

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week I invite you to continue to reflect on the letter of Benedict XVI –*Caritas in Veritate (On Human Development in Charity and Truth)*.

In reflecting on his letter Benedict says: “As do other documents of the Church’s teaching, this encyclical intensifies Church analysis and reflection on social themes of vital interest to humankind in our century.”

“The world situation, as events of recent months amply demonstrate, continues to present no small problems. And the ‘scandal’ of startling inequalities remains notwithstanding past commitments. On the one hand, signs of serious social and economic imbalances can be seen; on the other, there are many sides calling for reforms that can no longer be put off to fill the divide in the development of peoples.”

“To this end, the phenomenon of globalization can constitute a real opportunity, but for this to happen it is important that there be a profound moral and cultural renewal and a responsible discernment about the choices made to achieve the common good.”

“A better future is possible for everyone if it is based on the rediscovery of basic ethical values. That is to say, new economic planning is needed that redesigns development in a global way, basing it on the ethical foundation of responsibility before God and on being human as a creature of God.”

Benedict invites us to reexamine the way we do business. He challenges us to seek an ethical foundation for social policy – not just what is immediate, what is efficient, what is cost-effective and what advances national self-interest. He invites us to reexamine what it means to be a human being and what it means to act reflecting the best and truest about ourselves.

He reminds us that it is not the work of the Church to develop and implement social policy, which is the work of

economists, experts in education, health care, agricultural development, engineering, etc. The work of the Church is to call all people to ethical accountability and a true understanding of the common good of all peoples.

“I do not seek to offer technical solutions to the enormous social problems of the modern world – this is not up to the Church. What Church does do is recall the fundamental principles that are indispensable for building human development over coming years.”

Among these principles Benedict highlights “concern for human life, seen as the center of all true progress; respect for the right to religious freedom, always strictly linked to human development, and the rejection of a Promethean vision of human beings which sees them as the sole architects of their own destiny.”

“Unlimited trust in the potential of technologies will show itself, in the end, to be illusory. Upright men and women are needed in politics as well as economics, people sincerely attentive to the common good. In particular, in looking at the world’s emergencies, it is urgent to focus attention of public opinion on the drama of hunger and food security which touches upon a considerable part of humanity. A drama of such dimension involves our consciences: it is necessary to face it decisively, eliminating the structural causes that produce it and promoting the agricultural development of the poorest countries.”

Next week I will continue to explore the teaching of Benedict in *On Human Development in Charity and Truth*.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

Pastor

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity: Thanks to all for another successful year. A great Thank you to those who worked on site and an equal thanks to those who contributed goodies and other ways. Ginny and the Habitat committee.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Scheduling: Mary Ann, Joanne and I will be doing scheduling on Sunday August 9th. This schedule will run from September 12th to November 22nd. If you have any scheduling needs please let me know at 651-222-2867 or e-mail GBD1252@comcast.net Thanks, Ginny.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

As we approach our Fall Festival it's time to start shopping. Small prizes for the fish pond. We will need A&W root beer for the float booth, other 1/2 gal sodas for our ring toss and bottle lotto. Bottles you fill or prefilled also for the bottle lotto. Continue to work on your theme baskets, those that have started to come in are very nice. Keep looking for jewelry and vintage items. "Animal rescue", our rescue is of stuffed furry animals that have been gently used and could be loved in another home. If you are interested in the team puzzle tournament either as a participant or observer contact Steve Grundei for further information. 297-8328. The tournament will be held on Saturday afternoon Sept. 19th from 3-5 PM. You may start to bring the items now. Bring them to the Parish House during the week and to the Church on weekends Thank You, Barb.

Community of Saint Matthew  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Agenda - August 6, 2009  
Facilitator: Connie Aligada

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| 6:45 PM | Reflection   |
| 7:00 PM | Business Meeting   |
| I.      | Public Comments  |
| II.     | Approval of Minutes and Review of agenda   |
| III.    | Committee reports  |
|         | Finance report   |
|         | Outreach   |
|         | Liturgy  |
|         | School/education report  |
|         | Festival report  |
|         | Review of PC Committee assignments: Liturgy, Outreach, School/Education  |
| IV.     | Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Process Report   |
| V       | Calendar for parish annual meeting.  |
| VI      | Availability of council members [some] to serve supper to the entire parish staff after their corporate service at Feed My Starving children-8/26 about 7:15PM |
| VII     | Other Business   |
| V.      | Agenda items for next meeting: September 3, 2009   |
| VI.     | Adjourn  |

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

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| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>August 2</b>   |
| <b>Monday</b>     | <b>August 3</b>   |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | <b>August 4</b>   |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>August 5</b>   |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>August 6</b>   |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:45 PM, PC       | Parish Council    |
| <b>Friday</b>     | <b>August 7</b>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>August 8</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>August 9</b>   |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Matthew's school will host 7 Open House events for current and new families the week of August 10. Current families will complete paperwork for the coming school year. New families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet staff and complete the registration process. We still have room in many classrooms so check us out! Open House days and hours: Monday, August 10 - 9:00-11:00 am and 4:00-6:00 pm; Tuesday, August 11 - 1:00-3:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm; Wednesday, August 12 - 10:00 am-2:00 pm; Thursday, August 13 - 1:00-3:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. Any questions please call the school office at 651-224-6912.

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

Sharing Last weekend: \$7,672 was given [below the expected weekly average of \$9,000 during summer Sundays. Other money: \$35 for the food shelf; \$2 in school envelopes.

There was \$440 in ticket sales deposited; the total to date is \$875. Thanks to all who bought/sold their 15 tickets. More are available.

Service: gave someone a ride to a doctor appointment; gave someone a ride to Mass and then to lunch; cleaned house; spent time in fellowship with some who are homebound; volunteered at Neighborhood House.

Prayer: fasted [water only] on Mondays; spent a night in intercessory prayer; prayed for those on the "prayer chain;" many 'daily' prayer experiences: spiritual reading, rosary, Mass, specific time in prayer.

Young People's Stewardship: \$1.25, Thank you! They wrote: painted a door... cleaned my room.

Assumption: Mass and picnic at Cherokee—6:15PM; bring your own plates/tools; please bring a dish [filled] to pass [actually to set on the table as people pass by].

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2009

- Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25---14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
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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 and KLT ..... Shar Lavelle  
 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  
 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

Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum  
 Connie Aligada Joyce Osborne  
 Jason Delmont Anthony Minus  
 Dean Steinbrenner Chris Stevens  
 Stephen Adrian David Burrows