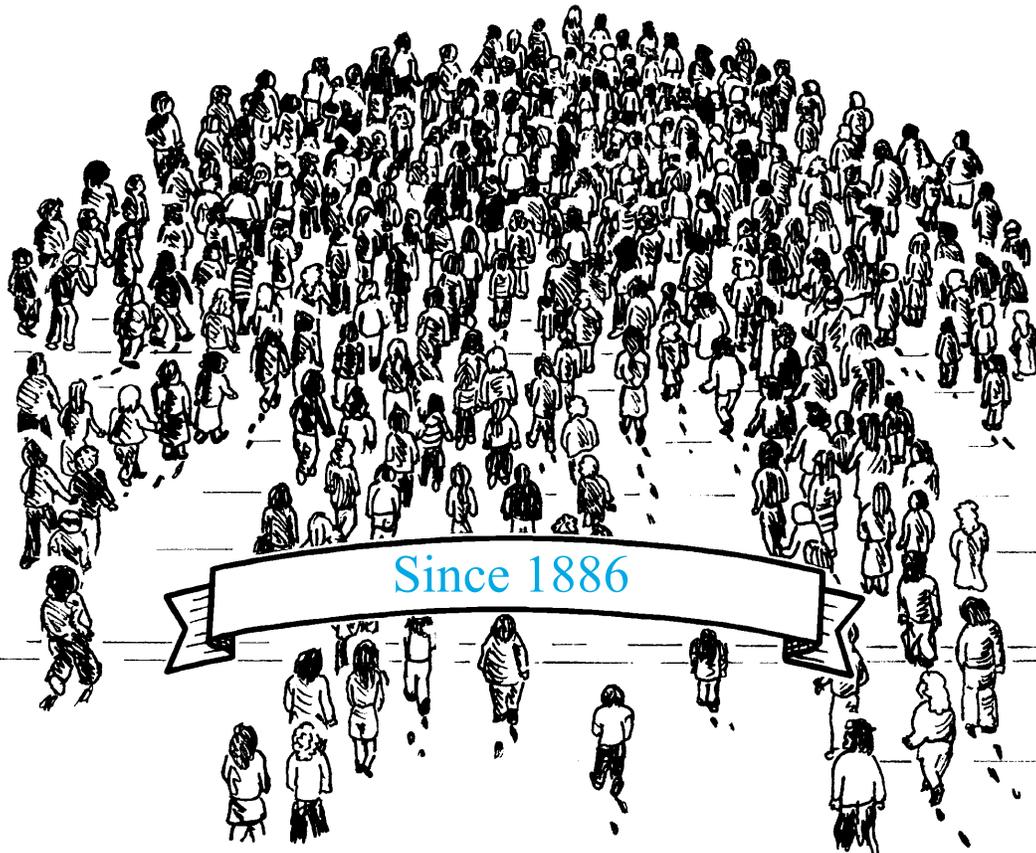


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The West Side of Saint Paul is and has always been a community welcoming of new immigrants. Initially those immigrants were Irish and German farmers. Later Mexican, Jewish, Syrian and Lebanese made their homes on the West Side. Still later Southeast Asians – Cambodian and Hmong, Pilipino, Latin and South American and Somali arrived on the West Side.

Every one of us comes from immigrant ancestors – maybe three of four generations ago.

The West Side is probably the most diverse community of the city, and this contributes strongly to the richness of the neighborhood.

New families in the neighborhood are always in need of special help. Saint Matthew tries to enter into partnerships to assist new families. One of these partnerships is with the **Catholic Charities Saint Paul Hispanic Outreach**, a part of Catholic Charities Migration/Refugee Services.

Initially the Hispanic Outreach was located at Our Lady of Guadalupe. About ten years ago OLG was unable to continue to provide space to this ministry and we invited the outreach ministry to relocate at the Parish Center of the Church of Saint Matthew.

It seemed me that those seeking help from the Hispanic Outreach Ministry might also be the same people who seek assistance from Saint Mary's Health Clinics and

Loaves and Fishes.

The Hispanic Outreach seeks to serve Spanish-speaking individuals and families. Among the services provided are:

Clinical therapy for Latin adults and families and group psychotherapy. Licensed therapists provide treatment for depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorders, grief, loss and sexual abuse survivors.

Emergency food and shelter for new immigrants in the form of vouchers and assistance with immigration fees.

Educational outreach on current issues affecting the immigrant community.

Information and referrals.

Catholic Charities is another partner with Saint Matthew in seeking to be the "Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi".

