

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This August marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Pope Paul VI. To many people he is a rather obscure figure – in that he was sandwiched between to charismatic and popular pope, John XXIII and John Paul II.

Pope Paul VI, Giovanni Battista Montini, was elected pope following the death of Pope John XXIII in June of 1963.

Giovanni Battista Montini became pope in the most delicate moment of the Council -- when the intuition of Blessed John XXIII was at risk of not taking form. Montini had been a collaborator with John XXIII in the work of the council and was passionately committed to the goals John laid out in calling for the Ecumenical Council. Paul VI in presided over the John's Council, leading it to its conclusion, and then overseeing the turbulent post-conciliar phase.

In 1964 he wrote his first letter to the Church and the world in which he laid out the hallmark of his ministry. Hew sought to be an instrument of civil dialogue with in the Church and within the world. In this letter he uses the word "dialogue" 67 times and lays out the qualities of true and fruitful dialogue in the search for truth.

Paul described dialogue in terms of four qualities:

- Clarity: "Every angle" of one's language should be reviewed to ensure that it's "understandable, acceptable, and well-chosen";
- Meekness: "Dialogue is not proud, it is not bitter,

it is not offensive. Its authority is intrinsic to the truth it explains, to the charity it communicates, to the example it proposes; it is not a command, it is not an imposition. It is peaceful; it avoids violent methods; it is patient; it is generous."

- Trust: One should have confidence "not only in the power of one's words, but also in an attitude of welcoming the trust of the interlocutor. Trust promotes confidence and friendship. It binds hearts in mutual adherence to the good which excludes all self-seeking."

- Pedagogical prudence: "Prudence strives to learn the sensitivities of the hearer and requires that we adapt ourselves and the manner of our presentation in a reasonable way, lest we be displeasing and incomprehensible."

Perhaps more than ever we live in a time deeply in need of constructive dialogue that is clear, humble, trusting and prudent. We need that in both the church and in society. We need it in the family unit and workplace. We need it in the classroom as well as legislative halls. Maybe you and I can profit from further reflection on and use of these four qualities of constructive dialogue.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### WANTED – ON-LINE SHOPPERS

A new scrip opportunity that will benefit St. Matthew's. All you have to do is register at [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) and select St. Matthew's School (ID 148748) to benefit from your purchases. Then start your purchases at Schoolpop.com, link to the vendor and complete your purchase. St. Matthew's receives a percentage of your purchase. Examples – Target 4%, FTD 7.5%. There are hundreds of choices. Questions? Stop by the Scrip table or call Tim 612-269-9471.

### FOOD SHELF

During the summer months it is even more difficult for some of our neighbors struggle to put food on their table. Helping them is as easy as bringing food or paper products to weekend worship. Every week food is collected here and brought to Neighborhood House. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

### SAVE THE DATE

A benefit dinner for Romanian children will be served at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 490 Hall Ave., St Paul, on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Food will be prepared by the Romanian Orthodox Ladies Auxiliary and the Izvorasul Dancers will entertain. Look for details to follow in September.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals have begun and are on going. So far we are groups of approximately 20-25 singers and instrumentalists who are willing to make a commitment to the work of liturgy and music at St. Matthew's 3 weekend liturgies (plus other special celebrations.) This is your invitation to join us as we continue to grow in faith, have fun and become part of a small community within this faith community. No auditions! Just come to the rehearsals!

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on **Wednesdays from 7-8:15** in the Church. Fall rehearsals begin on Sept. 10.

**Humm-Dingers! (Grades 4-8)** Rehearsals start on **Wednesday October 8 from 5:00-6:15.**

The **Guitar Group** practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between the 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie at the parish office if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome.

Questions? Call Bonnie at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

### THANK YOU ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND PAX CHRISTI PARISHES

St. Matthew's School would like to thank Pax Christi parishioners for their generous donation of school supplies to our school. St. Matthew's School is anticipating an enrollment increase of almost 20% and the school supplies will be put to good use by all of our students. St. John the Baptist School in Savage made a generous donation of gently used school uniforms to our school. Many of our new students have been able to outfit themselves for the school year through this donation.

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

St. Matthew's School is accepting donations of gently used uniforms. We especially need jumpers and skirts. Donations may be dropped off at the school during regular office hours, 8:00 AM -4:00 PM.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 24, 2008

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20  
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30  
 Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 25</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 26</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 27</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 28</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00-7:30 PM, SC	Back to School Night
5:00-7:30 PM, SC	School Pictures in the Gym
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 29</b>
KLT/Child Care Closed	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 30</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 31</b>

### Upcoming Events

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 20-21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Festival</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 readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans—and us—that all things come from God: “for from Him and through Him and for Him all things are.” Good stewards understand that all is gift and they share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they have been blessed.*

*In today's gospel, both Jesus and Simon Peter receive new names. When we give time, talent, and treasure, each according as we have been blessed, then we receive the name: Faithful Steward.*

Service Thanks to all those who gave of time and talent to enable the 150 people gathered in Cherokee Park to celebrate the Assumption of Mary and to share a picnic supper: members of the Men's Club who prepared the meet; musicians who led the assembly in song; readers, ushers, gift-bearers, etc. With the threat of rain gone, a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Sharing Last weekend the total financial stewardship was \$7,742. Thanks to all! Year [Summer]-to-date total is \$65,683--\$2,333 greater than the budget; also that number is \$3,629 greater than last year at this same time.

Other dollars given: \$1,080 was given for Assumption; \$165 to the food shelf; and \$140 in envelopes for school/education programs.

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Festival Central...check it out

In the corner of the church, marked by the “festival quilt” [made and donated by Judy Helsper] is the place to conduct festival business:

- Make a “lead gift” to help the festival with early expenses. This would be great, especially if you are unable to come to the festival itself.
- Purchase tickets for the quilt raffle;
- Watch for the appearance of a “money tree” raffle quite soon;
- Bring baskets, theme baskets, and “stuff” for baskets;
- Bring bottles [clean and filled]...ideas: pop, ketchup, water, pennies, wrapped candy, beanie baby [let your imagination be your guide]...or bring a bottle purchased...we need hundreds!!
- Bring new and “very gently used” things for the silent auction—remember to contact families and friends for certificates...kids: what about certificates for grass cutting, leaf raking, sidewalk shoveling...
- Plan to bake some goodies for the Rosary Society tables
- Get competitive and enter card tournaments, or play bingo
- Be ready for an Hispanic flavor after Saturday Mass: a Mariachi band and a taco feed
- Plan to indulge in a home-style chicken dinner on Sunday.

Next meeting of the committee: 6:30PM on Wednesday, September 3—in the social hall. Come with your input, your suggestions and your criticisms.

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*  
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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830  
 Prayerline ..... 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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	Anthony Minus