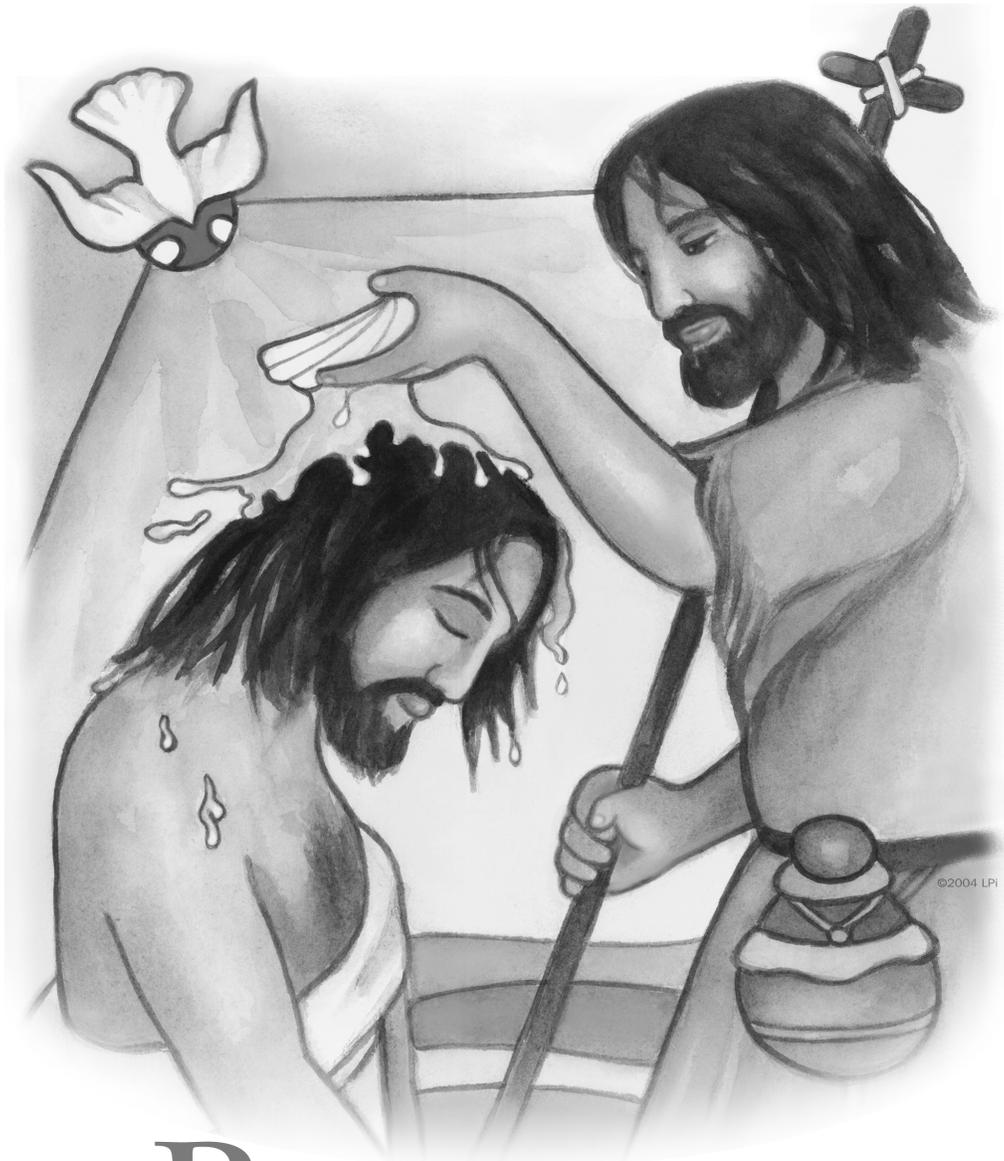


The Community of St. Matthew



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the past four years inner urban Catholic schools have come together to form a consortium and in concert with each other seek funds that will help provide tuition assistance to low income families who seek Catholic education for their children.

This consortium is called FOCUS – Friends of Catholic Urban Schools.

Eighteen months ago a Twin Cities family foundation made a legacy grant to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul for educational needs. This legacy endowment is \$20,000,000.

The determination was made that at least for the first ten years the annual earned income of \$1,000,000 would be provided to the FOCUS schools; \$500,000 for tuition assistance and \$500,000 for program and curriculum development.

Each school would receive as tuition aid a proportional amount of the annual payout determined by the number of students in each school who qualify for the Federal free and/or reduced lunch benefit.

On December 17th another Twin Cities family foundation – the Pohlad Family Foundation – announced that it would make a five year commitment of \$900,000 a year to the twelve FOCUS school to assist in providing tuition assistance to low income families. An additional \$100,000 is offered to seven other schools as a challenge grant to spur their development efforts.

Once again, these funds will be distributed to the twelve schools in proportion to the students on free and/or reduced lunch.

The Pohlad funds are distributed through the Minneapolis Foundation and the Catholic community Foundation.

Members of the FOCUS Board of Directors – mostly business people of the Twin Cities who have a passion for Catholic education in inner city neighborhoods – continue to meet with

corporate and foundation leaders to encourage their investment in the education of inner urban students in Catholic schools.