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for making my bake sale a great success. From the bake sale and other donations, I was able to raise \$310.00, more than half the cost for my trip! It wouldn't have been possible without the warmth and generosity of the parishioners here at St. Matt's. I also want to thank the bakers without whom this would not have been possible: Lu Finnegan, Suzanne Clarke, Suzanne Snyder, Pat Pendleton, Barb Strom, Dorothy Williams, Sr. Joanna Illg, Sr. Rita Wollschlager, Sr. Carolyn Fasnacht, Sr. Jonelle Rein and Kathie Misukanis. Thank you everyone! Nicole Johnson

### FALL FESTIVAL IS SIX WEEKS AWAY!

The 'committee' is working hard to assemble the makings of a wonderful time for all. Look for a 50s style chicken dinner, some repeats [live band, etc.] and some of the usual: bingo, silent auction, bake sale, kids games, etc. This year—like last—there will not be a big raffle. The committee will accept contributions to help with pre-festival costs as well as adding to the net. Think of ways to be involved. Outlets and invitations will be forthcoming.

### WANTED! OLD, CLEAN TOWELS OR RAGS

Any clean, old towels or rags that you could donate for cleaning and dusting the church and school would be deeply appreciated. You could drop them off in the back of church or at the parish center. Thank You!

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be closed August 7 - 9 while the floors are waxed in anticipation for the new school year. Beginning August 10th the office will be open 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM until the end of the month. Please call 651-224-

6912 for more information.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

St. Matthew's School will be hosting Parent Information Nights on Tuesday, August 14, and Thursday, August 16. Both evenings will begin at 6:30 in the school gym. These nights are for students who are enrolled in the school for the 2007-2008 school year and any family that is considering enrollment. Call the school at 651-224-6912 with any questions or for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Post-confirmation teens and adults to share their time and talents with the young people of our Parish. The Religious Education program is in need of teachers and aides for the 2007 - 2008 school year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. If you are interested in joining this ministry please call Kathy at 651-224-6912.

FUNDRAISER FOR NIKKI STEVENS

Nikki Stevens, a graduate of St. Matthew's and Humboldt High School and currently a student at the College of St. Catherine's, will be spending the year studying in Sevilla, Spain. On Sunday, August 19 from 11:30 AM—4:30 PM there will be a fundraiser/bon voyage party for her in the social hall. There will be a meal, dessert, beverage, door prizes and tons of great live music and performances, with an open mic to those who would like to perform. *The Stevens Brother Band* will be playing a set of music that cannot be missed! Other cultural performances include: Hawaiian dance group, a coffeehouse style duet, and Mexican folkloric dance. Admission to this event will be \$5 and an \$8 fee includes the full course meal. All proceeds will go towards the costs of the year-long program abroad. . Please come and say good bye to Nikki and wish her well.

ANNUAL FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS AND PARISH PICNIC

Join everybody to celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven with Mass and a parish picnic! Bring a dish or two to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided. Lawn chairs or blankets

Where: Cherokee Park Pavilion

When: August 15th

Mass at 6:00 PM

Picnic after Mass until 8:00 PM

This is one of St. Matt's ace events, be sure to come. The days are getting shorter, you know what's next!!!

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>August 6</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>August 7</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 8:00 PM, SH	<b>August 8</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Men's Club mtg.
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>August 9</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 10</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 11</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 12</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*Jesus is hardly ever more direct in his counsel than in today's Gospel: "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions...this night your life will be demanded of you"...so it is for those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."*

Prayer: lead the rosary on weekday mornings...prayed for 2 hours in chapel...am an active member of a prayer group... did a prayerful nature walk...prayed for victims of accidents...worshipped at daily Mass.

Service: gave rides to church...cleaned for others...was a money counter...was Eucharistic minister to those home-bound...read with the students at school...was a hospitality minister...was involved with the Rosary Society.

Sharing \$7,618 was the number from last week...envelopes, plate, electronic. This month is a "5-Sunday" month—the total given was just more than \$42,000. Additionally, \$246 was given for the missions, \$10 for the capital campaign and \$70 in school fund envelopes. Thanks to each contributor, especially those who remember that our expenses continue full force even during these summer months.

If you'd like to use the electronic means of contributing, please call the parish office.

Assumption Mass ministers. Watch for the sign-up sheet next weekend—ministers are needed for the Mass in the park [August 15 at 6:00PM]. All are invited; there will be a potluck supper after the Mass. Thanks in advance to the Men's Club for the supplying the "Bs"—brats, burgers, buns, beverage [or things close to those].

Young people's stewardship: \$3.07 Examples of service this week: Cleaned room, helped fold laundry, carries groceries, helped with meals and helped with my little brother.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2007

- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/  
Lk 12:13-21
- Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/  
Lk 9:28b-36
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/  
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2,  
8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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Dir. Music & Liturgy .....  
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*  
Dir. KLT Kids .....*Jennifer Slaten*  
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*  
Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
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Parish Engineer .....*David Rosas*

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KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830

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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

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Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg  
Jason Delmont Mark Thomford  
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