

# 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 13, 2009  
9:00 AM until 12:00 PM  
Breakfast includes: sausage, eggs,  
beverages, and all-you-can eat pancakes!



\$7.00 for ages 12 and up  
\$4.00 for ages 11 and under

Have your picture taken with Santa for only \$3.00!



## ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE In the Social Hall

Saturday, December 12, 2009  
1:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
Sunday, December 13, 2009  
Sale during Breakfast with Santa

Christmas cookies, fruitcake, sweet breads,  
Caramels, candy, snacks and other holiday treats!

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Each year during the month of December there is a national collection to support the needs of retired religious sisters, brothers and priests.

These women and men are members of religious orders or congregations, they take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and they commit their lives to the work of their congregation.

The works of religious women and men in the history of the United States is staggering. They are the ones who initiated the Catholic parochial school system, and following that Catholic high schools, colleges and universities.

Often these schools were established to serve the immigrant family or classes of persons ignored by public education – the education of women, Native Americans and African Americans.

Religious communities pioneered much of health care in the United States by establishing hospital, again to serve the immigrant and those who were indigent.

These religious women and men were compensated by a small stipend and there was no thought of retirement. Times have changed, people are living

much longer and retirement needs of religious are great. Only recently have religious sisters and brothers become eligible for social security.

The Catholic Church in the United States has a huge debt of deferred compensation owed to these religious sisters and brothers.

This annual collection is one way the American Catholic Church seeks to assist in the retirement needs of religious. This is not a work of charity; it is a work of justice.

The face of the Catholic Church in the United States would be very different if it were not for the ministry of religious sisters and brothers.

Please be generous to the Religious Retirement Collection.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
Masses at Saint Matthew  
6:45 am  
9:15 am  
5:15 pm

### ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2009, in the Social Hall at 6:45 p.m. Members are asked to bring a refreshment to share. There will be a Christmas program.

### DID YOU KNOW ---

Half of the Neighborhood House Food Shelf participants are children? Each week donations are brought from St Matt's to Neighborhood House. Please help us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. Thanks from St Matthew's Food Shelf Ministry.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION

Hosted by the St. Matthew's Men's Club will be on Wednesday December 9 at 8 pm. Preview from 7-8, in the Social Hall. Harry Brady Auctioneer. Proceeds to support the parish holiday giving and the School Sisters of Notre Dame retirement fund. Good quality donations, no exercise equip or old electronics, are needed and can be left at the scrip table or in the social hall on 12/2 from 7-9 pm. Questions/pickup - Brian Osborne (651-230-1518), Tim Nowak (612-269-9471).

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

IMMIGRATION FUELS OUR NATION

Migration has always been a part of U.S. history and in many ways defines America itself. For millennia, people from around the world have migrated to these lands. Some were brought forcibly as slaves. Most came in search of freedom and opportunity. The values of family, work, and freedom are integral to U.S. immigration policy. Respect for fundamental principles of due process, non-discrimination, family unity, and the inherent dignity of the person must also be part of immigration law. Today, most Americans believe that immigrants should have the opportunity to gain lawful status. This reflects recognition that immigration has a positive impact on our nation, encouraging economic growth and giving America its rich diversity. *Immigration Sunday, January 3, 2010.*

ORDER HOLIDAY FRUIT BASKETS

Orders are being taken for holiday fruit baskets (small or large) which will be ready for pickup or delivery after the masses on December 13. Stop by the Scrip table to see a sample basket or to place an order. Local delivery is available for a nominal fee. Questions, call Tim 612-269-9471.

BAKERS, COOKS, CRAFTERS, AND SHOPPERS

The Rosary Society is holding its annual Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning, December 13 at Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. to noon. We will sell a variety of breads, cookies, candies, snacks, fruitcake, caramels and crafts. When you are doing your Christmas baking, please make an extra batch to donate to the sale. We are accepting donations starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Proceeds from this sale are used to purchase Communion hosts, to fund solar ovens and micro-business loans for African women, and for Christmas gifts to staff.

COME AND SAVOR THE SEASON

Experience the music of Advent and Christmas at a benefit concert sponsored by St. Paul's Monastery. Called "Winter Name of God," this event will be held Sunday, December 13, at Transfiguration Church in Oakdale. It will feature the music of two local priests (including Rev. Michael Joncas who wrote *On Eagle's Wings*, and Rev. Michael Byron, pastor of St. Cecilia's) plus refreshments, Sisters' Bakery, a raffle and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the Sisters' ILLUMINARE ministry, which provides spiritual renewal and development for church ministers. The cost is \$60. Reservations are required. For details call 651-777-8181 ext. 404; or email vbieren@stpaulsmonastery.org

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, PC	Liturgy Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	
6:45 AM, MC	Mass
9:15 AM, MC	Mass
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:15 PM, MC	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	School Christmas Concert
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
1:00 PM-6:30 PM, SH	Rosary Soc. Bake Sale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
9:00 AM-12:00 AM, SH	Breakfast with Santa/Rosary Soc. Bake Sale

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good in each person, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

Sharing: Last weekend: \$6,964. Thank you. The total to date, \$199,136, is about \$240 short for each weekend. The number of \$814 greater than last year; \$7530 greater than 2007.

Additionally: \$304 was given on Thanksgiving; \$50 in fuel envelope; \$25 in school envelope; \$15 in holyday envelopes; \$10 for Campaign for Human Development; \$5 for food shelf. Thanks for each and for all of these.

Service: Thanks to 'Evergreen Industries' [the Ahern family] for the beautiful advent wreath [and the other wreaths and garland that will beautify our space and building for Christmas. Thanks to Shirley, a 'morning Mass member' for helping to underwrite the new electronics for the bell.

Prayer: Daily rosary, prayers, and scripture reading... prayers for the poor.

Children's giving: \$5.00, Thank you! They wrote: helped make thanksgiving dinner, laundry, washed floors.

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Thanks: another one to Sister Carolyn Fasnacht, SSND, for presenting the 'case' for support of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please use the envelope that is the bulletin this week—bring it next week. So many of us have been touched/care for/ ministered to by a vowed religious man or woman. We have observed their witness to the Lord in their interactions in our lives. For so many years they did this with little monetary compensation. Now these people are retired and in need of our support to enable them to continue to live those lives of witness!

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009  
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
 Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47  
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
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 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... *Shar LaVelle*  
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Phone Numbers

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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
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
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