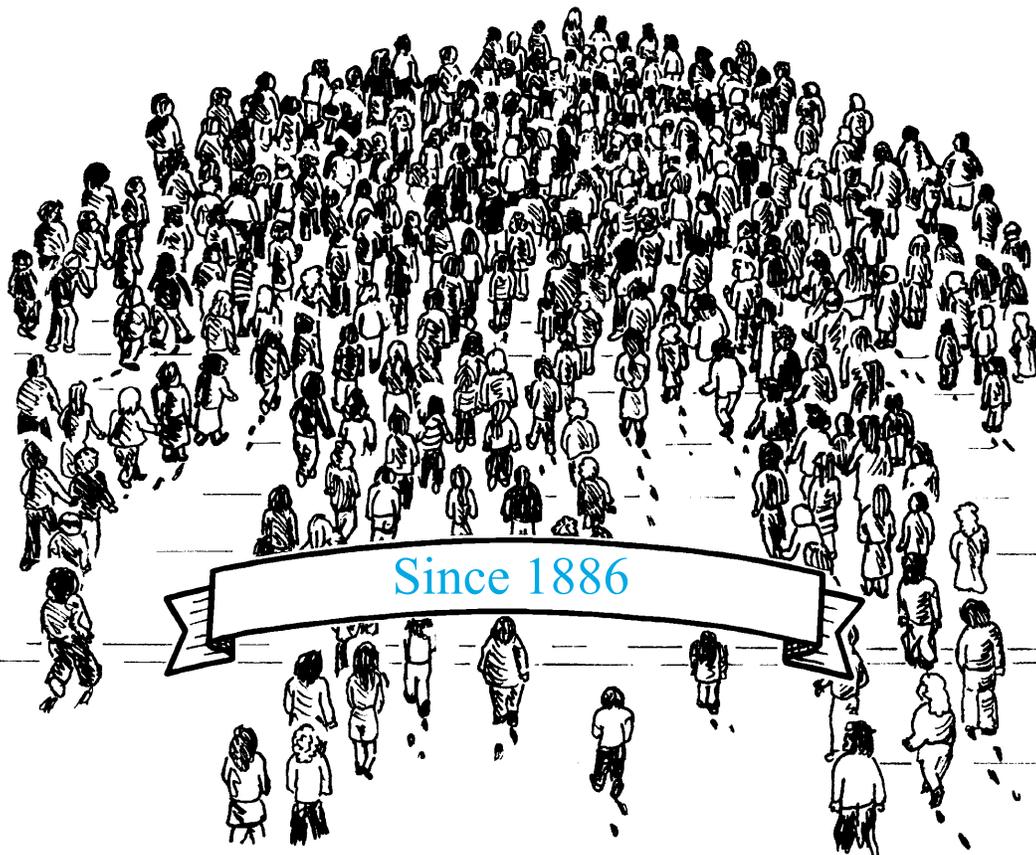


The Community of St. Matthew



*... 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:

Over the past weeks I have been introducing the variety of partners Saint Matthew's has in being the "Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi". The purpose of this is twofold: to give credit where credit is due and to remind us all that the work we do is possible because of a variety of partnerships.

A number of Catholic parishes have joined us as "sister parishes".

Saint Thomas Becket: For ten years Saint Thomas Becket of Eagan has partnered with us annually in Habitat for Humanity. Initially St Thomas Becket also provided a monthly financial contribution to assist the programs of Saint Matthew's School.

Pax Christi: The parish of Pax Christi in Eden Prairie tithes its resources annually. They make annual contributions to many organizations and causes through "Justice Grants". Pax Christi provided \$10,000 to help us renovate space to accommodate an expanded program of Saint Matthew's clinic. For years a grant was made annually of \$10,000 to assist in the technology program of our school. In 2001 Pax Christi made a gift of \$40,000 to our capital campaign. Grants of \$10,000 or more have been made and are being made annually to assist in tuition aid for families of Saint Matthew's School and Saint Matthew's Child Care.

Saint Rita: Last year St Rita in Cottage Grove made a generous gift of \$1500 to Saint Matthew's tuition aid program. This is part of their annual Lenten giving to local and foreign works of the Church.

Saint Francis of Assisi: The sister parish relationship with St Francis of Assisi in Lake St Croix Beach is robust and very active. They participate in our festival and we do the same at their festival. There has been pulpit exchange between myself and Father Jerome Keiser, the Pastor of St Francis. Every two weeks Saint Matthew Scrip is sold after Masses at St. Francis. They have a summer youth program in which once a week junior high students come into our community and do service at the school, the Child Care and at Wilder. For the second year individuals of the parish have adopted a student at Saint

Matthew's School and contributed ½ of the student's tuition for that year -- \$1500.00. Last year they adopted 10 students; this year the number may be 12 or 13. There is an sister parish committee which meets through the year - the committee is made up of staff and members of both St Francis and St. Matthew.

Assumption: The Church of the Assumption in downtown Saint Paul is the mother church of Saint Matthew. In 1886 Saint Matthew parish was formed from the members of the Assumption who lived on the West side of the river. Since that time there has been a mother-daughter relationship between St Matthew and the mother church - Assumption.

