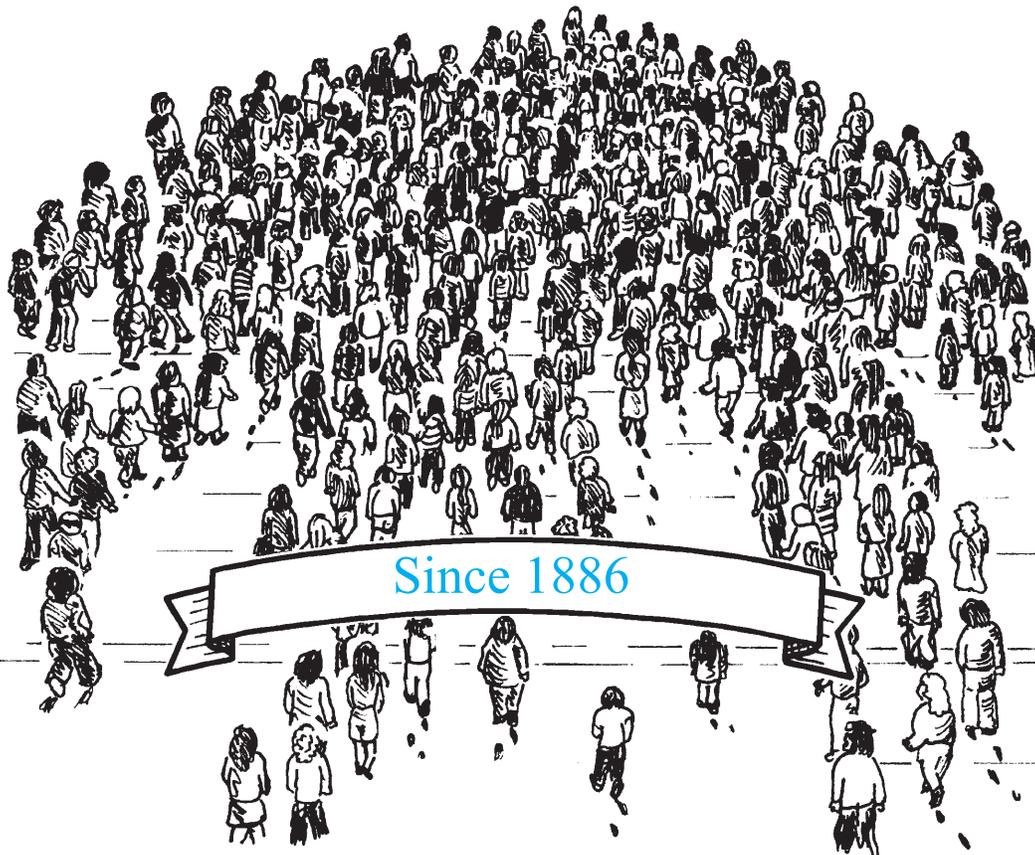


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For the past forty years there has been an effort at evangelization within the church, an effort that seeks to address the evangelization of culture. This is nothing new. The church has been involved with evangelization from the very beginning – Jesus commissioned his disciples to “proclaim the good news to all nations”.

For two thousand years the church has sought to find ways to adapt to culture in the effort to draw people of differing histories, cultures, languages, custom, traditions, etc. to faith. This process has lately been called “inculturation”.

Culture is very powerful; it colors life and runs deep within us. In many ways it is what makes people different in the way they “see” the world. When I took a course in sociology in college one of the principals I learned is that “culture overcomes logic”.

The Acts of the Apostles gives ample testimony of many instances in which the apostles sought to bring the Good News of the Love of God to the known world, and the ways in which those early witnesses to Jesus were able to adapt the message to various cultures, so that the message could be heard and received.

The good missionary is the one who seeks to discover those elements of a culture that are vibrant, strong and worthy receptacles to carry the message of the Gospel; then the missionary adapts the message in such a way that it can be carried by a culture; the truth is never compromised, but the manner in which the truth is expressed differs according to culture.

So much of what you and I are as Roman Catholics is influenced by western European cultural factors. Initially the faith was wrapped within the culture of the Middle East – the cultures that dominated Israel, Palestine and North Africa. In the early fourth century when the Church became established within the Roman Empire the expression of faith took on the trappings, language, customs, traditions and culture of the Greco-Roman world. Greek and Latin became the language, Greco-Roman philosophy, literature, music, art, education, etc. became the receptacle which held and conveyed the faith.

Today the dominance of church life is no longer found in Europe and North American. The growth and strength of the church is in the South – Latin and South America, Africa and Asia. And with that movement there will be new cultural containers, receptacles which will carry the faith and be the instrument of the development of faith.

