

# The Community of St. Matthew

## JOIN US FOR ST. MATTHEW'S TROOP 107 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We're having Breakfast with Santa  
On Sunday, December 9, 2007  
8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.  
Breakfast includes: sausage, eggs,  
beverages,  
And all-you-can eat pancakes!



\$6.00 for ages 12 and up  
\$3.50 for ages 11 and under

Have your photo taken with Santa for only \$3.00



## Rosary Society Bake Sale in the Social Hall

Saturday, December 8, 2007  
selling from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 9, 2007  
selling during the Santa Breakfast

Christmas cookies, fruitcake, breads,  
caramels and other holiday treats!

*... 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:

Men and women seeking to enter the Church have often participated in an "Inquiry Class" or what used to be called "Convert Instructions". Often this study took place in a class taught by the associate pastor; sometimes it took place between the priest and the convert – one on one.

The early church undertook initiating adults in a much more communitarian process – a process by which the bishop would lead the candidates in prayer and study and the whole community would support the candidates in prayer.

Today the Church asks that we accept the model of the early church and use that model to introduce men and women into the Church.

RCIA – The Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults – is the process by which a person enters the church.

This process is one of study, prayer and community.

Typically the study of the faith is centered on the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. This is the ancient structure of education in the faith. The study takes place in a community – candidates, sponsors and catechists.

The prayerful reading and reflection on the scriptures nurtures the prayer life of the candidates, sponsors and catechists. Candidates participate in the Sunday liturgy up to and

including the Gospel. They are then dismissed and spend time with the catechists in prayer and study.

Community is the very heart of the life of the church and candidates are introduced to the larger parish community and the whole parish community is invited to pray for and with the candidates.

This Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the 10:30 Mass current candidates will be accepted into the RCIA process and continue in their prayer and study.

If you are not Catholic or a non-practicing Catholic and would like to enter into this process of initiation you are more than welcome and I encourage you to call me at the church office – 651-224-9793. Do you have a neighbor or friend who has expressed an interest? Are you married to a Catholic and regularly worship at Sunday Mass but have never taken the opportunity to join the church? I invite you to consider the RCIA process – call me.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### THANK YOU!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the visitors that made it possible to have a successful InReach here at St. Matthew's! These people gave generously of their time to contact and visit with their fellow parishioners. So, Thank you to Hugh Cosgrove, Delores Walsh, Jeanne Maanum, Bob DeNardo, Judy DeNardo, Doris Bisciglia, JoAnn Heimel, Connie Aligada, Jason Delmont, Suzanne Clarke, Kathie Misukanis, Ted Snyder, Suzanne Snyder, Steve Flottmeyer, Pat Pendleton, Ed Pendleton, Barb Strom, Joanne Miller, Nicole Johnson.

### GIFT GIVING

Once again this year the Confirmation class is coordinating the Giving Tree. We need your help to make Christmas brighter for the families of our Community. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to church prior to Friday, December 14 and place them under the tree in the back of church. If you prefer to make a donation of cash or SCRIP please do so at the SCRIP table. The families we are helping have children ages birth - 18. There is a definite need for gifts for the teens.

### Community of St. Matthew

#### Parish Pastoral Council

#### Agenda

December 6, 2007

Facilitator: Sheila Brunelle

6:45 - 7:00 pm

Reflection

7:00 - 9:00 pm

I. Public Comment Period

II. Consensus on Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Strategic Planning – Goals -- Bob Burke

In Reach Report

Spirituality/Worship Report

Outreach to the Needy

Education Report

V. Committee/Task Force Reports/Updates

RCIA

Ministry Fair

Finance/Stewardship

Rectory Status

Bylaws

Welcoming

Other

VI. Other Business

VII. Meeting Evaluation

VIII. Items for next meeting (Thursday January 3, 2008)

IX. Adjournment

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by The School Sisters of Notre Dame. – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY AUCTION

The St. Matthew's Men's Club will hold their annual holiday auction on Wednesday December 12 at 8 pm, with preview from 7-8, in the Social Hall. The proceeds from this auction support the parish holiday giving and the School Sisters of Notre Dame retirement fund. Good quality donations for the auction are needed. Please leave them at the scrip table before/after mass, bring them to the social hall on Wednesday December 5 between 7 and 9 pm or contact Brian Osborne at 651-230-1518. No exercise equipment or electronics.

