

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the past six weeks I have been reading the recently published diaries of Dorothy Day—*The Duty of Delight*. The diaries are edited by Robert Ellsberg. Ellsberg the editor of Orbis Press, was a member of a Catholic Worker community in New York between 1975-1980. He served as managing editor of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper for two years. Ellsberg has edited other works of Dorothy's writings; *Dorothy Day: Selected Writings* and *A Penny A Copy: Readings from The Catholic Worker*.

The diaries cover 46 years – beginning in 1934, shortly after the founding of the Catholic Worker and ending in 1980 just a few days before Dorothy's death.

They chronicle the mind and heart of this spiritual giant – personal and private glimpses into her life as well as her experiences in a Church and society gripped in a depression, world war, nuclear proliferation, racial unrest, the Second Vatican Council, etc. Dorothy had a relationship with so many significant Church figures of the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. She had a multi-decades long connection with Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville and Abbot Alcuin, Father Virgil Michal, Fr. Godfrey Dieckman; as well as Msgr. William Busch of the Saint Paul Seminary and Franz & Teresa Mueller of St. Thomas College. She saw profound connections between the social teaching of the Church and the renewal of liturgical life. In fact, action for justice and peace and the worship of God are two sides of the same coin.

These diaries open up the faith life of this woman of faith and the struggles she underwent to practice the love of God and the love of neighbor; her struggle to live a life of simplicity and poverty; her devotion to St. Terese, the

Little Flower; her struggle to remain deeply committed to her Catholic life in light of tremendous failures on the part of Church members and Church leaders.

The former Cardinal Archbishop of New York initiated the beginning of the process for canonization of Dorothy Day. If she ever is declared a Saint of the Church we will possess perhaps the most detailed view of the inner life of a saint over a period of more than 40 years.

This remarkable American Catholic – both sinner and saint – is an icon of 20th century American Catholicism. She, along with Flannery O'Connor and Thomas Merton are unique in 20th century Catholic life.

Below find the delightful blessing before meals used by Dorothy. I like it and encourage others to use it.

**Lord, Jesus Christ, bread of angels,
Living Bread come down from
heaven which brings us to eternal
life, bless this bread as you once
blessed the five loaves in the
wilderness, that all who eat it with
reverence may through it obtain the
physical and spiritual help they
desire. You live and reign eternally,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

Feast of the Assumption
Mass Schedule:

Thursday, August 14th
6:00 PM Mass and Parish Picnic
Cherokee Park

Friday, August 15th
6:45 AM
9:00 AM

ASSUMPTION MASS AND PICNIC

THURSDAY, August 14 [eve of the feast]. Mass at 6:00PM at the pavilion at Cherokee Park. Bring a dish [filled] for the pot luck. [Bring plate and tools, and probably bring a lawn chair, too.] Thanks, in advance, to the Men's Club for supplying—and preparing—the brats, burgers and dogs and buns.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS AWARD

Catholic Order of Foresters awarded the Richard Tobin Agent Benevolence Award to Larry Poppler, General Agent, for production accomplished during 2007. St. Matthew's Elementary School was designated to receive a \$500 donation in his name. Larry also added a \$100 contribution. The funds were designated for new books for the Leveled Reading Program.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTER 8:00 AM MASS!

Everyone is invited to a pancake breakfast! This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 4184, Fr. Lucien Galtier Council, and Catholic Order of Foresters, Chapter 367. Price for the breakfast is \$6.50. Breakfast includes: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Milk. Come down after mass and enjoy fellowship and a nice breakfast cooked by the St. Matthew's Men's club. Any questions, call Joseph Stevens at 651-224-8270.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793 for more information.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL—PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Summer is speeding by and school is just around the corner. All families currently enrolled for the 2008-09 school year will meet at the school on either Tuesday, August 12 or Wednesday, August 13 to fill out necessary paperwork for the coming school year. Registrations for new students will also be accepted. Any questions please call the school office at 651-224-6912 (July office hours: M-Th: 8:00 AM—12:00 Noon, August office hours: M-F: 8:00-3:00 PM).

EDUCATION PROGRAMS NOW ENROLLING

The St. Matthew's Education Programs are currently accepting children ages 6 weeks - grade 10. Choose the program that is right for your family and register today! St. Matthew's Child Care and Early Learning- A full-day child care program for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years. Call 651-224-1459. St. Matthew's Pre-School- A half-day Pre-school program for children ages 3 - 5. Call 651-224-1459. St. Matthew's Day School- A K- 8 High quality Catholic school- Call 651-224-6912. KLT Kids- A before and after school program for grades K - 6. Call 651-665-0786. St. Matthew's Religious Education- Religious education for children in grades 1 - 10 who do not attend Catholic school. Call 651-224-6912.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS WANTED

The Religious Education program is in search of people who would enjoy sharing their faith with the children of the Parish as a catechist. The first teacher workshop is on August 20th at 6:30 PM in the school. Religious Ed. Classes begin September 10th, 6:30 PM-7:45 PM. Classes continue through March. If this is a ministry that you are called to, please call the school office 651-224-9793.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	August 10
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	August 11 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	August 12 Loaves and Fishes Parent Information Night in school gym
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	August 13 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Parent Information Night in school gym
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:00 PM	August 14 Loaves and Fishes Assumption Mass and Picnic in Cherokee Park
Friday	August 15
Saturday	August 16
Sunday	August 17
Upcoming Events	
Saturday	September 20-21
Sunday	Parish Festival

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

If we are true stewards and believers, we will have trust in the Lord and not sink when storms come our way.

Prayer: Wonderful personal examples and invitations to personal prayer continue to come through the testimony on the stewardship envelopes: daily Mass; daily rosary; daily Scripture reading; daily prayer time; fasting one day each week.

Service Again: examples and invitations: brought Eucharist to residents in a nursing home; volunteered at Neighborhood House; drove friends to Mass; helped an elderly person in the home; was a good listener; took care of the earth.

Sharing Last weekend [first weekend of a summer month] stewardship giving was \$10701. The total in this fiscal year is \$47,840. Thanks to each faithful steward who is giving the first percentage.

Through five weeks of the year the amount donated is \$2590 greater than the budget; it is also \$5280 greater than this same period last year. Thank you.

Young People’s Stewardship: \$ 0.50 Thank You!

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 10, 2008

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
- Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Web site: st-matts.org
Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
Dir. Child Care..... *Shar Lavelle*
Dir. KLT Kids*Shar Lavelle*
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
Administrative Assistant*Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*
Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
Parish School..... 651-224-6912
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	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	Anthony Minus