

The Community of St. Matthew



JOIN US FOR ST. MATTHEW'S TROOP 107 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We're having a pancake breakfast
on Sunday, January 23, 2011
9:00 AM until 12:00 PM

Breakfast includes: sausage, eggs,
beverages, and all-you-can eat pancakes!

\$7.00 for ages 12 and up
\$4.00 for ages 11 and under



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

Friday, January 14, 2011

Dear Saint Matthew School families, parish members and West Side Community:

Today a number of Catholic Schools have announced that at the end of this school year they will close. Finances, demographics and enrollment have made these difficult decisions necessary.

These school closings **do not** involve Saint Matthew's School – we will remain open.

During the past two months Saint Matthew's School has been part of a review process to determine the vitality and sustainability of our school.

The review process involved four areas: Catholic identity, academic excellence, community involvement and financial stability. In the first three areas of review Saint Matthew's achieves very high marks.

Our shortcoming and challenge is financial stability.

While it is possible to forecast a barely balanced budget for parish and school for the coming years, and a modest beginning at pay back of the archdiocesan debt, by a series of program reductions, staff reductions and no salary increases; there are no reserves available for contingencies, maintaining a timely cash flow is dubious and the school building has limited usable life.

Saint Matthew's School will enter into a planning process with neighboring Catholic schools in February to develop collaborations involving program, resources, staffing and facilities that will create strong regional opportunities for Catholic education for all families and students of the West Side and West Saint Paul communities and potentially beyond.

Saint Matthew's School is accepting registrations for next school year and is committed to a strong, academically rich, Catholic school opportunity for all families of the community. We continue to be committed to the proposition that no student will ever be turned away for financial reasons.

Over the past two months two dozen people have participated in one way or another in the sustainability review. These persons are school parents and staff, parish members and representatives of parish organizations as well as persons representing aspects of the larger West Side community. We shall invite them to continue with the work as we begin meeting on school collaboration and strong, vibrant opportunities for Catholic education.

In March we begin the year-long celebration of Saint Matthew's 125th anniversary and in 2012 the 125th anniversary of Saint Matthew School. This is a time to reflect and celebrate who we are and from where we have come. More importantly it is an opportunity to dream and lay the groundwork for the future of Saint Matthew's and our mission as the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Doug Lieser
Principal

PARISH EVENTS

GREAT SCRIP NEWS!

Attention Target Shoppers! Just announced by our supplier, Target gift cards are now available in \$25 and \$100 denominations. Are you a Scrip shopper yet? Where else can you get free money? Consider this - 200 additional people buying \$200 of either, Cub, Rainbow, Super America Scrip each month can reduce the Parish debt by \$19,000 per year at no cost to us. Questions answered at the Scrip table, in the social hall on coffee Sundays or via email at timothy.nowak@usfamily.net

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME COLLECTION

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.

2010 STEWARDSHIP STATEMENTS

If you need a statement of your 2010 stewardship donations for your taxes, please call Nicole at the parish office 651-224-9793, or email njohnson@st-matts.org

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

OFFICE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

The Office for Social Justice presents the 2011 Legislative Briefings. Actions and advocacy by Catholics can help make this a year of success on issues that affect low-income people in our community. Join us to learn about Catholic Charities' legislative agenda that was developed by the Office for Social Justice. We'll be learning about affordable housing, homelessness, immigration reform, health care, criminal justice, and a bevy of other issues. Please join us as we raise our voices for justice and social change! Three options: Thursday January 27 at Guardian Angels, Oakdale; Monday, January 31 at Christ the King in Minneapolis; Thursday, February 3 at Lumen Christi in Saint Paul. Each briefing will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Call 651-291-4477 or visit www.osjspm.org for more information.

FALL FESTIVAL 2011

Holiday Decorations – Now that most of us have gotten our homes “back to normal”, and the decorations are packed away for another year, we hope that you have remembered to separate your decorations that you will no longer be using again. Please bring your holiday items to donate to our 2011 Fall Festival any week day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the Parish Center, or bring them to church on weekends and leave them in the back of church. Please mark your boxes or bags “Fall Festival Donation”. Thank you for “thinking ahead” and helping us to get our Fall Festival off to a good start. 2011 Fall Festival Committee.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

We are still in need of people to fill the 12:15 PM and 1:15 PM time slots. Please consider taking one hour each month for time in quiet prayer. There is no need to sign up, just enter the chapel at whichever of the time slots works for you. Thank you.

TUTORING PROGRAM

Neighborhood House is proud to announce the launch of a one-on-one tutoring program for students in grades 7-12. Students will attend hour long sessions each week to improve math and/or English skills. In addition, students will work with the same tutor each week. If you know a student that needs help with math or English, or would like to tutor a struggling student, please contact Ashley Laflin at alaflin@neighb.org or 651-789-2532. Additional information on the program can be found at <http://nhtutoring.wordpress.com/about>.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

St. Matthew's will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, 2011. We will collect soup, food, and monetary donations at all the Masses that weekend. Be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to our 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 16
Monday	January 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	January 18
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	January 19
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	January 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	January 21
Saturday	January 22
Sunday	January 23

MLK BREAKFAST REMINDER

The annual MLK breakfast is on Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts of time, talent, and treasure, in the service of God.

Sharing Last weekend: \$12,679—exceeding budget by \$5,000! Thanks to each and every faithful steward—doing the will of God! This amount reduces our shortfall against budget by more than \$3,000. The shortfall is still about \$700 per weekend—but the first time it has been this amount since December 5.

Thanks too for other dollars: \$328 in school envelopes; \$79 to defray cost of envelopes; \$335 for different holydays.

Service: Money counting... Loaves & Fishes... Eucharistic minister... Choir.

Prayer: Daily prayer, mass, rosary, spiritual reading... watched mass on TV.

Youth: \$4.00, Thank you!

Coffee Sunday: thanks to L&S Smith and K&P Kasheimer for hosting last Sunday; Thanks to liturgy committee for this Sunday. The Scouts are hosting a pancake breakfast next Sunday.

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 16, 2011

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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Phone Numbers

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 (Mar-Oct)
 4:00 PM (Nov-Feb)
 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 (Mar-Oct), 3:00 PM (Nov-Feb)

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
 Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum
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