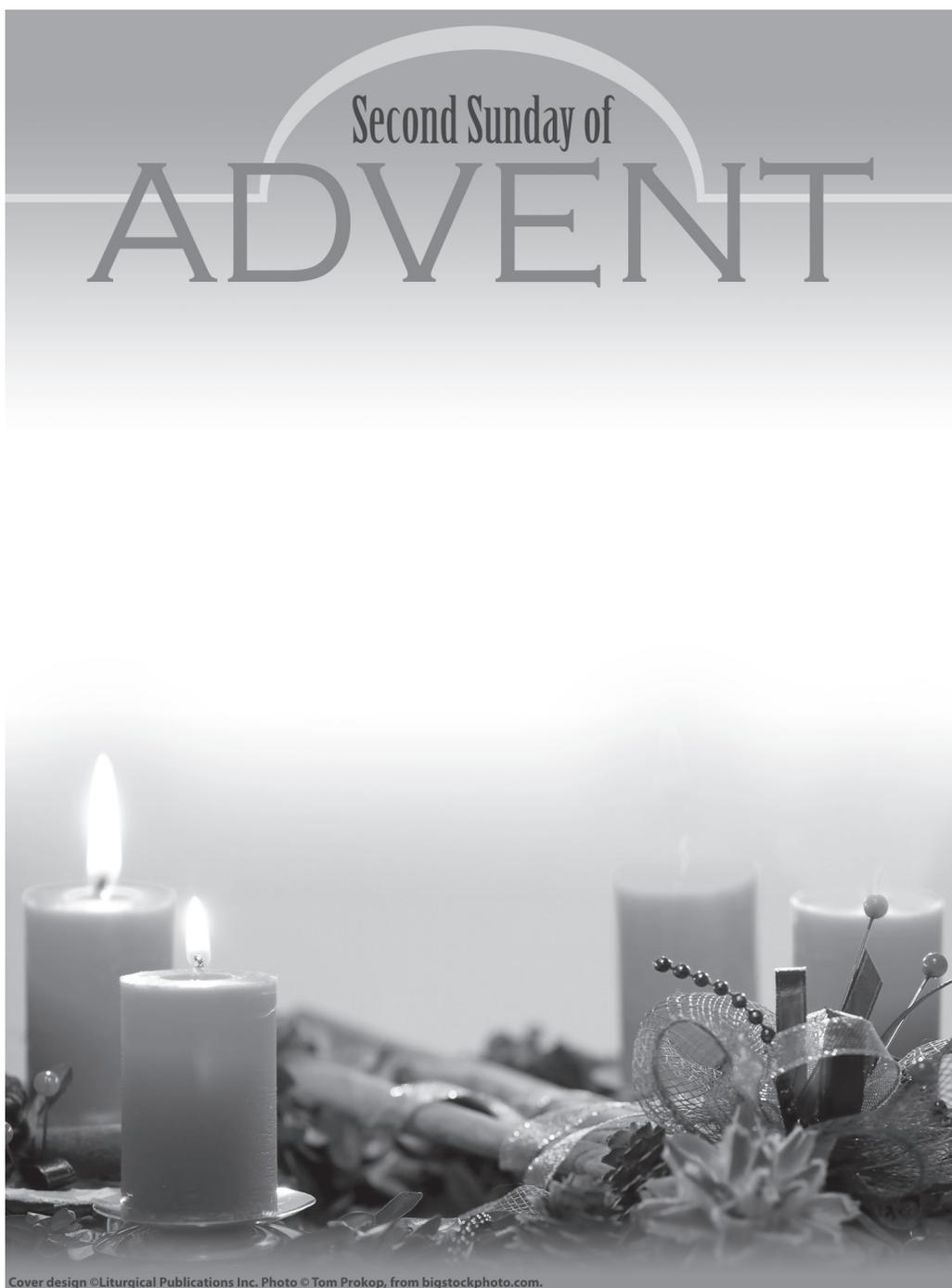


The Community of St. Matthew

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Advent I am reading All the Way to Heaven – Selected Letters of Dorothy Day. A few years ago Robert Ellsberg edited the diaries of Dorothy Day and published them under the title The Duty of Delight. Now he has gathered and edited a selection of Dorothy's correspondence.

The cause for the canonization of Dorothy Day is under investigation at this time; the cause was initiated by Cardinal John O'Connor – the former Archbishop of New York.

If Dorothy is actually declared a saint this might well be the first time we are able to read the journals and correspondence of a person as she grew in the grace and life of Christ and ultimately became an "official" saint of the Church.

Dorothy's life story is truly a story of American culture and counter-culture. She is a convert to Catholicism; she was an agnostic and also an anarchist; and she flirted with Communism early in her life. She had a daughter by a man who refused to marry her and she raised her daughter as a single mom. Previous to the birth of her daughter Tamar she was pregnant by another man and this time terminated her pregnancy through an illegal abortion. On the rebound Dorothy married a very wealthy man, they traveled in Europe and Dorothy wrote. The marriage lasted less than a year.

