

The Community of St. Matthew

Thursday, February 19, 2009

9:00 AM or 7:00 PM

Kindergarten Open House

St. Matthew's School offers

- Small Class Sizes
- Catholic Values
- Safe, nurturing environment
- On-site extended day program
- Financial assistance—no family will be turned away due to financial status

Registration materials available on Thursday, February 19th.

Parents and Children - Don't miss the fun

- Why did the polar bear change colors
 - Learn the AWESOME cheer
 - Make and eat mouse cookies
- Explore the kindergarten room and visit the little house
- Sing songs and meet new friends

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The Catholic School of the West Side
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*... exists
in the world
as a visible
expression of
God's love.*

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

A week ago Mrs. Joyce Marxer retired from teaching at Saint Matthew's School after more than 30 years as a member of our school faculty.

Because of continuing medical issues Mrs. Marxer was advised by her physician that it would be well for her to retire from the strenuous work of teaching. To her credit, she was able to accept the doctor's recommendation and she and her husband Joe informed the principal, Mr. Lieser, that Friday, February 6th would be Joyce's last day on the job.

Over the years Joyce has taught every grade in our school and was for a period of time the principal of Saint Matthew's School.

No one knows the families of this community better than Joyce. Some of the students Joyce teaches are the children of students she had at Saint Matthew's decades ago.

Joyce is an energetic, no nonsense teacher. She holds student accountable and she has the knack to being able to motivate students to learn.

For the past few years Joyce has been our 3rd grade teacher.

Joyce has been a mentor to dozens of young teachers and has been willing to patiently assist them through their first years of teaching. Her energy, her spirit and her commitment are an integral part of Saint Matthew's

School.

Barely a week goes by when I do not have a conversation with a Saint Matthew's grad. One of the many things the grad asks about is the teachers he/she had at Saint Matt's. Almost universally they will ask about "Ms. Marxer". She holds as place in their memories as a special teacher.

Each of us have had teachers who had the ability to spark our imagination, who goaded us on when we were ready to drop the ball, who spoke that word of encouragement which affirmed us in difficult times, who inspired us to investigate more deeply, try harder and finally succeed. Joyce Marxer is that kind of teacher.

Hundred of her students carry her as a part of them and their personal and professional lives. Both locally and around the world Ms Marxer's students are making a difference.

Thank you, Joyce for the many gifts you have brought to our school and parish community.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee For a Cause after both Sunday masses is being served by Yuri and Alyssa Wallace along with Anna and Alexei Del Vecchio. Proceeds benefit the European Children Adoption Services (ECAS), a non profit organization that's been bringing families together for over ten years. ECAS reports adoption parenting opportunities are available now and offers free monthly informational meetings. Visit the Social Hall after both Sunday masses to learn more about their good work and to enjoy tasty things to eat. Thanks to all who supported last week's C4aC for Empty Bowls. \$140.00 was raised.

A "SOUPER" THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring efforts. Every program on the St. Matthew's campus was involved in collecting money and food for the food shelves at Neighborhood House. On Friday, the 7th of February we delivered 1,423 pounds of food and \$1075 to the food shelf facility. Thanks to your generosity, many families will be able to put meals on their tables. We plan on coordinating another drive in the month of March because the Feinstein foundation will match all donations to Neighborhood House- pound for pound and dollar for dollar.

BOX -TOPS FOR SCHOOL

If you have box-tops to bring in for school, please bring them to church no later than February 25th. Thank you!

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

This annual collection for the needs of the archdiocese has begun. A few things to remember:

- 1) 25% of all the money given from our parish is returned to us for use in our educational programs; that “deal” only lasts until the end of the parish part of the campaign. Thereafter, money raised from our parish will go towards fulfilling our parish goal, but we will not receive the 25% rebate.
- 2) After the parish part of the campaign is finished there will be follow-up phoning by the archdiocese. You will be called if you do not turn in a pledge card [regardless of the amount].
- 3) This year the strongest effort is to expand the amount of donors. Can you help? Will you help? Can you make a small contribution?

LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Are you/your group looking for some resources for spiritual growth for Lent? There is a series of reflections and questions on the Sunday gospels written by church leaders in the Twin Cities. You can get a copy/copies through the parish office.

SOCK DRIVE

In memory of Sister Colleen the Rosary Society is holding its annual clothing drive for Listening House which is located on the same block as St. Joseph's Hospital. Listening House provides a place for homeless men and a few women to gather during the day, receive counseling, receive clean clothing, and trade in the socks they are wearing for a clean pair. Many of these men are veterans; many have mental health problems or substance abuse issues. A staff member said they need men's underwear, T-shirts and shorts, in medium or bigger sizes, and white athletic socks or tube socks. If you are able, could you please contribute something. These men will be grateful for a new T-shirt or a clean pair of socks. We will collect your donations for the next two weekends. Please help.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Doctoral Research: Will you contribute to doctoral research on divorce recovery? If you are participating in a support group, would you take a pre- and post- survey on divorce adjustment? There is no cost to you. These study results will help others going through divorce. Please email me ASAP at amaysta@stcloudstate.edu or call 320-259-1871 for more information. Alaine Aysta, Capella University.

JOIN ST. MATTHEW'S CHOIR!

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	February 15
Monday	February 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	February 17
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SH	First Communion Class
Wednesday	February 18
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 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	February 20
Saturday	February 21
Sunday	February 22

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards.

Sharing: In the usual four ways \$10,759 was given. Thanks to all "faithful stewards" regardless of the manner of donating. During these pre-Lenten winter weeks, the budget is \$9,650 [during Lent it is \$9,800]. Through 32 weeks of the fiscal year the total given has been \$294,286. That amount is \$8,514 short of the budget but \$4,736 greater than the same amount of weeks last year.

A few additional dollars: \$25 in school envelopes and \$5 for the food shelf. Thank you.

Service: Served people who were at shelter for the homeless; helped people get to and from church; visited the sick; helped a lady clean her kitchen; helped someone with the needs she had with her cat.

Prayer: Ten hours of prayer each week; daily rosary... prayers...spiritual reading; prayed for people with no jobs.

Reunion Sunday May 3, 2009. This year all alums of Saint Matthew's School are invited! Those in the classes of -4 and -9 have received invitations [this will be the 80th, or 75th, or 70th, or 65th, or 60th, or 55th, or 50th, or 45th, or 40th, or 35th, or 30th, or 25th of graduation]. And extra welcome to the class of 1959 [50th] and 1984 [25th]. Come at 10:00 for pre-Mass conversation and re-acquaintance, 10:30AM Mass, a complimentary brunch and tours of the school.

RSVP to the parish or the school. Will you contact your classmates and invite them?

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31---11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 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: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

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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

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Anthony Minus
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Chris Stevens	Joyce Osborne
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