The challenges and issues that face the church of the South are very different from the church issues of the North. Issues challenging the growing church of the South are: the effect of pervasive corruption in business and government and the destruction of the rule of law; civil wars (genocide); poverty (hunger, lack of education, lack of clean water, etc.) ; disease (infant mortality, HIV Aids); environmental concerns; etc. In the South the church is exploding, seven out of every ten Catholics in the world now live in the Southern hemisphere – and the majority of these people are under the age of 30.

Catholic population in the United States remains stable – only because of the large immigration from the south – Latin and South America. With this immigration the Church of the United States will be more than 50% Latino in a very few years – and with that there will be a shift in cultural expressions of faith and practice.

The church is always dynamic. Old church is always dying and new church is always being birthed and yet Christ remains the same – yesterday, today and forever.

Catholic means “universal”. The church is most herself when her arms are opened wide and she embraces people of every age and race and language and custom and way of life.

We live in dynamic times.

My hope and prayer for our local church is that as we restructure the instructions and resources of the archdiocese we do more than consolidate to preserve what we have. My prayer is that we dynamically seek to position ourselves to become a 21<sup>st</sup> century church, a new church with a new face and a new way of being the Body of Christ.

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Due to a "senior moment" we have to make the following correction on the Committee Chair list from the flyer you received two Sundays ago, Quilt/Picture Raffle, Brats, burgers, fries: Brian Osborne, 230-1518, Tacos/Gorditas: Sue Nowak 222-3928, Sophia Vasquez 222-0941. We apologize to the folks involved in the error(s). We're looking for donations of candles for a new booth. Any new candles are greatly appreciated. Bring them to church and leave them at the back. The committee will see that they are moved to Parish Center. Our beautiful donated quilt is now on display at the front of the church. Tickets for a chance to win this quilt will be at the back of church. We also have a painting of the Holy Family which was donated by a parishioner. Tickets are also available of church.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS ON THE WEST SIDE

To commemorate our 125 years on the West Side, St. Matthew's will begin a 13 month celebration on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Join us at 5:00 pm Mass celebratd by Archbishop Harry Flynn followed by a Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance. Watch for more details but mark your calendar for March 5, 2011 - the first of many planned events culminating in our final celebration of our 125th anniversary on Sunday, April 15, 2012 - the 70th birthday of Fr. Steve Adrian.

HISTORY OF THE PARISH - THE LAST 25 YEARS (1986-2011)

At the time of St. Matthew's Centennial [1986] a history of St. Matthew's was compiled by Mary Catherine Dunkel. This was done in mini-chapters covering 2 years each. You may recall that a mini-chapter was read on each weekend of the celebration year. Would you be interested in researching and writing the last mini-chapters of our history? Please contact John Riehle at the parish center, 651-224-9793, if interested or for more information.

SAINTS BASEBALL GAME TRIP

The annual St. Matthew's trip to a Saint's Baseball game hosted by the St. Matthew's Men's Club is on Wednesday August 25. A bus will leave St. Matthew's Church at 5:45 and Gallagher's Bar at 6:00. This is the last home game of the season. The Saint's are thrilled that we coming and will have a large fireworks show for us after the game! Food and refreshments will be served in the Saint's parking lot prior to the game. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child (16 or under) and includes ticket, bus, and pre-game food and refreshments. A down payment of \$10 per ticket is required. Contact Tim Nowak - cell 612-269-9471, or email to [timothy.nowak@usfamily.net](mailto:timothy.nowak@usfamily.net).

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 15</b>
<b>Feast of the Assumption</b>	
<b>11:00 AM Mass in Cherokee Park</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 16</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 17</b>
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 18</b>
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 19</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 22</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.*

Sharing: \$55,725 has been given—in thanksgiving—by faithful stewards...since the beginning of the fiscal year. That is just about 'spot on' for the budget. Thank you to all!

As well, this past weekend: \$275 to food shelf; \$40 for Assumption. Thank you. [Please remember that one half of all given for 'food shelf' is sent to Neighborhood House food shelf; the other half stays here for distribution to those who come to our door.]

Service: Take care of vigil candles in church.

Prayer: Daily mass, prayer, rosary, spiritual reading.

Youth: \$4.00, Thank you! They wrote: Visited grandma... cleaned.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2010

Sunday: 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

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*

Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*

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Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Bonnie Faber*

Dir. Child Care and KLT..... *Shar Lavelle*

Bookkeeper..... *Cindy Hoffman*

Administrative Assistant..... *Nicole Johnson*

Dir. Food Service..... *Donna Jenniges*

Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

### Phone Numbers

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Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459

Prayer line..... 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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

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