

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

With the coming of August I realize that the beginning of school year 2008-2009 is just around the corner.

Enrollment at Saint Matthew's is growing – new school families and increased enrollment of students.

Much of this has been possible because of the work of Saint Matthew's Alums and Friends and the Saint Francis Partners In Education. The efforts of these two groups have made additional tuition assistance available to new families and new students.

Each school family is asked to pay a tuition that is workable for their family; no one is asked to pay tuition beyond their means.

The cost per student at Saint Matthew's is about \$5,700. Some families are able to pay a tuition of \$300+ a month per student; other families pay a tuition of \$25 a month per student; and other families in between. Every family pays something and no student is ever turned away because of financial reasons. Tuition and fees collected amounts to \$210,000 annually.

Over the years we have been very fortunate to attract a variety of partners to finance the educational effort of Saint Matthew's School.

The Archdiocese provides a generous subsidy in excess of \$190,000 annually; Catholic Community Foundation \$40,000; Kids First \$12,000; Partners in Education

\$20,000; Alums and Friends \$90,000; FOCUS (Friends of Catholic Urban Schools) \$45,000; Parish First Sunday of the month collection \$15,000; Marathon for non-public Education \$20,000; Scrip and donations \$18,000; Other Foundations, Endowments and Grants \$45,000. The parish budget pays the fixed costs of building and maintenance, property insurance and assessments.

Because of all of this effort Saint Matthew's School can welcome all students and provide a high quality Catholic education to community families.

You can help me! Can you recommend families to me who you think would want the opportunity of Saint Matthew's School but have not taken the step to inquire? Many people discount our school because they feel they "can't afford it". Money is not the object. I would like to connect with potential families and "make the offer".

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### SAINTS GAME

Sorry for the short notice, scheduling conflicts and ticket availability prevented us from selecting other dates!! The St. Matthew's Men's Club outing to a St. Paul Saints game is scheduled for Monday August 4. Meet at St. Matthew's (rectory lot) by 5 pm to bus to the game and tailgate in the parking lot. Game time is 7:05. Cost \$20 per adult and \$10 per child 16 or under. Price includes ticket, bus, food, refreshments. Contact Tim Nowak – cell 612-269-9471, HM 651-450-4975, or email to timothy.nowak@usfamily.net. Please reserve your spot ASAP.

### 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.

*But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. – Mt 14:17-19*

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EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ASSUMPTION MASS AND PICNIC

THURSDAY, August 14 [eve of the feast]. Mass at 6:00PM at the pavilion at Cherokee Park. Bring a dish [filled] for the pot luck. [Bring plate and tools, and probably bring a lawn chair, too.] Thanks, in advance, to the Men's Club for supplying—and preparing—the brats, burgers and dogs and buns.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793 for more information.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL—PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Summer is speeding by and school is just around the corner. All families currently enrolled for the 2008-09 school year will meet at the school on either Tuesday, August 12 or Wednesday, August 13 to fill out necessary paperwork for the coming school year. Registrations for new students will also be accepted. Any questions please call the school office at 651-224-6912 (July office hours: M-Th: 8:00 AM—12:00 Noon, August office hours: M-F: 8:00-3:00 PM).

EDUCATION PROGRAMS NOW ENROLLING

The St. Matthew's Education Programs are currently accepting children ages 6 weeks - grade 10. Choose the program that is right for your family and register today! St. Matthew's Child Care and Early Learning- A full-day child care program for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years. Call 651-224-1459. St. Matthew's Pre-School- A half-day Pre-school program for children ages 3 - 5. Call 651-224-1459. St. Matthew's Day School- A K- 8 High quality Catholic school- Call 651-224-6912. KLT Kids- A before and after school program for grades K - 6. Call 651-665-0786. St. Matthew's Religious Education- Religious education for children in grades 1 - 10 who do not attend Catholic school. Call 651-224-6912.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21  
 Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36  
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9  
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28  
 Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20  
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 3</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 4</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 6</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 7</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 8</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 9</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 10</b>

Upcoming Events

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 14</b>
6:00 PM	Assumption Mass
Cherokee Park	and Parish Picnic
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 20-21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Festival

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

*“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” sings the Psalmist; “He answers all our needs.” Often, though, it is with the open hands of generous stewards willing to share His many gifts that God’s people are fed and their needs met.*

*In today’s Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God’s gifts, **shared**, will always be more than enough.*

Service: Thanks to the parishioners who have come forward to take responsibility and lead the effort for our parish festival. Thanks to Kelly, a new volunteer leader. [And we are searching for more leaders. Come to the next meeting: Wednesday, August 6 in the social hall—6:30PM. More plans to be made.

Sharing Last weekend [4<sup>th</sup> weekend of a summer month]: \$7061 was given by faithful stewards...electronically, surface mail, plate, and Sunday envelopes. Thank you. Year to date budget: \$36,200; actual: \$37,139.

\$1920 was given for the mission work in St. Vincent and the Grenadines; additional money: \$25 in school envelopes; \$118 for food shelf; \$15 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The parish also received a gift of \$500 from a couple who was married here in 1951. [It’s wonderful to have the parish remembered in that way.]

Young People’s Stewardship: \$5.23 Thank you! Service/Prayer: Meal prayers, Folded laundry, Helped with my little cousins.

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PARISH FESTIVAL: September 20 and 21.  
Consider these ways of being involved....

- Participate in the events on Saturday after 5:00PM Mass and Sunday afternoon;
- Make a “lead gift”—money is needed for supplies and other things for the festival; put the money in a marked envelope, drop it in collection or mail to the parish center;
- Volunteer to work a shift [or two] either Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon—many different kinds of work to be done;
- Plan your baking to help stock the Rosary Society booth;
- Bring “stuff” for the silent auction;
- Bring bottles [new, unopened] for the bottle lotto;
- Create a certificate for a service you can provide [and ask your family and friends to do the same] that can be put into the silent auction;
- Come to the next meeting—Wednesday, August 6—social hall—6:30PM.

Assumption Mass and Parish Picnic: Thursday, August 14. Mass at 6:00PM followed by picnic supper. Burgers, brats, dogs and buns are supplied by the St. Matt’s Men’s Club. Please bring a dish [filled] for the pot-luck line.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Web site: st-matts.org  
Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

**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..... *Shar Lavelle*  
Dir. KLT Kids .....*Shar Lavelle*  
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
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  
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	Jason Delmont
Stephen Adrian	Joyce Osborne
Tony Palmer	Chris Stevens
Anthony Minus	