

The Community of St. Matthew

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



Church of Saint Matthew
651-224-9793
www.st-matts.org

*Late Advent—Christmas Season
Schedule*

Advent IV Masses: Saturday Dec. 18 4:00PM
Sunday Dec. 19 8:00AM
Sunday Dec. 19 10:30AM

Forgiveness Service Sunday, Dec. 19 2:00PM
Non-sacramental

Weekdays Masses: Mon-Fri each at 6:45AM

Reconciliation Individual Mon, Dec 20 7:00PM
Tue, Dec 21 7:15AM; 4:00PM
Wed, Dec 2 7:00PM
Thur, Dec 23 4:00PM

Christmas Masses: Eve Dec. 24 4:00PM
Midnight Dec. 25 12:00AM
At Dawn Dec. 25 8:00AM
During Day Dec. 25 10:30AM

Feast of Holy Family Masses: Sunday Dec. 26 8:00AM
Sunday Dec. 26 10:30AM
THERE IS NO anticipation MASS on Saturday, Dec. 25

New Year's Day Mass: Saturday Jan. 1 10:00AM
THERE IS NO anticipation MASS on Friday, Dec. 31.

Feast of Epiphany Masses: Sunday Jan. 2 8:00AM
Sunday Jan. 2 10:30AM
THERE IS NO anticipation MASS on Saturday, Jan 1.

Feast of Baptism Masses: Saturday Jan. 8 4:00PM
Sunday Jan. 9 8:00AM
Sunday Jan. 9 10:30AM



PARISH EVENTS

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a middle school religious education teacher. Class is Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:45. We have 12 classes remaining through April 6th. We have a curriculum with teacher's resources and it is a nice small group of 8 students. If you are interested, please contact Doug Lieser by calling the school or emailing him at dliesser@st-matts.org

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the
Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. - Mt 1:23-24*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BAKE SALE RESULTS

Despite the blizzard we held the Rosary Bake Sale last weekend. On Saturday only four bakers brought their products, but three others had dropped off their donations with us. We shut down at 2:00 when we heard that the 4 p.m. Mass was cancelled—our sales were \$12. Saturday evening we heard Breakfast with Santa was cancelled. Sunday morning several people came with candy, breads, and cookies. Someone said there were 10 people at the 8 o'clock Mass—yet most everyone came down for coffee, juice, and some bakery. We thought our sale was doomed. At 10:25 we heard there were eight people upstairs. Somehow at least 50 people came downstairs after Mass. We had to recruit sellers because of all the buyers! We kept refilling our sample plates. People came back and bought more. Some opened up their purchases, visited about the blizzard, and ate Christmas delights. Our sales were \$504.75, and we are delighted. Thanks to everyone who helped by donating or purchasing our stuff. May you have a Holy and Merry Christmas.

OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday Dec. 23 starting at 10am and finishing whenever we finish.....it is a big task. The more parishioners we have to help the faster it goes! Please consider coming to assist us, the more the merrier!!

The Giving Space/Gifting Area

This is the area in the far corner of the church. There you will find the Scrip table, the slat-board with parish announcements and Care Notes. The baskets for collecting soup labels, cereal box-tops, milk bottle caps for the school are located there. The Lions Club collecting of used eye-glasses is there.

If you need Holy Water for your home you may get water from the Baptismal Font, or from the Holy Water container located in the Giving Space/Gifting Area.

The Community Room

This room was completed last year. It is used as the Crying Room for children during mass, and in this room you will find a rocking chair and Activity Bags for children.

This room is used as the Bride's Room for weddings, and as a Family room during funerals.

An AED

Our AED is located in the sacristy in a well marked cupboard. Ask a sacristan for assistance, if needed.

Assisted Listening Devices are also located in the sacristy. Ask a sacristan for assistance.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	December 19
2:00 PM, MC	Forgiveness Service (Non-Sacramental)
Monday	December 20
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	December 21
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	December 22
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	December 23
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	December 24
Christmas Eve	
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
4:00 PM, MC	Mass
Saturday	December 25
Christmas	
12:00 Midnight, MC	Mass
8:00 AM, MC	Mass
10:30 AM, MC	Mass
Sunday	December 26
Feast of the Holy Family	
8:00 AM, MC	Mass
10:30 AM, MC	Mass

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God, grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in my life of stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Sharing A snow-bound weekend: the brave stewards [along with mail and electronic] gave \$2,316. Hopefully stewards will make up some of the shortfall in the next week or two. Thanks in advance for that.

Other money: \$1,181 for Religious Retirement; \$255 in holyday envelopes; \$25 in school envelopes; \$10 in fuel envelopes. Thank you. You can bring Religious Retirement envelopes during the next two weeks.

Service: Contributed to bake sale.

Prayer: Daily prayer, mass, rosary, spiritual reading.

Coffee Sunday: Thanks to the 8th graders for hosting 10:30 today. There will be no coffee the day after Christmas, nor January 2.

Hosts are still being sought for January. Will your group host? There is no cost. Please call the parish office.

End-of-the-year giving. Now is that time. Obviously there are both personal tax and parish budget implications to your donations. Thanks in advance. Donations will be accepted for 2010 until the end of the day on January 31. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2010

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
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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 and KLT..... *Shar LaVelle*
 Bookkeeper..... *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant..... *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service..... *Donna Jenniges*
 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 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 (Mar-Oct)
 4:00 PM (Nov-Feb)
 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 (Mar-Oct), 3:00 PM (Nov-Feb)

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
Mark Thomford	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	Becky Montgomery
Judy DeNardo, at large	