice continues today. It is an outstanding apostolate of hope, seeking to address the material, intellectual and spiritual needs of over three million children and students. It also provides a highly commendable opportunity for the entire Catholic community to contribute generously to the financial

needs of our institutions. Their long-term sustainability must be assured. Indeed, everything possible must be done, in cooperation with the wider community, to ensure that they are accessible to people of all social and economic strata. No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation.

Renew your commitment to schools especially those in poorer areas. In places where there are many hollow promises which lure young people away from the path of truth and genuine freedom.

For more than 120 years our parish community has fostered Catholic education through Saint Matthew School, Saint Matthew Child Care and Early Childhood Education, KLT before and after school education, Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation and Saint Matthew Pre-school.

This work is demanding and strains resources. We live the words of Benedict – No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Sue, Chris and Angie Stevens – thanks.. . All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TO OUR SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that Fantastic Sam's in West St. Paul, located at 1c Signal Hills (651-455-9189), will give \$1.00 to our school for each client who brings in the coupon from the back of the church bulletin. Please take advantage of this program and help earn cash for our school.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

It's time to prepare the summer schedule. This schedule will cover from Saturday May 31 [the weekend after Memorial Day] through Sunday August 31 [the weekend before Labor Day]. All scheduling requests need to be in by 5:00 pm Wednesday May 7th. Please either call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail GBD1252@comcast.net. If you would like to become a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Gift Bearer or Sacristan please contact us using the information above and someone will get back to you.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, April 26, 5:00 PM - Jennah Garibay, Nickolas Browder, Allary Horwath. Diane Horwath will be received into the Church. Sunday, April 27, 10:30 AM - Anna Deneen, Autam Mendez, Drew Tetmeyer, Jazzmin West. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The second collection on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, will be taken up for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. The Knights will be present to give out Tootsie Rolls after church. The proceeds will go to programs for the developmentally disabled. This drive is sponsored by the West St. Paul Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support.

Community of St. Matthew
Parish Council Meeting

May 1, 2008
6:45 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer, Reflection – Nicole Johnson, Facilitator
- II. Public Comments
- III. Approval of Minutes, April 3, 2008
- IV. Long Range Planning
 - Finalization of Goals
- V. Ministry Fair Plans in process
- VI. Update on discernment process
- VII. Census Committee Update
- VIII. Finance Report
- IX. Adjournment

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Have you returned your Parish Census Form? If not, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not get a form in the mail, or if it has been misplaced, extra forms are available in the back of church. If you have questions or need help completing the form, please call 651-665-9997. It is very important to have accurate information about each registered parishioner.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	April 27
11:30 AM, SH	Athletic Banquet
Monday	April 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	April 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	April 30
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, SC	Cub Scout
	Committee mtg.
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	May 1
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council
Friday	May 2
7:15 AM-5:15 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	May 3
Sunday	May 4

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship of time, talent, and treasure reveal my love for Jesus?

Sharing \$9710 was given last weekend in the usual ways [and I forget to acknowledge those who mail their contribution—that is actually a 4th way, beside envelopes at Mass, the plate, and electronic]. Thanks to all. Fiscal year-to-date: budget--\$407,600; actual--\$394,286. Hence, we are \$13,314 behind the budget for stewardship giving. Please remember the call and challenge to be faithful, regular stewards—giving in return for all the blessings that have been received.

Other giving: \$115 to the food shelf; \$53 for the Romanian orphans; \$70 in education fund envelopes. Thank you.

Time...talent...and treasure: the Fire Dinner. Thanks to so many for an enjoyable evening. To Steve Mike, the chef, and his wife, Josie for palette pleasing food; to Jan Casillas and helpers for the room prep, etc. Thanks to current school students, to former students, to parents, to parishioners and any others who helped prepare, decorate, serve, bus, clean-up. Thanks to those who shared their stories of the fire and “old St Matt’s.” Thanks to those who came from near and far [even Chicago] to share day.

All invoices have not been paid; it appears that about \$6,000 will be added to the endowment for education. Thank you.

Rectory and Casa Guadalupana...the agreement/contract is in the hands of the lawyers. As soon as that is complete, we will submit the document to the archbishop for his signature and then we'll complete. The rectory will become a Catholic Worker House under the direction of Casa Guadalupana and the parish will have no regular expenses for the house or the property. [Capital expenses for large replacements will be negotiated.]

Reunion Sunday: next Sunday. RSVPs are a **must** for the brunch. Please respond by May 1 with the number of people who will eat the complimentary brunch. All alums are invited to come to the social hall at 10:00—prior to Mass to rub elbows and begin reminiscing. After Mass and brunch the school will be open for tour and investigation. A special welcome to the class of '58—on the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Look for their picture in the next issue of the newsletter.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

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 Dir. Child Care.....*Shar LaVelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Cherri Trapp*
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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 Prayerline 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Joyce Osborne	Stephen Adrian