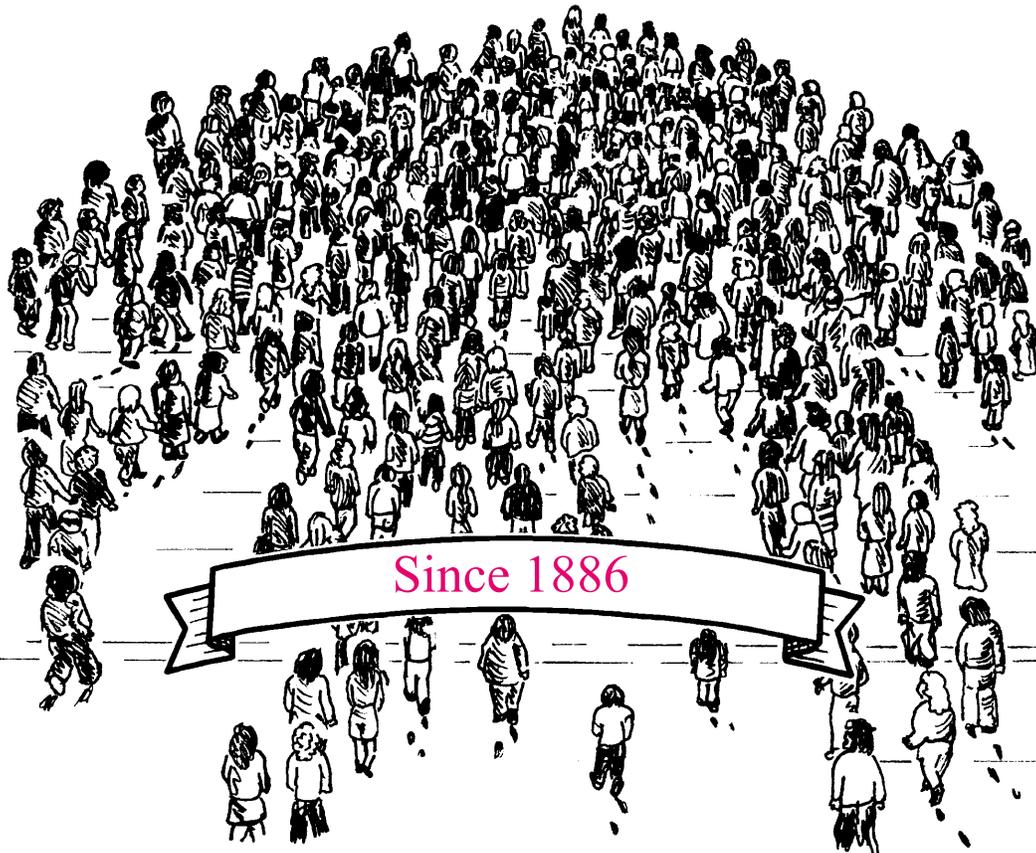


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Repeatedly throughout the life of the Church a particular heresy has dressed up in different clothes and trekked across the stage of history.

The heresy masquerades as Gnosticism, Jansenism, Nestorianism, Albigensianism, Arianism, etc.

At the heart of this heresy is found the inability to hold in tension the mystery of the mutual interconnection of the material and the spiritual.

Some found it impossible to affirm that Jesus Christ, Second person of the Trinity, is fully divine and fully human. Some affirmed that He is truly divine and only simulates being human; others claimed He is wholly human and not divine – He is the greatest of the prophets and the holiest of all, but not divine. Jesus is torn asunder, and the mystery of Christ dies.

Some regarded the physical as depraved, evil and the place in which the devil lurks. They also took the spiritual, the non-material as good, holy and the place of divine presence and activity.

Some even found the use of physical elements – water, bread, wine, oil – in the sacramental life a scandal. They sought to “dehydrate” baptism,

The roots of heresy are found in a “dualism”; an “either/or” position rather than a “both/and”.

There are those who treat the created universe with suspicion. They believe that each time they venture out into the world they return home a less holy person. The world is to be avoided, for the world is the devil’s workshop. They believe that aspects of creation are intrinsically evil.

In contrast we believe that all creation is of God and all is declared by God as “good”. We believe that the human person is an admixture of matter and spirit, the human person is that magnificent creation upon and within which the very imprint of God is found. We believe that “the earth proclaims the glory of God and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.” We believe that all creation – material and immaterial – is the work of

God and reveals God. We believe that human beings are stewards of the earth and are called upon to use all of creation with responsibility and for our own good and for the good of others. We believe that the very perfection of the non-human creation is found in our use of that creation for the glory of God.