Recently Notre Dame University published a study on inner urban Catholic schools and the education of low income Hispanic students. One of the many recommendations the study made was that the church of the United States embrace models similar to FOCUS in attracting money for tuition assistance to families.

These generous gifts and the gifts of so many individuals of Saint Matthew and St Matthew alums, as well as the growing enrollment in our school, underscores my deep and long held belief that there are many thousands of low income families who would dearly wish Catholic education for their children, but do not have the financial ability to pay full tuition.

Investment from the Archdiocese, parish investment, FOCUS, Saint Matthew Alums and Friends, Partners in Education, Kids First, Catholic Community Foundation, annual corporate and foundation gifts, the monthly parish school collection and the Saint Matthew Education Endowment make it possible for us to provide tuition aid and work credit for families who seek a Catholic education for their children.

Every gift is important and every gift makes a difference. Over the past twenty years members of Saint Matthew have worked hard to develop partners in our educational mission. We continue to work hard to build and strengthen that coalition of supporters of the dream. Each of you is part of that effort, and each of you deserves to take pride in the accomplishment.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HOME

This is the weekend for the annual collection for Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home, sponsored by St. Matthew's Rosary Society/CCW. Donated items may be left in the side room at the front entrance of the church. Rosary members will be at the doors of the church after each mass to accept monetary donations. Checks may be made out directly to 'Good Counsel Cancer Home'. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS DECERATION TAKE DOWN

We need help directly after the 10:30 AM mass taking down our Christmas environment. Make it a family affair, all help is welcome and appreciated!

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

The next scheduling period will run from February 20th through the Sunday before Memorial Day May 30th. Please get your scheduling requests in by no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday January 20th. Any one wanting to join one of the ministries should also contact us by Wednesday January 20th. We really are in desperate need of Ushers for all masses times. Please give it serious consideration. Contact info GBD1252@comcast.net or Ginny at 651-222-2867. Thanks Mary Ann, Joanne and Ginny.

Rosary Society

There is no Rosary Society meeting in January. The next event is the luncheon on February 9th.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION CLASS

First Reconciliation Classes begin on Tuesday, January 19. If you are not already registered for this class please call the school office to register before Tuesday, January 19. If you have any questions regarding First Reconciliation Class or preparing for other sacraments (First Communion or child (not infant) baptism) please call the school office at 651-224-6912.

OUTREACH WITH THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

The East Side Learning Center (ESLC) is in need of volunteer tutors to provide one-on-one tutoring in reading to students in grades K-4. Volunteers receive initial orientation and on-going training! They are provided with lesson plans and materials for each tutoring session. Volunteers are only required to tutor one hour a week from January to May. Last semester, members from St. Matt's church help tutor 23 children! The ESLC is located at Johnson, Bruce Vento, North End, and St. Matthew's Elementary. Tutoring takes place in the mornings 9-10 am Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at St. Matt's. Training for new volunteers will take place on January 13th (4-6pm), and January 14th (10-noon) at Johnson Elementary. For more information, contact Ben Stiemsma at (651) 793-7331 or ben.stiemsma@spps.org.

SAINT BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Come and experience first hand all that Saint Bernard's School has to offer! **Thursday, January 14th @ 6:30 PM.** For more information contact the Admissions Office at 651-489-1338, or visit our website at www.saintbernards-school.org *"Small school setting, big school experience"*

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.



THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday 4:00 PM, MC | January 10 Confirmation Class |
| Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC | January 11 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday 9:00 AM, PC 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH | January 12 Alum's & Friends St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes |
| Wednesday 9:15 AM, MC 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 2:45 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC 8:00 PM, SH | January 13 School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Children's Choir Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir Men's Club mtg. |
| Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:00 PM, SC | January 14 Loaves and Fishes Cub Scout Committee |
| Friday | January 15 |
| Saturday | January 16 |
| Sunday | January 17 |

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Sharing: \$10,740 [\$1,186 greater than budget] was given on the first weekend of the year—by the usual four methods: plate, envelopes, mail-ins and electronic transfers. Thank you.

Additionally, thanks for: \$1,137 in holy day envelopes for Jan 1; \$1,136 for school; \$193 to help defray cost of envelopes; \$165 for Christmas; \$15 each for food shelf and All Saints.

Service: serving at Loaves & Fishes... money counting... visiting the homebound with Eucharist... funeral lunches

Prayer: daily rosary... daily prayer... mass daily... spiritual reading

Young people’s Stewardship: \$7.50, Thank you! They wrote: dinner prayers... one hour in prayer... shoveled walk... cleaned my desk

Children and youth are invited to take envelopes for this year. We will try to give a report of contributions every month or two—by envelope number. Stewardship is a good habit to develop as a child.

Annual contribution ‘statement’ will be available in about 10 days. Please call the parish office if you’d like copy of yours. Remember that canceled checks are the preferred ‘proof’ for the IRS.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38
 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Donna Jenniges*
 Parish Engineer *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 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*

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| Karen Thompson | Georgann Henjum |
| Connie Aligada | Joyce Osborne |
| Jason Delmont | Anthony Minus |
| Dean Steinbrenner | Chris Stevens |
| Stephen Adrian | David Burrows |