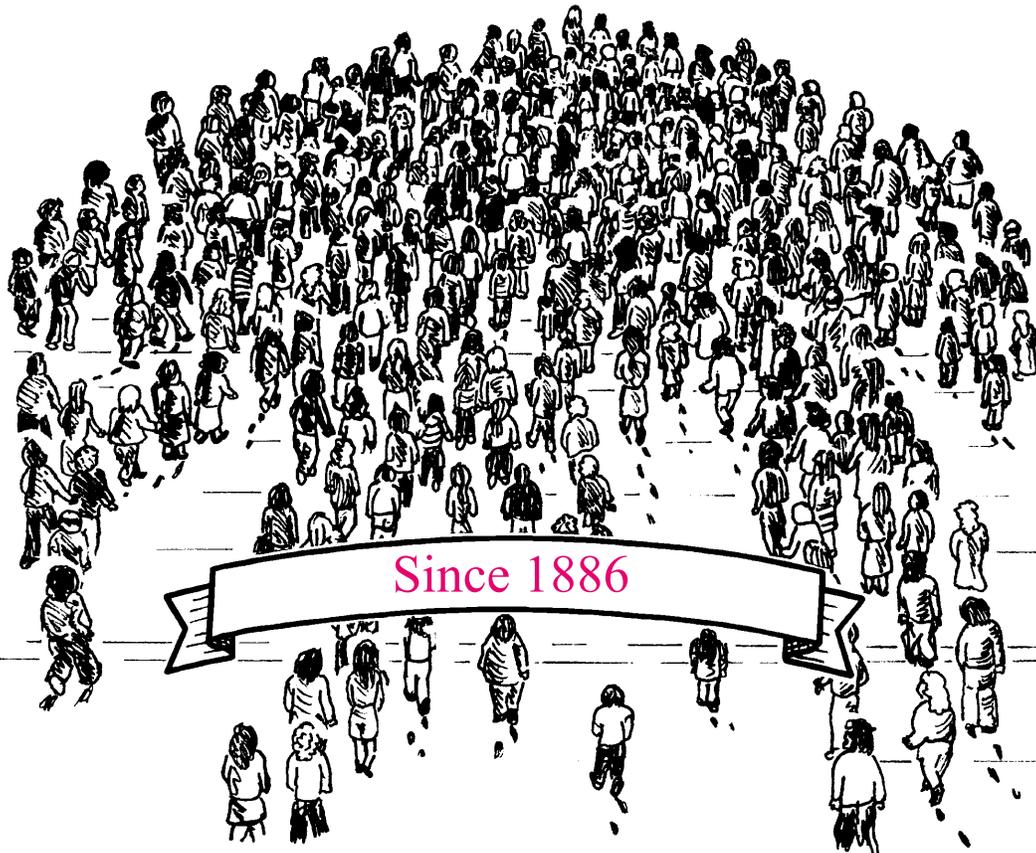


The Community of St. Matthew



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as a visible
expression of
God's love.*



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Two weeks ago Pope Benedict addressed the altar servers from Europe. Representatives of European altar servers were in Rome for their annual gathering. Below are his remarks. They are also helpful remarks for anyone engaged in a ministry at the Eucharist.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Dear servers, you are apostles of Jesus. When you participate in the Liturgy offering your service at the altar, you offer to all a testimony. Your thoughtful attitude, your devotion to the parts expressed in the liturgical motions, in singing, in the responses: if you do these in a proper way and not distractedly in whatever way, then yours is a testimony which touches others. The chain of friendship with Jesus has its source and its summit in the Eucharist. You are very close to Jesus in the Eucharist, in the celebration of the Mass and this is the greatest sign of his friendship for each of us. Don't forget this! And for this I ask: don't get used to this gift, so that it doesn't become a sort of habit, knowing how everything functions

and doing it automatically, but discover it anew each day that something so great is happening, that the living God is in our midst, and that you may be ever more close and bring your contribution so that the mystery may be celebrated and reach the people.

If you don't give in to the habit of it and develop your service from within yourselves, then you are truly his apostles and carry fruits of goodness and of service in each area of your life: in your family, at school, in your free time. This love that you receive in the Liturgy, carry it to all people, especially where you notice those who lack love, who don't receive goodness, those who suffer and are alone. With the strength of the Holy Spirit, seek to bring Jesus himself to those who are cast out, who aren't loved very much, people who have problems. To these, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, you must bring Jesus. So that Bread, which you see broken on the altar, will be shared and multiplies further. And so may you, like the twelve Apostles, help Jesus today to distribute the Bread of Life among the people of our time, in the diverse situations of life. They need this bread! So, dear servers, let my final words to you be these: always be friends and apostles of Jesus Christ!

Benedict XVI

PARISH EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING...SEPTEMBER 16 & 17.

- Come and enjoy good food, good friends, and good fun.
- Make some baked goods for the Rosary Society booth;
- Bring/solicit items for the silent auction;
- Prepare a theme basket, or bring materials for one;
- Bring a bottle to two [new or filled];
- Dust off your dancing shoes; hone your card playing skills;
- Volunteer in the preparation of short order food, or the chicken dinner;
- Make a donation to cover some of the costs of the weekend
- Be a member of the planning team: next meeting: Monday, Aug. 14—7:00PM

More details next week. [The usual raffle will be held in late January!]