In the years 1996, 97, 98 and 99 the Assumption parish contributed \$25,000 annually to help finance the position of a Pastor Administrator at St. Matthew's. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Assumption. On August 15th I was privileged to participate in the Mass and dinner celebrating the anniversary. As part of the evening program the Assumption Church made a gift of \$40,000 to assist with tuition aid for the students and families of Saint Matthew's School. Similar gifts were made to the schools of the other four daughter parishes - St Agnes, St. Bernard, Sacred Heart and St Francis DeSales. A good mother always remembers her children, and the Assumption is a good mother to her daughter parishes.

These five sister parish relationship/partnerships will grow to the degree parishioner-to-parishioner relationships develop and grow. The relationship may start because of the co-operation of pastors, but the life of these partnerships depends on the relationship growing deep and broad among members in both parishes.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival is **THREE** short weeks away. Reserve the dates. Plan on eating here on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Play bingo and cards on Saturday evening. Listen and dance to the music of a LIVE BAND on Saturday evening. Participate in the Silent auction, bake sale, bottle lotto, and other activities on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. There will be activities of kids in the gym on Sunday afternoon. Now is the time to help prepare for the festival. Advance money will help and it will be acknowledged on the "treasure tree" in the back of church. There will be no "raffle;" but money is still needed and will be greatly appreciated even though there will be no "chance to win."

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION CHANGE?

There is an opening on the council; to fill this position before next Pentecost, the council proposes a change in the language of the constitution. Rather than having qualifying/limiting language in the constitution, that language belongs more properly in the by-laws. The council asks that registered members of the parish community in an election after Masses on August 25 and 26. The current language: *If a vacancy occurs in the last year of a term, the seat is left vacant until the next discernment process. If a vacancy occurs and there is one [1] year or more left in the term, it will be filled during the next discernment process for the remainder of the term.* The proposed language is: *If a vacancy occurs during the term of any member, that vacancy will be filled according to the by-laws of the council.* The council asks you to vote after Mass today.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



PARISH EMPLOYEES

Parish employees will gather on Tuesday evening for a simple supper, some conversation, and some reflection on the mission of the parish and the job of all employees. There are two new parish employees in director positions about to begin their work and ministry in and for the parish. On Monday, August 27 Shar LaVelle begins her ministry as director of the Child Care Center; on Tuesday, September 4 Bonnie Faber begins her ministry as director of music and liturgy. [Proper recognition belongs to all the cantors and accompanists who have ministered so well in the absence of a leader.]

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education Class for grades 1-10 will take place September 8 and 9 after Masses. Families who were enrolled in last year's program received forms in the mail, these may be sent back to the school or dropped off at the registration table. If you are a new family to our program please stop by the table and fill out a form.

THE BLUE MASS

Sunday, September 9th at 10:30 we will celebrate our Sunday liturgy as a Mass of Thanksgiving for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Personnel. Often, in our every day life, we take for granted the safety and support that law enforcement and emergency personnel provide for us. Then, a time of crisis arises – such as the collapse of the 35W Bridge. I invite all parish members who serve in—or are retired from— law enforcement, fire and emergency response and their families to join in the parish celebration of Mass on September 9th at 10:30 am. If you have friends or neighbors who serve in these capacities – invite them to join you. I also invite you to come to Mass in uniform so that you can be recognized for the service you provide to all of us.

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

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.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	August 26
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	August 27 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SH	August 28 Loaves and Fishes Parish Employee Mtg.
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	August 29 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, SC	August 30 Loaves and Fishes Back to School Night
Friday	August 31 KLT Closed
Saturday	September 1
Sunday	September 2

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

Prayer: prayed for the new archbishop; said special prayers for the sick; spent time in adoration; prayed for victims of accidents; did a prayerful nature walk.

Service: The parish Mass and picnic for the feast of Assumption was a success for many reasons. Thanks to go to everyone who came to celebrate and share the picnic; to everyone who brought a "dish to share;" to the Men's Club who provided, cooked, and served brats, dogs, and burgers [and respective buns] and who made pop and beer available; to John DeVecchio who provided and set up the audio system; to John and Mark Evans who provided guitar music for the Mass; to Ginny Roethler who guaranteed that all the necessary items were available and in place for the Mass.

Heads up: next year we'll celebrate and picnic on the EVE of the feast—August 14. [Next year the feast itself will be on a Friday.]

Sharing Last weekend: \$7,102. Thank you very much to envelope users, plate givers, and electronic transferers. There's always more room for folks to give electronically—please call the office for more details. The amount behind last year has shrunk to \$966 though it is—at this point—\$6,844 short of the budget—average of \$9,500 per Sunday.

Additional giving: \$823 for the feast of the Assumption and \$80 to the school.

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 26, 2007

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13 (427)/Mk 6:17-29
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Jennifer Slaten*
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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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*

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
 Jason Delmont Mark Thomford
 Tony Palmer Sheila Brunelle
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