

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 weeks I have written about our partners in ministry. I wrote about our partnership with the Archdiocese, Saint Mary's Health Clinics and Catholic Charities Hispanic Outreach. Today I wish to reflect on our participation in and partnership with Loaves and Fishes.

For 25 years Saint Matthew's has been a participant in Loaves and Fishes. We were one of the first congregations to sign up a team to prepare and serve a monthly meal in 1982. Mrs. Robinette and Mrs. Mooney co-chaired, assisted by Gordon Diedrich – our driver – and dozens of volunteers who cooked, served and cleaned up.

The first night we served the city was engulfed by a January blizzard. There was talk of canceling, but the team insisted that “people are more hungry and in need of more help in a blizzard”. Gordon pulled his truck up to the back of the social hall and we loaded pans of baked fish, au gratin potatoes and green beans into the truck. We slid and fish tailed up George Street. As we crossed the High Bridge it was “white-out” conditions. With a sign of relief Gordon and I arrived at the back door of Assumption Church and were greeted by dozens of Saint Matthew's volunteers. The first site for Loaves and Fishes was the cafeteria of the Assumption.

Over the past 25 years many hundreds of parish people – adult and youth – have been part of our serving teams at Dorothy Day Center, Neighborhood House and Faith Lutheran Church.

Almost ten years ago Neighborhood House decided that they

would no longer provide space for an evening meal for neighborhood people and families in need. The Executive Director of Loaves and Fishes approached Saint Matthew's and asked us to consider hosting a West Side site of Loaves and Fishes. In the meantime a number of local pastors came together to strategize how the feeding program might continue for West Side residents without the participation of Neighborhood House.

The decision to host Loaves and Fishes came about only after a year's work. Every parish organization and program had to be consulted and so many competing needs for the social hall had to be resolved. In the end, the Parish Council decided to offer our social hall as a site for Loaves and Fishes.

Each week, Monday-Thursday between 5 and 6 pm individuals and families – adults and children – come to the social hall and are provided with a home cooked nutritious evening meal. More than two dozen churches and civic groups take a day a month to provide, cook, staff and serve the meal. Saint Matthew is one of those churches. A work begun on a January night in the midst of a winter blizzard in 1982 has grown and continues today. Loaves and Fishes and dozens of churches and civic groups are partners with Saint Matthew in fulfilling our mission to be “the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi River”.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

It is once again time to compile the next liturgy schedule. All lectors, communion ministers, altar servers, ushers and gift bearers need to get their scheduling requests in to Ginny [651-222-2867 or gbd1252@comcast.net] no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday August 22. This schedule will cover from September 8th through November 25th.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Students, 10th grade and older, are invited to join the Confirmation class of 2007-2008. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 9 at 4:00 PM in the church. Please call the parish center at 651-224-9793 and leave your name if you are interested in being a part of the Confirmation program.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS...examination of the constitution and by-laws.

A member of the council resigned in early July. In examining the documents, members realized that there is no avenue for replacement until next Spring. This principle stands against the benefit of having a full complement of members for discussions and responsibilities.

To address this, the council proposes a change in the language of the constitution. Rather than have qualifying/limiting language in the constitution, that language should be in the by-laws.

The council asks that registered members of the parish community vote in an election after Masses on August 25 and 26. The current language: *If a vacancy occurs in the last year of a term, the seat is left vacant until the next discernment process. If a vacancy occurs and there is one [1] year or more left in the term, it will be filled during the next discernment process for the remainder of the term.* The proposed language is: *If a vacancy occurs during the term of any member, that vacancy will be filled according to the by-laws of the council.*

The council asks you to vote at the end of August.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

St. Matthew's School will be hosting Parent Information Nights on Tuesday, August 14, and Thursday, August 16. Both evenings will begin at 6:30 in the school gym. These nights are for students who are enrolled in the school for the 2007-2008 school year and any family that is considering enrollment. Call the school at 651-224-6912 with any questions or for more information.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Beginning August 10th the office will be open 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM until the end of the month. Please call 651-224-6912 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Post-confirmation teens and adults to share their time and talents with the young people of our Parish. The Religious Education program is in need of teachers and aides for the 2007 - 2008 school year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. If you are interested in joining this ministry please call Kathy at 651-224-6912.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This year's Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities will be celebrated by Archbishop Flynn at St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul Seminary, on Sunday, September 9 at 3:00 PM.

SCRIP FOR BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

Don't forget to pick up SCRIP for all your back to school shopping needs. We Have SCRIP for Donald's, K-mart, Kohl's and Old Navy. Stop at the SCRIP table after mass or you may also purchase SCRIP at the School office during regular office hours, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 12, 2007

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: 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
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	August 12
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	August 13 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	August 14 Loaves and Fishes Parent Info. Night
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:00 PM	August 15 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Mass of the Assumption, Cherokee Park
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	August 16 Loaves and Fishes Parent Info. Night
Friday	August 17
Saturday 9:00 AM, PC	August 18 Centering Prayer
Sunday	August 19

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later”? Today’s Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared—“at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Prayer ...five hours of prayer this week...two hours on First Friday...15 minutes of prayer each day...holy hour each morning...seven hours of prayer this week... 14 hours of prayer. Thanks for modeling a “habit” of prayer. Returning some time in prayer each day is one of the beginning signs of a faithful steward.

Service...special thanks to a little angel—Gerri—who comes each week and duplicates and cuts the “order of service” sheets for all to use at worship on the weekend. [It’s not hard; it doesn’t take long. But the regularity and faithfulness to this ministry serves each person who worships.] Thanks, Gerri.

Sharing...Last weekend \$11083 was given. Thanks to each envelope user, plate giver, or electronic transferer! That is greater than the weekly budget. Fiscal year to date: \$53,643. Remember the constancy of expenses and salaries as you take your vacation.

Young people’s stewardship: \$ 1.96 Examples of service this week: Dog sitting, helped mom with dinner, cleaning.

Fall Festival is FIVE short weeks away. Reserve the dates. Plan on eating here on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Play bingo and cards Saturday evening. Participate in Silent auction, bake sale, bottle lotto, and other activities on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Now is the time to help prepare for the festival. Advance money will help and it will be acknowledged on the “treasure tree” in the back of church. No one will be asked to buy or sell raffle tickets. Money is still needed and will be greatly appreciated even though there will be no “chance to win.”

Assumption Mass and picnic. Plan now to celebrate Mass in the park on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:00PM. There will be a pot-luck picnic to follow. Please bring a salad, hors d’oeuvres, or dessert. The Men’s Club is providing brats, burgers, buns. Beverages [pop: \$.50; beer: \$1.00] will also be supplied. Appetites, a prayerful spirit, dish [filled] to share and

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
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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

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

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