ST. MATTHEW'S JEAN SHIRTS FOR SALE

Looking for a Christmas gift idea. Show your community spirit with a St. Matthew jean shirt. The Home and School is selling jean shirts with the St. Matthew's logo. Order forms are in the back of church or at the school office. Orders must be received in the school office by Tuesday, December 4 to guarantee delivery by Christmas.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?

Do you enjoy singing, but cannot make a long term commitment to rehearsals? Consider joining the choir for Christmas! We will begin rehearsing the music for Christmas on Wednesday evenings in the church. Consider rehearsing with us from now until Christmas! Rehearsals are from 7-8:15 PM. The Choir will be singing at the Midnight liturgy on Christmas Eve, with caroling starting at 11:30 PM. All are welcome. Questions? Call Bonnie Faber, Director of Music and Liturgy, at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!

We are looking for instruments to play for our Christmas liturgies. The psalms tell us to make a joyful noise "with timbrel and harp." If you play the timbrel or harp, or violin or trumpet or guitar or.....please call Bonnie Faber, Director of Music and Liturgy, at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Rosary Society will hold its annual Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of December 8 and 9. The funds raised allow us to support many programs. Last year we donated over \$6,000 including purchasing three windows for the Parish Center, giving \$2,500 to purchase Communion hosts here at St. Matthew's, and giving Christmas gifts to the staff. Would you consider baking or making a batch or two of one of your favorite holiday treats. We will gladly accept craft items too starting on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4:45 a.m. and Sunday morning. We appreciate all our customers, particularly shoppers who tell us that they let us do all their Christmas baking for them.

HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDERS

Order your scrip for the holidays now and beat the rush. There is a gift card out there available for everyone, moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, students or teachers. Stop by the scrip table and get an order form today.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 2</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, SC	Home & School mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council mtg.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
7:15 AM-5:15 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
2:00 PM-6:00 PM	Rosary Society Bake Sale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
8:30 AM-12:30 PM	Boy Scout Santa Breakfast/Rosary Society Bake Sale

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and that they need to strive to live in readiness for His coming again in glory.

Prayer: How many of these times and ways do we choose to pray each day [from envelope testimony]: mealtime prayers...daily rosary [two rosaries each day]...Scripture reading each morning...attended Mass each day of the week.

Service: Sang at ecumenical Thanksgiving service...volunteered at Roosevelt school...volunteered at my child’s school...provided towels and groceries for someone in need...worked on Liturgy Committee projects.

Also, service given by members of the parish pastoral council, the finance council and the education advisory committee for “personing the phones” for the stewardship renewal: [two nights] Steve Flottmeyer and Ed Pendleton; [one night] Connie Aligada, Pat Beauvais, Joanne Brown, Sheila Brunelle, Jason Delmont, Richard Dunn, Nicole Johnson, and Tony Palmer.

Sharing Last weekend [Thanksgiving/Christ the King] stewardship in the usual ways: \$8,958. Thank you to all faithful stewards. The average for each weekend in November was \$9,148. Thanks, too, for the following: fuel collection: \$120; food shelf: \$107; CHD: \$10; School fund: \$126.

Christmas Mass clarification. There will be TWO MASSES on Christmas Day: at the usual Sunday times: 8:00AM and 10:30AM. Apology for the incorrect information in the Newsletter [but it’s good to know that lots of folks are reading the new publication].

WEEKLY READINGS

- Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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 .....*Cherri Trapp*  
 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	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Michael Linn	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....