

# 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:

Saint Matthew's School is one of four Twin Cities inner city Catholic Schools who have been awarded a three-year \$766,767.00 grant by the Louis Calder Foundation of Canaan, Connecticut to support a curriculum development plan that moves from a heavily skill-based curriculum to a strong liberal arts curriculum.

The curricular areas of study will encompass literature, history, ethics, mathematics and science. The curricula are being designed, developed and implemented by a team composed of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Office of Education, the University of Saint Thomas and its School of Education and the four principals and teacher representatives of each of the four inner city schools. After three years of deep study and work each of the four schools will present a sequenced program (K through 8) and the program will include an evaluation.

In addition to Mr. Doug Lieser, Saint Matthew Director of Education, our team presently involves Amy Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Jennifer Slaten (Middle School) and Denise Jameson (Assistant Principal and Middle School).

The concern of the Calder Foundation is that over the past generation or so education in the United States has been driven by a heavily skill-based curriculum. The obvious purpose of this effort is to raise the competencies of our student in areas of reading, math, science, etc. Basic skills testing is currently seen by educators as a measurement to gauge development in these skills and national skills standards (No Child Left Behind) are meant to provide a national measurement of skill development.

No one can deny that for our students to compete and lead in a globalized world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century they must have honed and perfected skills in math and science and language arts, etc. Nevertheless, education is about the "whole person". It is the thinking, acting, relating person with these perfected skills who will lead in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The center piece of the curriculum development project funded by the Calder Foundation is ethics. The education and development of the "ethical person" is the job of education.

The Calder Foundation has identified four Catholic Twin Cities schools – Saint Matthew, St Bernard High School, Risen Christ and St Peter Claver – to develop this curriculum with the assistance of the University of Saint Thomas and the Archdiocese. The ethical foundation represented in Catholic education makes this choice of schools appropriate.

Among the principals that underpin the ethical life are:

the dignity of each human person,  
the dignity and value of work and the rights of workers,  
the centrality of community and the common good,  
solidarity – the interdependence of human beings,  
rights and responsibilities of the person in community,  
stewardship – respect and care for all creation,  
priority for the poor and vulnerable – when public policy is made there is a priority given to the plight of those most vulnerable, subsidiarity, participation – all have a right to participate in the economic, cultural and political life of society, and the promotion of peace.

In colleges and universities professional schools are seeking to do the same thing – develop a curriculum in which ethical considerations underpin the profession. We don't only need and want highly trained accountants, social workers, business leaders, public administrators – in addition we want and need accountants, social workers, health care professionals, scientists, lawyers, artists, business leaders and public servants who are grounded and rooted in a strong ethical understanding of their profession.

This is but one more example of how our school continues to offer high quality opportunities for our students and families to succeed and lead.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

We have empty baskets if you would like to bring some items to be assembled into a theme basket.. We can still use 2 liter bottles of pop or 2 liter bottles of A&W root beer. Remember that tickets are still available for both the money and quilt raffles. You may get them at the scrip table after Masses. Also at the back of Church, there is a sign up sheet if you would like to volunteer to help at the Festival. Thank to all of you who have already signed up.

### FALL FESTIVAL CORNER CONT.

Do you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles? The Fall Festival is providing an opportunity for teams of four people to race to complete identical 500-piece puzzles. It takes place Saturday 9/19/09 at 3:00 PM in the school gym. There will also be door prizes and a puzzle exchange. To sign up, call Steven Grundei at 651-297-8328 or e-mail [stevengrundeia@aol.com](mailto:stevengrundeia@aol.com). You don't have to be an expert to enjoy the fun of this competition. Put a team together now!

The fourth annual St. Matthew's Cribbage Tournament will be held on Saturday 9/19/09 at 7:00 PM. Please sign up at the back of church so we know many boards/cards to provide. While it will be four-handed competition, you do not need to bring a partner since teams will change every game. There are prizes as well as door prizes, so sign up now and start practicing!

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The result of the efforts of the Catholic Order of Forester Matching Fund Event resulted in a check to St. Matthew's School for over \$3,500. The success was accomplished by the support of those that worked as well as participants. Two members of St. Matthew's Court #367 were assigned (by random drawing) a Tuition Assistance Award from the National home office of COF.

### MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Archbishop John Neinstedt's Mass for Persons with Disabilities will take place on September 13, 2009 in St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. Music begins at 2:30 PM and mass follows at 3:00 PM.

### BP GAS CARDS AT SCRIP TABLE!

Rainbow shoppers – We now have an inventory of \$50 BP gas cards available at the scrip table. Use them when you redeem your fuelperks and St. Matthew's will also benefit from your purchase.

Community of Saint Matthew  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Agenda -Sept 3, 2009

Facilitator: Connie Aligada

- 7:00PM Reflection
- 7:15 PM Business Meeting
- I. Public Comments
- II. Approval of Minutes and Review of agenda - Additions/ corrections
- III. Committee reports ---Chairs Please provide a brief written report.
  - Finance report
  - Outreach
  - Liturgy
  - School/education report
  - Festival report
- IV. Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Process Update
- V Parish annual meeting Scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> between masses Agenda, reports, etc. Who will lead the meeting?
- VI Ministry fair (organization, tasks, etc)
- VII Other Business
- VIII Agenda items for October meeting
- IX Adjourn

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

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| <b>Sunday</b>       | <b>August 30</b>     |
| <b>Monday</b>       | <b>August 31</b>     |
| 3:00 PM, SH         | Loaves and Fishes    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>      | <b>September 1</b>   |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC   | St. Mary's Clinic    |
| 3:00 PM, SH         | Loaves and Fishes    |
| <b>Wednesday</b>    | <b>September 2</b>   |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC   | St. Mary's Clinic    |
| 3:00 PM, SH         | Loaves and Fishes    |
| 3:30 PM, PC         | Finance Council      |
| 6:30 PM, SC         | Religious Ed.        |
|                     | Teachers Workshop    |
| <b>Thursday</b>     | <b>September 3</b>   |
| 3:00 PM, SH         | Loaves and Fishes    |
| 5:00 PM, SC         | Back to School Night |
| 6:30 PM, PC         | Parish Council       |
| <b>Friday</b>       | <b>September 4</b>   |
| 7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH | Adoration            |
| <b>Saturday</b>     | <b>September 5</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>       | <b>September 6</b>   |

### Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“Every worthwhile gift, even genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith.

Sharing Last weekend, through the four usual ways [mail-in; electronic; envelopes and plate] there was \$8,502 given. Thank you. Fiscal year-to-date, the total is \$2,371 behind the budget. A gentle reminder: our expenses continue even though folks may be taking a vacation [a great reason to use electronic transfer].

Other money: \$81 in school envelopes; \$15 for Peter’s Pence; \$43 for Assumption. Thanks for these contributions.

Service and Prayer [I am unable to report on the specifics this week.] Ideally, each of us ‘families’ and members would reflect—prior to coming to church—on the previous week and how we have been people of prayer and serving others. We’re also invited to be bold witnesses: one way—recording what we have done in the past week.

Please record that on the envelope and bring it, even if there is no donation within. Thanks for allowing this reminder.

Service: thanks to the parish council members who served a late supper to all the staff on the campus [parish, school, KLT, child care, food service, maintenance]—after they spent a session at Feed My Starving Children—packing meals for the hungry of the world.

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 30, 2009

- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... *Shar Lavelle*  
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 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  
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