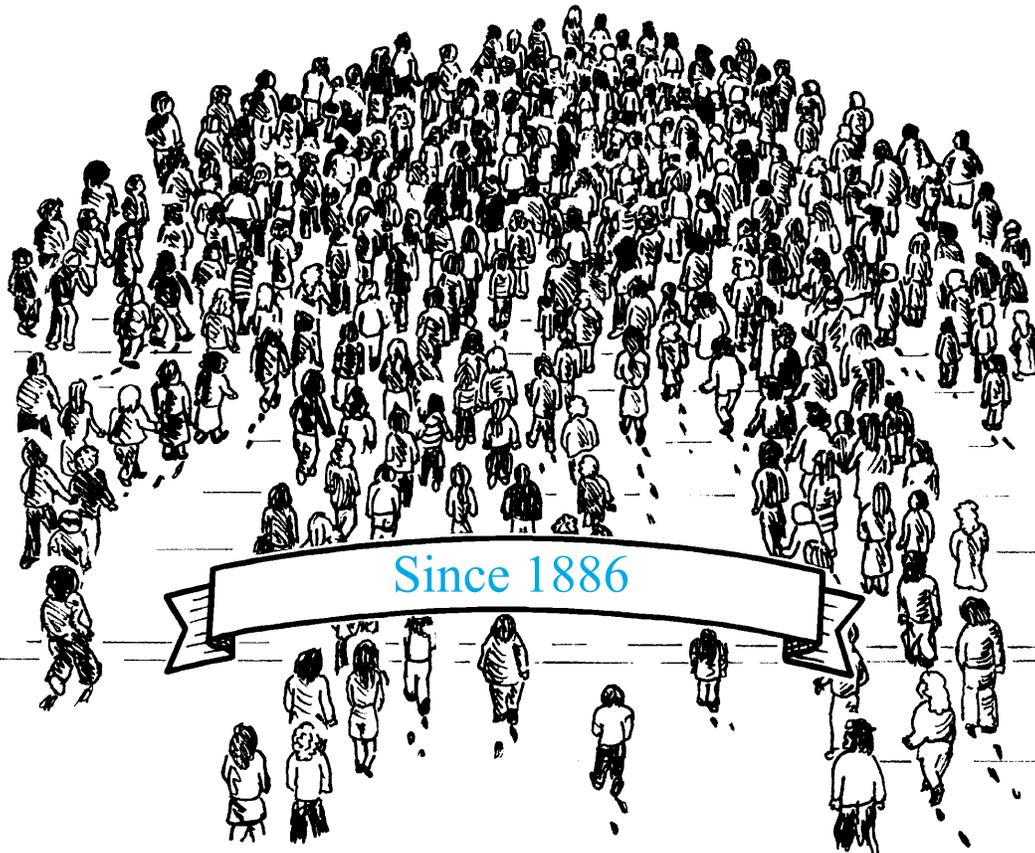


The Community of St. Matthew



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



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Twenty years ago the West Side community came together with the assistance of the Wilder foundation to undertake a community strategic plan. For almost a year representative members of the community met regularly, established working groups and surveyed the community. This work was overseen by WSCO – the West Side Citizens Organization. At that time the west Side was the only one of the 16 St Paul neighborhoods to undertake such a wide ranging strategic plan.

Local churches, schools – public and private, business associations, citizens groups, health care institutions, law enforcement representatives, social service organizations, elected officials, the city planning office and many other entities all participated.

The result of this massive planning effort was the ability of the community to identify key strengths and weakness of the community and to put forth a strategy that was specific and accountable to meet the community needs.

The first area of concern was the housing stock and the need for a local development arm for the community to tend to the brick and mortar development of the community. Out of this priority NeDA was born – the Neighborhood Development Alliance. Members of this congregation were significant in the birth of NeDA.

A second priority and concern was safe, quality and affordable child care. Saint Matthew's parish had just undertaken a child care effort – care for children ages 3-5 years. The community wanted Saint Matthew's to expand their effort and to provide a full service child care – infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. We were also asked to provide professional services to assist home day care providers in the community and to pursue offering second shift child care – from mid afternoon until midnight five days a week.

Federal, state and local monies were available to provide a state of the art child care center on Winifred St. The same resources were available for a three year period to help develop family

self-sufficiency services for child care families. NeDA undertook the development of the property and Saint Matthew's undercook the program development.

In 1991 Saint Matthew Child Care began a twenty year lease of the new child care building. Archbishop Roach consigned the lease agreement with us and stood as a financial guarantor. We also absorbed students and some staff from the Archbishop Brady High School child care – the high school was closing at the time.

The agreement we made with the community involved providing high quality, safe and affordable child care that would reflect and respect the diversity of our neighborhood. To this end we promised never to charge more for our services than the amount of child care reimbursement provided for by Ramsey County. Thus, in theory, no family would be denied child care because of financial reasons. Over the years state budget constraints have caused the county to limit and reduce the amount of assistance provided.

Today Saint Matthew Child Care is the only child care center on the West Side of St. Paul – the Neighborhood House Constance Currie Child Care discontinued service a few years ago.