As a Catholic she had a tense and often combative relationship with Church authority. She was deeply taken by the judgment scene in the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel and found in these words of Jesus the

foundation of her spiritual life. She lived among the down-and-out of New York and provided hospitality and food for those who lived on the streets. She founded Catholic Worker Houses and soup kitchens. She attracted people from all over the country to come and work with her and the Catholic Worker Movement grew. She was a total pacifist and she refused any cooperation with government.

Dorothy appreciated the deep connection between the Eucharist and the corporal works of mercy. She was for all accounts a daily Mass person and one who made time to read the scriptures daily. Shared prayer was an integral part of Catholic Worker life.

She had a profound devotion to The Little Flower and believed that the road to holiness lay in doing the ordinary with extraordinary grace.

This eclectic, energetic, contrary, unpredictable, oft times irascible, genuinely caring, deeply spiritual, prayerful and reflective women is my companion on this year's Advent journey.

Dorothy died thirty years ago on Tuesday, November 30th.

Dorothy, pray for us!

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

Happy Anniversary to you, Father Steve!
Happy #42! December 8.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8, 2010
Mass Schedule:
6:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 5:15 PM



CRETIN-DERHAM HALL POINSETTIAS

If you pre-ordered your holiday plants from the CDH Choir Fundraiser, they will be available for pick-up after all the masses this weekend. We will call, and deliver to you this week, any plants not picked up. Thank you for supporting CDH Choir. Merry Christmas! Julianna Maanum.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION

Hosted by the St. Matthew's Men's, Club will be on Wednesday December 8 at 8 pm. Preview from 7-8, in the Social Hall. Harry Brady Auctioneer. Proceeds will support the parish holiday giving and the School Sisters of Notre Dame retirement fund. Good quality donations are needed. Please no exercise equipment or old electronics. Please call for pick-up or bring to the social hall on auction night after 7 pm. Questions/pickup - Brian Osborne (651-230-1518), Tim Nowak (612-269-9471).

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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.

ST JOSEPH'S MISSALS

Are available for purchase at the back corner of the church, near the Script Table. The new liturgical year begins on November 28, with the Cycle A readings. Envelopes are there for the \$5.00 purchase price.

THE WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS 2011

Lectors: The workbooks are available in the church sacristy. Please pick your book up during this month. Envelopes are there for the \$12.00 book. Be sure to check whether you picked up a book or not. Thank you.

ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE/BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Saturday, December 11, the Rosary Society will sell Christmas treats in the Social Hall from noon to 5:30 and in the back of church before and after the 4 o'clock Mass. Christmas cookies, fruitcake, breads, caramels, snacks, Holiday treats, and some crafts will be available. On Sunday, December 12, the Boy Scouts will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa in the Social Hall from 9 a.m. to noon. Santa will be there for pictures. The Bake Sale will be there too. Help support the Boy Scouts and the Rosary Society by attending this event. Could you bake or make a batch or two of your favorite holiday treats or donate craft or gift items. You may bring your donations to the Social Hall on Saturday after 10 a.m. We will also accept donations on Sunday, but prefer them Saturday when our Bake Sale is open from noon to 5:30. Thank you to all bakers, makers, buyers, and donors.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next Rosary Society meeting will be Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

TECHIE SOUGHT

Would you be interested in uploading the Ipod homilies onto the web-site? We have one person who does it now; we'd like to have one or two more. Please call John in the office.

THE GIFTING AREA

Please make your way to the gifting area of the church. This area is marked by the slat-board Care-notes, Scrip, collection of eye glasses, milk bottle caps and cereal labels for the school, and much more.



THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	December 5
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	December 6 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	December 7 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 2:45 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC	December 8 St. Mary's Clinic Children's Choir Loaves and Fishes Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	December 9 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	December 10
Saturday	December 11
Sunday	December 12

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Sharing Last weekend [last Sunday of the month and holiday weekend] the collection was \$7,552 from the usual four sources. Thank you to each who gave electronically, via mail, envelopes or the plate. Please use the last four Sundays of the calendar year to 'catch up'—if you can. It will help our budget 'catch up' as well. [We are about \$20,600 behind year-to-date.]

Additional dollars: \$25 in school envelopes; \$213 in fuel envelopes; \$110 for the foodshelf; \$10 for holydays. Thank you.

Service: Choir... sewed hems of curtains for dining room and bathroom.

Prayer: Daily prayer, mass, rosary, spiritual reading... quiet prayer in the chapel.

Youth: \$ 1.00, Thank you! They wrote: Sorted and donated clothes.

Coffee Sunday: Thanks to the school community for hosting this weekend; next weekend is 'Santa breakfast;' Please use that opportunity for community building.

House-sitting: A responsible couple is interested/available for house-sitting if that is a service that you would like/need. Please call John Riehle with questions or interest.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 5, 2010

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 OR
 OL Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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 Dir. Child Care and KLT..... *Shar LaVelle*
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 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
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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

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 Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum
 Mark Thomford Joyce Osborne
 Jason Delmont Anthony Minus
 Dean Steinbrenner Chris Stevens
 Stephen Adrian Becky Montgomery
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