

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

This week we launch the 2009 **Catholic Services Appeal**. This appeal used to be known as the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The proceeds of this appeal are used to fund the operations of many services in the Archdiocese that do not fall under the sponsorship of particular parishes: chaplaincy at local hospitals and care facilities, Catholic high school tuition grants based on need, Catholic inner urban school subsidies, prison ministry, Native American ministry, Hispanic ministry, marriage and family life initiatives, services for divorced and separated persons, rural life services, etc.

The Catholic Services Appeal is a kind of “Catholic United Way”.

Each registered Catholic household in the Archdiocese will receive a letter from Archbishop Nienstedt inviting participation and support of this effort. I invite you to be generous to this appeal. In a difficult economy the services we offer are sought more and more and the resources available are less and less.

You may bring your Appeal pledge and/or contribution to Church and place the Appeal envelope in the collection basket at the regular collection time. Appeal envelopes will also be available at church for those who did not receive one in the mail or for those who misplaced theirs.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ROSARY SOCIETY/ LEISURE CLUB LUNCHEON RESERVATION

The Rosary Society/ Leisure Club Valentine Luncheon is planned for **Tuesday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m.** in St. Matthew's Church Social Hall. After a brief meeting, a soup and salad lunch will be served, followed by Valentine making, bingo and prizes. Bring some pocket change for bingo. Although there is no charge for Rosary members, \$3 is asked from non-members. Reservations are needed for all. Call Diane Kammerer at 651-454-3685 by Sunday February 8 to ensure your reservation. Rides from Wilder are available if needed – ask Diane.

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee For a Cause this Sunday is being hosted and served after both Sunday masses by the Goldenstein and Casillas families in support of The 5th Annual Empty Bowls Program happening on Sun. Feb. 11, 2009 at Cretin-Derham Hall High School, 550 Albert Street South in St. Paul from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM. Purchase a bowl of soup and bread on 2/11/09, keep the empty bowl as reminder of hunger in the world and you'll help support Heifer International, a non-profit organization providing livestock to people in developing countries. Thanks to all who supported last week's C4aC for the Scouts and Chess club last week. \$ 75.00 was raised. Thanks also to all who supported C4aC on 1/18/09. \$75.00 was raised for the Dispute Resolution Center.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE - FEBRUARY 19

Do you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in the fall? Here's your chance to visit our school and check out our Kindergarten Program. Join us on Thursday, February 19 at 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM in the school. This open house is for parents and child. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, staff, and parents of St. Matthew's School. If you would like more information please call the school office at 651-224-6912. Registration materials and tuition assistance materials will be available on February 19.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give each other the best Valentine's Day gift possible! Attend the February 21 and 22 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at the Dakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle in Eagan. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of retreats or call 651-454-3238.

CRADLE OF HOPE BENEFIT

Join in a bold celebration of Life! Leahy "...a Celtic whirlwind of fiddle-driven music, dance, and song..." appears to sell-out crowds in the U.S. and Canada. They will perform in a benefit for Cradle of Hope... motherhood fund on Thursday, February 26th, 2009, 7:30 PM at Benson Great Hall, Bethel University, Arden Hills. For tickets call 651-638-6333 or 866-424-4849 or order online at www.bethel.edu/benson-great-hall Prices begin at \$25.

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.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 4:00 PM	February 8 Confirmation Class
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, XC 6:30 PM, SC	February 9 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting EAC Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 1:00PM, SH	February 10 Loaves and Fishes Rosary Society/ Leisure Club Luncheon
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 2:45 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC 8:00 PM, SH	February 11 St. Mary's Clinic Children's Choir Loaves and Fishes HummDingers Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir Men's Club Mtg.
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	February 12 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	February 13
Saturday	February 14
Sunday	February 15

Abbreviations:

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

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

STEWARDSHIP

Every person who is a good steward will be able to say—with Paul in the 2nd reading—“I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings.” This can be reminiscent of the “morning offering” prayer that we said in grade school: offering everything that would come during that day to the Lord. When we live lives with and for the gospel, our reward may be thirty-fold, or maybe sixty-fold, or even a hundredfold.

Sharing Last weekend [maybe it acted like the first weekend of the month] \$8,875 was donated in the “Sunday collection.” As well, \$976 was in school envelopes and plate, and \$1,070 was given for Souper Bowl—to the food shelf. Thanks to each person for such generous stewardship and support of worthy programs.

As well, \$200 was given for Romanian orphans; \$37 was in holyday envelopes; \$15 in fuel envelopes; \$10 for retired religious; and \$9 in initial envelopes. Thank you.

Souper Bowl soup: At bulletin time, the soup and other food had not been loaded and delivered. Those who attended 10:30 Mass saw how many dozens of bags of food were brought through the weekend Masses and by the school, religious ed, KLT and CC programs. We’ll try to make a report of food units brought. Thanks to everyone!!

Service: Visiting the homebound; reading with the third graders; working at Loaves and Fishes; working for the Cancer Home drive; was catechist in RCIA; counted soup labels at my child’s school; worked for the church. Thanks for working ‘for the sake of the gospel’—and thinking about that as you served.

Prayer: Regularity of prayer, reflection, reading was the hallmark this past week. Also: said a rosary for the unborn.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2009

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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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