VOLUNTEER TO ANSWER PHONES

The Parish Center is in need of a volunteer to answer phones on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 PM. If you are interested, please call Nicole at 651-224-9793. Training is provided.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

It's time to make your scheduling requests for the next liturgical ministry schedule. The new schedule will cover weekend masses September 10th through November 26th. If you have any conflicts or requests, please contact Ginny BEFORE August 23. You can leave her a message at 651-222-2867 OR you can e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com. This applies to the ministries of Altar Server, Usher/Greeter, Lector, Gift Bearer & Communion Minister. Thank you!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WEEK COMING UP FAST- CALLING ON BAKERS

The Habitat for Humanity volunteer construction crew swings into action the week of August 21. Five days of fun, some progress on a new home, and a many sore muscles. There are over 25 individuals from St. Matthew's signed up to work one or more days. Between the three churches - St. Thomas Beckett and Mount Calvary Lutheran are our partners - there will be over 100 volunteers working that week. As part of this effort, we provide lunch, drinks, and snacks for the volunteers. As in past years, we are asking for baked goods to help keep these volunteers nourished. Good homemade treats are much more enjoyable than store bought items. In addition to sweating on the outside, we like to keep the mouths of our volunteers watering at the thought of those treats. If you can, we would appreciate a batch of brownies, cookies, etc. Please bring your item to church next weekend, August 19-20. Our committee will have a table at each mass for you to drop off the goodies. You will put smiles on our volunteer's faces during our snack breaks later that week.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL STUDENTS

St. Matthew's students are often in need of school supplies. The teachers have requested donations of the following materials: washable markers, glue sticks, glue, pencils, 24 count crayon box, pocket folders, notebooks, scissors, 24 count colored pencils, and erasers. Donations may be placed in the box at the back of church or dropped off at the school during regular office hours, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Thank you for your support of the programs of St. Matthew's School

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On the first Friday of each month, between 7:15 AM and 5:15 PM, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Chapel of St. Matthew's Church. It is important that there be someone throughout the day praying before the Sacrament. People have volunteered hour periods to pray for the needs of our parish and the members of our parish, as well as other intentions. I encourage you to take this opportunity. If you are will to be responsible for an hour period, please call Marie Cafilisch at 651-227-1259.

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 10 at 3:00 PM. The reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered. A catechesis preparation for this sacrament will held in August. It is necessary to contact Fr. Shaji Joseph at 651-291-4543 to sign up for one of these sessions if you know of or have persons with disabilities who have not been confirmed and would like to be confirmed at this service.

FAITH AND DEMOCRACY

What do we as a parish think about faith and democracy? What is our current experience of politics and public life? If you would like to be part of a deep and meaningful discussion about what it means to be faithful people and stewards of our democracy, please consider coming to a Faith and Democracy table talk discussion on Sunday, August 27, 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Dodge Nature Center. There will be large and small group discussions and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Nicole at the Parish Center, 651-224-9793, by Wednesday, August 23.

STEWARDSHIP

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest, and encouragement—were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

Time: This week, let's pray daily for the grace to be kind to one another, to be compassionate and forgiving. [2nd reading]

Talent: As we retire each night, spend a minute reflecting on the day and ask ourselves what talents we have used for the benefit of others.

Treasure: Thanks to the many envelope users as well as those who contributed in the plate: \$9,463 was given. \$15 was for holy days; \$1 was in envelopes from children. The balance was put toward the operating fund. Thank you for remembering the constancy of good stewardship

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	August 13
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Meeting
Monday	August 14
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:30 PM, MC	Vigil Mass - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	August 15
6:45 AM, MC	Mass—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11:00 AM, MC	Student Cantor Practice
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM, Cherokee Park	Mass and Potluck
Wednesday	August 16
9:00 AM, PC	Staff Meeting
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, PC	Finance Council Meeting
Thursday	August 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	August 18
Saturday	August 19
Sunday	August 20
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

LAY ("THIRD ORDER") CARMELITE OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an Open House sponsored by the Third Order Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, September 3 at 1:00 PM. Come to the lower level (Steiner Hall) of Nativity of Our Lord Church, Stanford at Prior Avenues in St. Paul. Lay Carmelites are practicing Catholic men and women, married and single, who want to grow spiritually by following the Carmelite way of life. For more information call Dan or Mary at (651)454-6123, or Patricia at (952)941-6896.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 13 8:00 AM +Richard Charboneau, Jr., +Joseph Kammerer, +Gerald Christopherson
10:30 AM +Edna Haas Harold Licha Parishioners

Monday, August 14 6:45 AM World Peace
5:30 PM Vigil Mass— Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15 6:45 AM +Bernice Osterman
5:45 PM Parishioners

Wednesday, August 16 +Mary Littfin

Thursday, August 17 +John Williams
+Vicki Traynor

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19 +Bernard Ferber, +Tim Jack
+Harry & Margaret Newmaster

Sunday, August 20 8:00 AM +Eileen Schmidt
Deceased members of the Catholic Order of Foresters
10:30 AM +Harold Licha
+Agnes DeFoe
+John Meyers

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 13, 2006

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/ Eph 4:30-5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/ Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/ Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/ Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/ Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/ Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

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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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