

The Community of St. Matthew

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

St. Matt's Community Family Fun Night

Free!!

Leave the cooking and cleaning to us!
Join us for free hot dogs, games, cards and
a screening of *Wall • E!*



**Bring nothing but
your friends and
family for a
fabulous night out
of the house!**

Friday, Feb 6 6:30pm in the social hall

WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

Following the Second Vatican Council there were some Catholics who were outraged that the Council endorsed religious liberty for all people and ecumenical efforts between the Catholic Church and other Christian Churches. They were outraged that the Council condemned anti-Semitism and called for a closer relationship between Christians and Jews. They regarded the Council as a sham and thought of Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI as pawns in the hand of Satan to destroy the Church.

One of these Catholics was Archbishop Marcel LeFebvre. He formed the Society of Saint Pius X and rejected the Council. The Vatican looked upon this society as a schismatic church – a church not in union with the Roman Catholic Church. In 1988 Archbishop LeFebvre was quite old and physically weak. He did not want to die without providing for the ongoing life of this new community; so he ordained four priests of the Society of St Pius X as bishops. Pope John Paul II told Archbishop LeFebvre that if he did in fact ordain bishops without the Pope's approval both Archbishop LeFebvre and the new bishops would be excommunicated. This occurred on July 1, 1988.

Today there are about one million people who are members of the schismatic church founded by Archbishop LeFebvre – most of them in Europe; although the Church of Mary Immaculate on the corner of Annapolis and Manomin is a church of the Society of Saint Pius X. They regard themselves as the “true” Roman Catholics and those who follow the teachings of the Vatican Council as having “left” the true Church.

Both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have sought to reconcile this splinter group with the Roman Catholic Church.

On Saturday of last week, January 24th Pope Benedict “lifted”

the excommunication against the four bishops of the Society of Saint Pius X. His hope is that this act of generosity might encourage more fruitful meetings between the Vatican and the schismatic bishops in hopes of reconciliation of the Society of Saint Pius X and the Roman Catholic Church.

The result of this act of generosity on Benedict's part has created much difficulty for the Church. The anti-Semitic teachings of the Society of St Pius X are deeply offensive to Jews and any reconciliation with the Society without their rejecting their anti-Semitism would deeply wound Catholic/Jewish relations. The Society also rejects the legitimacy of the vernacular Mass of Pope Paul VI and the documents of the Council on Ecumenism and Religious Freedom.

As often happens, an attempt to heal in one area can cause deep hurt and harm in another area.

We must make it abundantly clear that we individually and as a Church seek continued and deeper relationships with other Christian Churches; that we individually and as a Church look upon our Jewish brothers and sisters as our elder siblings in the faith and reject any hint of anti-Semitism; and that freedom to practice one's religion is a matter of human rights and must be championed in every situation.

It is Pope Benedict's responsibility to nurture the unity of the Church, he is to be a sign of unity; yet unity can never be achieved while sacrificing the truth.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

The St. Matt's Scouting Community and School Chess Club are hosting Coffee Hour after both Sunday Masses. All are invited to come and see the good work being done by our Scouting Community and Chess Club.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Students who will be celebrating their First Communion this spring will meet for their first class on Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30 PM in the chapel. Students and parents should both attend. If you are not registered for class, please come on Tuesday and register that night. Students, 2nd grade and older may register for this class.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN VIGIL LIGHTS!!

The Rosary Society is looking for volunteers to help clean the vigil lights on a regular basis. Please call the parish center at 651-224-9793 and leave your name and telephone number. You will be contacted by a Rosary Society member with details about this activity. Thank you.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

How about a resolution to join the choir! We are always looking for new members to join us. We are in need of all parts, but especially sopranos. Perhaps this is your year. ...Questions? Call Bonnie at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. –1 Peter 4:10

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Parish Pastoral Council Agenda February 5, 2009 6:45 PM, Parish Center Facilitator: Connie Aligada	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection • Public Comment • Approval of Minutes Committee /Task Force reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach • Liturgy and Spirituality • Educational Formation • Finance Committee Other Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Program • Review of the discernment process for 2009 Items for next meeting Adjournment	

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

All you lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers, ushers, greeters and gift bearers time flies and it is time to get your scheduling conflicts in for the next period. The new schedule will cover from Ash Wednesday [Feb 25] to the Sunday before Memorial Day [May 31]. Please get the information to Ginny no later than Wed. 2/4/2009 at 5:00 pm. If there is anyone who would like to join any of these ministries please feel free to also use this contact information. 651-222-2867 or GBD1252@comcast.net If you would consider being a Sacristan/Mass Coordinator at either the 10:30 or 5:00 masses please let us know.

SPECIAL SIGN-UP FOR CUB SCOUTS AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

If you have a boy 7-10 years old interested in joining Cub Scouts but missed the fall registration, you still can join. St. Matthew's is having a special sign-up day of Feb 1 from 11:30 to 12:30 at St Matthew's Social Hall (510 Hall Ave) right after the 10:30 special Scout Sunday Mass. All are welcome, you don't need to belong to the parish. You can just come and get info, if that's all you wish. With the \$10.00 registration fee you receive a pinewood derby car kit to allow you to participate in the upcoming race and a calendar of all upcoming events. If you can't make that time or wish more information, you may contact Carl Baumeister at 651-222-2170 or 651-788-2996 or scoutservicecarl@gmail.com.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY—THANKS.

What a wonderful turn-out by everyone. We'll try to get them counted and delivered and report next week.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 1
9:00 AM, PC	Finance Council
3:00 PM, MC	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
4:30 PM, SH	Big Game Party
Monday	February 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	February 3
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, CH	First Communion Class
Wednesday	February 4
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
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
Thursday	February 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council
Friday	February 6
7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	February 7
Sunday	February 8

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will be the Lord, your God, riase up for you from among your own kinsfolk." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are mine to share?

Paul challenges the young Christian Church at Corinth to lead the life that God has assigned...that God has called each to. If we live the life to which we have been called, then God will be praised, there will be good order, and we will be exercising stewardship!

Sharing Last weekend: \$8,797 through the usual four channels. Thank you. Then year-to-date total [\$274,692] is \$8,808 behind budget; but still \$1,388 ahead of last year at the same time.

Other monies given: Romanian orphans: \$30; initial envelope cost: \$15; Holydays: \$8; and \$5 each in school envelopes, for Souper Bowl Sunday and for the food shelf.

Envelope use: Please remember the invitation to use an envelope each and every weekend, even though there may not be any money inside.

Using envelopes regularly is both witness and invitation for all to participate. [It is also a reminder, as you prepare at home, that we are bringing ourselves as stewards.] And there are spaces on which to record both time spent in prayer and time spent in service to others. Again, these are both witness and invitation. [Contrary to our experience many years ago, what we do individually is not only between "me and God." We are also members of a visible community.]

Reminder...call office for 2008 statement

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2009

- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
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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

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 Connie Aligada Anthony Minus
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