We believe that if evil enters the world, it comes because of human design and action. We choose to be harmful to each other and destroy each other. We choose to use created things in a way which is destructive. We believe that human beings are endowed with a mind to know the truth and a will to choose the good. We believe that all things can and must be used for the glory of God and the good of human beings. Apropos, below find the formal blessing for beer, a creature of God meant for the delight and satisfaction of human beings.

A Blessing for Beer from the Rituale Romanum

Benedic, Domine, creaturam istam cerevisae, quam ex adipe frumenti producere dignatus es: ut sit remedium salutare humano generi: et praesta per invocationem nominis tui sancti, ut, quicumque ex ea biberint, sanitatem corporis, et animae tutelam percipiant. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, this creature beer, that Thou hast been pleased to bring forth from the sweetness of the grain: that it might be a salutary remedy for the human race: and grant by the invocation of Thy holy name, that, whosoever drinks of it may obtain health of body and a sure safeguard for the soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

· *Whenever the Catholic sun doth shine,*
· *There's always laughter and good red wine.*
· *At least I've always found it so.*
· *Benedicamus Domino! —Hilaire Belloc*

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CHILD CARE CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

Mark your calendar now to join St. Matthew's Child Care in celebrating 15 years in their current location. Saturday, September 9 from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM the Center will be hosting a carnival. The playground will be open and there will be games, raffles and treats too! It will be a day of fun for all involved. If you would like more information please contact Dimary or Elizabeth at 651-224-1450.

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!!

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

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.

NEW PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning this week the parish center office will be open (and phones answered in person) from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each weekday. If you call at other hours, you will still be able to get information and/or leave a message with the answering service.

STEWARDSHIP

"Those who seek the

Lord want for no good thing," says today's Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Time: Besides peace and an end to hostilities throughout the world, let us spend some of our daily prayer time asking blessings on all those going college [those returning and those going for the first time]. [Would you like the opportunity to stop in for prayer in the chapel whenever you wanted? We're exploring a way to have that space open so that folks could stop by at any time. Watch for more info.]

Talent: Another "behind the scenes" ministry here is that of the "funeral lunch." They provide a wonderful ministry in serving and cleaning up so that families may spend the "after funeral" time sharing stories of their loved ones. Thanks to Catherine, Virginia, Jan, Peg, Clare and leader Eileen for doing so on Saturday, August 12. They deserve special accolades because they served one of our parish families at the social hall at St. Joe's. [We had a rental here.] Thanks, ladies.

Treasure: Thanks to all those who used their envelopes and who gave in the plate collection: \$8951 was contributed. Of that amount \$119 was for the holy-day and \$755 was in the plate. The budgeted amount each Sunday is \$11,100. Please remember that expenses of the parish do not "go on vacation." [Would you like to give "electronically?" We're about to offer that convenience. If you'd like to begin in September, watch for the action needed next weekend—bring your checkbook for account numbers]

Fall Festival is 4 weeks from this weekend. Please refer to the insert in today's bulletin for the activities and the opportunities.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	August 20
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	August 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:30 PM	Men's Club Saints Game & Tailgating
Tuesday	August 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	August 23
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	August 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	August 25
Saturday	August 26
Sunday	August 27
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
12:00-2:00 PM	Faith in Democracy
Dodge Nature Center Preschool	Table Talk

Abbreviations:

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

THE GUILD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN PRAYER CONNECTION

Anyone in the community is encouraged to call the unique "Guild of Catholic Women Prayer Connection" to request a prayer for someone who has mental illness and/or their families and caregivers. Call 651-450-2217 ext. 33, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Individuals can receive comfort and hope by knowing that someone cares. Confidentiality is assured by using only first names.

FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME

The Lucien Galtier West St. Paul Chapter of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a picnic from 6:00-9:00 PM on Monday, August 21 at Marthaler Park. Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, beer and pop. Come and enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors. Family -\$12, Adults—\$3, Beer—\$1 per cup. RSVP—Joe Stevens at 651-224-8270 or Red Wagner at 651-222-0894

MASS INTENTIONS

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, +Vincent Plumbo
Monday, August 21	Sr. Lucy Bruskiwicz
Tuesday, August 22	+John Devlin (Anniversary)
Wednesday, August 23	Klingner Family
Thursday, August 24	+Bernell & Bernice Osterman
Friday, August 25	
Saturday, August 26	+Bernard Bukowski +Joseph Karas, Sr. +Joseph Karas, Jr.
Sunday, August 27	8:00 AM +Ed Maher +Larry Simmons +Gerald Christopherson 10:30 AM +Klotine Mosby +Mary Littfin +Gerald Christopherson

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2006

Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	Ez 24:15-24/ Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/ Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/ Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/ Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69

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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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Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
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