

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For more than 25 years the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra has present a concert at Saint Matthew.

In the past few years the offering has been a one hour concert that is family and child friendly.

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra will be at Saint Matthew on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm.

William Schrickel, conductor, the MSO and students from the Wellstone Center will present the following program:

Carl Maria von Weber – Jubel Overture, J 245, op. 59  
Aaron Copland – Fanfare for the Common Man  
Joan Tower – Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman #2  
Felix Mendelssohn – Wedding March from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, op 61  
Leo Arnaud – Fanfare (*Olympic Theme*)

Charles Ives (orch. Schuman) – Variations on *America*  
John Williams – Throne Room & End Title from *Star Wars Suite*  
Dimitri Shostakovich – Festive Overture

Fanfares, marches, anthems and a memorable movie score make for a thrilling concert. Mark your calendars. Bring children and teens. This is a concert that will delight listeners of all ages.

Please bring a non-perishable food item with you as a donation to our local food shelf.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Thanks to all who served and supported the Coffees for a Cause on 12/20/09 and 12/27/09. \$47.00 was raised for the Catholic Order of Foresters on 12/20 and \$100.00 for the European Children Adoption Services on 12/27/09.

### 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.

### BIG GAME PARTY

In the Social Hall on Sunday, February 7. Watch the Big Game plus activities for adults (cards, jigsaw puzzle challenge) and children (movies, games, etc). Food, snacks and refreshments included at a cost of \$10 age 18 or over, \$5 age 13-18, free under 13. Doors will be open at 4:30 pm with the game expected to start just after 5 pm. Contact Tim Nowak 612-269-9471 or Brian Osborne 651-230-1518.

### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners who contributed to the collection last weekend for Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. You outdid yourselves. We collected \$3,589.25, along with a carload of paper products, canned goods and toiletry items. The cash amount was more than we have collected in several years. The staff and patients were most grateful for all that was donated. I would also like to thank the Rosary Society members who helped with the collection at the church doors. Thank you all and God bless you for your generosity and concern for others. Corinne Brengman.



EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Christmas 2009

Thank you to the many parish members who made it possible for us to celebrate the Christmas Season with dignity and in a prayerful spirit. Bonnie Faber, lectors, musicians, cantors, choirs, instrumentalists, Eucharistic ministers, hospitality ministers, ushers, Children's Church leaders, altar servers, sacristans, church decorators, church cleaners, worship aide producers, collection counters – all of you and so many more made it possible for Saint Matthew's Community and visitors of celebrate the Feast and the Season.

The weather made Christmas Eve and Christmas day difficult at best. Yet members of the parish community rose to the challenge and did great service above and beyond the call of duty.

Our dedicated maintenance staff spent all of Christmas Eve and Christmas day battling the falling and blowing snow, the sleet and rain and ice in trying to stay ahead of it all and maintain a semblance of hospitality for all who came to worship. Joining the maintenance team was parishioner Brian Osborne who after attending the 4 pm Mass with his family on Christmas Eve spent more than five hours plowing snow with his tractor to keep the entrances to the church clear and to make it possible for some kind of on street parking for worshippers.

The Gilberg family – Carol, Jeff, Mason, Andrea, Noah – arrived more than an hour early for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass, snow shovels at the ready, to help clear a path for worshippers.

Many ministers arrived a half hour or forty-five minutes early to make sure they were ready, and to offer a hand in making sure all was prepared.

Rachel, Rebecca and Bridget Goldenstein made sure they were at church to offer themselves in music ministry at three of the four Christmas Masses, and Jill returned three times to accompany the sung prayer of Christmas worship.

I note this because these heroic efforts are but examples of the way in which many parish members entered into the Christmas Feast at Saint Matthew. Good liturgy has very little to do with book-learning and it has everything to do with a respect for and commitment to a praying community. It means setting aside one's own comfort, plans, desires and wants in order to place oneself at the service of a worshipping community. It means that my schedule gives way to the needs of others. It means that welcome and hospitality is the first and most fundamental rule of parish worship.

The Christmas Feast provides the greatest panoply and diversity in all of the Liturgical year. The Church provides us with four distinct celebrations – four sets of readings and reflective psalms with four unique approaches to the mystery of the Incarnation. As a celebrant and preacher this Feast is challenging and deeply rewarding.

Stephen Adrian, Pastor

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, SC	Home & School
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 21</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Girl Scouts
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 22</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 24</b>

**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 tells the young Christian church in Corinth [and us] that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!*

Sharing: Last weekend: \$9,337 was given to the operating fund. Thank you to each faithful steward. As well, these donations were gratefully received: \$212 for holydays [including Christmas], \$150 for school programs, \$54 for 'initial'—cost of envelopes; \$10 for the food shelf.

Service: Thanks to the members of the pastoral council who worked before, during, and after the staff appreciation party. Because of your efforts, a better time was had by all.

Prayer: Psalm 103... daily rosary and mass... prayers for priests in the archdiocese... spiritual reading.

Children's stewardship: \$11.53 Tank you! They wrote: helped carry bags for someone... shoveling... chores... operation Christmas child... practiced patience.

Contribution statements for 2009 If you want such a statement, please call the parish office with your request; you may come in person or it will be mailed.

Receptionist help needed Could you answer the phone and greet those who come to the door? For 3 hours? On a Friday afternoon? The usual volunteer is vacationing. Help is needed on January 22 and 29. Could you do one? Thanks. Please call Nicole at the parish center.

Constance Currie scholarship [from Neighborhood House] forms are now available. If you know of someone who intends to begin their post-secondary education, there are scholarships available [up to \$3,500]. First qualification: lived, worked, volunteered within 55107 [or active involvement with Neighborhood House]. Forms are available at the parish office, or by contacting Tiffany at NH: 651-789-2513.

Deadline is March 12 and the form is lengthy; begin as early as possible.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010  
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21  
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Fax..... 651-228-9448  
 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*  
 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

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*

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