Saint Matthew Child Care is an integral part of our neighborhood community and owes its success to a long term staff and quality program. This child care ministry – begun in a community planning process and developed with the assistance of NeDA and URAP and CRP funding from the State of Minnesota and the City of Saint Paul, the guarantees of the Archdiocese and the dedication of a committed board is another significant partnership with the Church of Saint Matthew in being 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.

INREACH: A PARISH VISITATION

St. Matthew's ISAIAH Core Team is organizing an autumn parish visitation called InReach. InReach means setting up intentional 1-1 conversations with our fellow parishioners. The purpose is simply to get to know who each other is and to build our parish community. These conversations will allow the visitors to learn about the lives, hopes and concerns of fellow parishioners. *It is not a survey and nothing is asked of anyone.* InReach continues the renewal of the Church of St. Matthew by building relationships.

InReach visitors will attend a training session on September 15 (Saturday) and visit with five parishioners over six weeks. There will be a final debrief of the project. Total time commitment: 12 hours. We want to recruit at least 35 parishioners to visit 175 people.

If you would like to be a visitor, or you would like to be visited, call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

SCRIP UPDATE

Noodles & Co is now open in West St Paul. The SCRIP program will carry an inventory of \$10 gift cards for your convenience. Now available \$10 Subway gift cards. Do you frequent Subway? Would you purchase them at the Scrip table? Stop by the Scrip table with your answers! We can carry an inventory if there is enough interest. Don't forget to purchase SCRIP for your back to school needs—Donald's, K-Mart, Old Navy, etc.

FALL FESTIVAL IS FOUR WEEKS AWAY!

The 'committee' is working hard to assemble the makings of a wonderful time for all. Look for a 50s style chicken dinner, some repeats [live band, etc.] and some of the usual: bingo, silent auction, bake sale, kids games, etc. This year—like last—there will not be a big raffle. The committee will accept contributions to help with pre-festival costs as well as adding to the net. Think of ways to be involved. Outlets and invitations will be forthcoming.

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Enter the 2nd Annual St. Matthew's Fall Festival Cribbage Tournament. Test your cribbage playing skills against players of all experience levels. Games start at 7:00 PM on Saturday September 15th in the Social Hall. Everyone is guaranteed to play two games in a double elimination format. There is no entry fee and payouts will be \$25, \$15 and \$10. You can be the winner and have bragging rights throughout the year!

GILBERT DE LA O'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Join the West Side community as they celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions Gilbert has made on the West Side. His retirement party will be Wednesday, August 22 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Neighborhood House. Stop by and wish Gilbert well on this new phase of his life.

WELCOME LORI LISOWSKI

The School Sisters of Notre Dame, and especially the formation community here at St. Matthew's, invite you to join us in welcoming Lori Lisowski as she enters our community and continues to discern her call to religious life. Lori comes to us from Winona, MN where she has been working in the public library there. She will be living in formation community at St. Matthew's, taking some formation classes and ministering part time with immigrants who are studying English as a second language. Please welcome here as a new member of the parish community

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 19, 2007

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**THIS WEEK AT
 SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	August 19
10:30 PM, MC	Baptism
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	August 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	August 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	August 22
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, PC	Finance Committee
Thursday	August 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	August 24
Saturday	August 25
Sunday	August 26
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
12:00 PM, MC	Baptism
12:30 PM, MC	Baptism

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, Saint 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.

Prayer ...daily morning and evening prayer...daily mealtime prayer...daily Mass...20 minutes of prayer daily...daily rosary...one hour of prayer daily. Thanks to each of these parish members for both modeling the “daily” life of a prayer-full steward, as well as humbling witnessing for the community.

Service: It is time to thank and acknowledge the “funeral lunch ladies.” These faithful servants change their personal schedules to allow them to come and set-up and clean-up the social hall, set-up and serve the lunch, regardless of the hour or what is being served. They served four lunches in the last eight days [not everyone on the team works at every lunch]! AND, those folks are looking for others to join them, whether old or young, female or male, there is work for all. Call the parish center for more information.

Sharing: \$8,411 was given last weekend in the usual three ways. Thank you! Two weeks into July the amount collected was about \$5,100 behind last year. Each week that difference has diminished. We are only \$1,100 behind last year now. Thank you to each faithful, consistent steward. Like prayer [above], one of the measures of stewardship is consistency.

Additionally, \$54 was given in holyday envelopes and \$195 in school fund envelopes. Thank you.

Young people's stewardship. Thanks to those children and youth who continue to use their envelope. \$7.17 was given last weekend.

Parish Center Window Project is now complete. Thank you to each person who contributed to the fund. There was enough to replace EACH of the windows and to purchase eight new air-conditioners that have seen much use in these past few weeks.

Now—as the building looks so nice—the front door system needs replacing to bring it all “up to snuff.” A bid is being sought.

Anyone who thought they were too late to contribute to the windows has another opportunity to memorialize or honor someone. Contact John at the parish center, or put your contribution in an envelope, properly marked. Thanks in advance.

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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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