

The Community of St. Matthew

Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, February 15, 2007
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Come

- Meet the Teachers and Principal
 - Get School Information
 - Talk with fellow Parents
 - See the Kindergarten Room

St. Matthew's School
The Catholic School on the West Side
497 Humboldt Ave
St. Paul, MN 55107

For more information or to RSVP call: 651-224-6912

Financial Assistance is available

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Sunday is "Scout Sunday". Scouting is and has been a strong part of Saint Matthew's program for young people and families. For more than 75 years Saint Matthew has been a Charter Partner with the Boy Scouts of America.

Thousands of young people have gone through the ranks of Scouting, and in so doing they have learned many skills, developed team work, come to appreciate the gifts of creation, become effective leaders and grown as strong, competent, community-minded young adults.

Scouting is a family program. Parents play a significant role. They participate in many of the outings and they offer leadership. Adults interact with small groups of young people and serve as mentors.

Each year we honor parish young people and adults who have demonstrated superior accomplishments and leadership in Scouting.

This Sunday we will recognize Joe Foss, whose Eagle Court of Honor occurred a few weeks ago. Joe demonstrated through scouting his leadership qualities and his ability to be a successful team member. Joe's Eagle project involved painting the gym of Saint Matthew's School. He organized the project; he recruited adults and scouts to work with him on the project. He solicited the funds necessary to purchase the paint and materials necessary for the project. Many dozens of persons entered into the accomplishment of this effort – all of that orchestrated and organized by Joe Foss. The purpose of an Eagle project is to demonstrate

a scout's leadership skills. The project becomes the "occasion" for a scout to show that he can engage others in the accomplishment of an effort which benefits the community. Congratulations, Joe.

This Sunday we will recognize Carl and Kim Baumeister. They are an integral part of Cub Scout Pack 107. They both wear several hats in scouting. Carl began as a den leader and then obtained training and certification in archery so the boys can safely participate in this activity under his guidance at camp outs. He is also the Assistant Cub Master and brings many new ideas and skills to enrich the Cub Scout program at Saint Matthew. Kim is a committee member and helps plan and coordinate pack meetings. She revived the monthly newsletter so that scouts and parents can receive timely information on pack activities. She coordinates the annual popcorn sale and serves in many activities as a chaperone.

Joe and the Baumeisters are examples of the strong scouting program that benefits so many young people and families at Saint Matthew. If your family is not involved in scouting, I encourage you to consider participation. This is a wonderful stimulus to creative family life.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ROSARY SOCIETY SOCK DRIVE

Each day Listening House serves between 150 and 200 homeless or jobless men. Over 400 people are served each year. Many of them sleep at the nearby Dorothy Day Center while some sleep outside. More than half of these men have mental health problems. Please consider donating some white tube socks, outdoor gloves or mittens, or personal hygiene items, and place them in the box by the Scrip Table. Thank you.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our Community Slat Board regularly posts information that celebrates community and offers opportunities for service, education, and spiritual growth. Check out the table under the Slat Board for even more opportunities for enrichment -- please take what interests you & share with others. Remember, if you would like to contribute an item to the Slat Board, it must be submitted to the Parish Office first.

COFFEE SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is sponsored by the Scouts of St. Matthew's this weekend. Start down for coffee and a donut and visit with the scouts and find out about their adventures.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Join friends and family at Arby's this Thursday night, February 15, after you place your order tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. Hope to see you there.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Join us at our February meeting on Tuesday, February 13, at 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We will serve soup, hot dish, salad, and dessert. To make a luncheon reservation, please call Beth, Diane or the Parish Center by 10:00 AM on February 12.

LEISURE CLUB VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Join the Leisure Club on Wednesday, February 14 at 1:30 PM in the social hall to celebrate Valentine's Day.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Financial statements for both the regular giving and for the capital campaign are prepared. If you would like yours, please call the parish office; they can be picked up in person or sent through the mail.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SIGN-UP FOR THE WEEKDAYS OF LENT

If you are a Lector or Communion Minister, please check out the counter in the main Sacristy this weekend. Sign-up Sheets are there for each of our weekday Lenten liturgies. Feel free to be "generous" in your volunteerism!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Christopher Acesor who received his *Parvuli Dei* Award on Sunday. Christopher is a Cub Scout of Pack 107.

PARISH CENTER WINDOWS

After some delay [weather and the company's other installation projects] the window installation has begun. In 2 weeks we'll have an "open house" so all can see them inside and out. The West Side will be included in this installation; the East Side will be done in April. The North and South sides remain to be funded.

2007 CALENDARS

Calendars are still available in the back of church -- under the Community Slat Board. We have plenty -- take some extra ones to share with family & neighbors.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday

10:30 AM, MC
4:00 PM, MC
5:00 PM, CH
5:45 PM, SH

Monday

3:00 PM, SH
6:45 PM, XC

Tuesday

3:00 PM, SH
12:30 PM, SH

Wednesday

12:00-7:00 PM, PC
1:30 PM, SH
3:00 PM, SH
6:30 PM, SC
8:00 PM, SH

Thursday

9:00 AM, SC
3:00 PM, SH
4:00-8:00 PM
5:00 PM, MC
6:30 PM, SC
7:00 PM, MC

Friday

Saturday

9:00 AM, PC

Ministry Fair Following Mass

Sunday

Ministry Fair Following Mass

February 11

Scout Sunday
Confirmation Class
Confirmation Mass
Confirmation Dinner

February 12

Loaves and Fishes
Boy Scout Meeting

February 13

Loaves and Fishes
Rosary Society
Luncheon Meeting

February 14

St. Mary's Clinic
Leisure Club
Loaves and Fishes
Religious Education
Class, Grades 1-10
Men's Club Meeting

February 15

Kindergarten
Round Up
Loaves and Fishes
Arby's/S'Barro Night
Youth Choir
Girl Scout Meeting
Adult Choir

February 16

February 17

Centering Prayer

Ministry Fair Following Mass

February 18

Ministry Fair Following Mass

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the opportunity.

Prayer: [from stewardship envelopes]: prayed the rosary daily; remembered prayers at mealtimes; prayed every morning and evening; listened to a speaker on Catholic spirituality; attended Mass more than once weekly. Thank you for the example and encouragement.

Service: [from stewardship envelopes]: was Eucharistic minister; volunteered to drive people who needed rides; volunteered at my children's school; visited the sick; lead the rosary at Cerenity and Southview; attended choir rehearsal. Thank you, too, for example and encouragement.

Sharing: [from stewardship envelopes]: last weekend there was \$11,124 given--\$8,246 in envelopes; \$1,014 in the plate; and \$1,846 electronically. Thank you to each faithful steward. This total is slightly greater than the number that was used as the budget for this year. As well: \$850 in the 2nd [school] collection; \$45 in the fuel envelope and \$25 in holyday envelopes.

Young people's stewardship: A few of them wrote about helping with household chores, helping others, and one drew a picture of "my mom" and they spent time in prayers. Contributions from the youth of our parish: \$7.89.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 11, 2007

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office 651-224-9793
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM –4:00 PM
Web site: st-matts.org
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... Father Stephen Adrian
Deacon..... Rev. John Murphy
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Dir. Music & Liturgy Dana McCarthy
Dir. Child Care..... Dimary Rosado
Dir. Marketing & Development..... Maureen Gitlin
Business Administrator..... Cindy Hoffman
Administrative Assistant Nicole Johnson
Dir. Food Service Alice Schletty
Parish Engineer..... David Rosas

Phone Numbers

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KLT Kids 651-665-0786
Liturgy and Music Voicemail 651-310-0830

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	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....
Education Advisory Richard Dunn