

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

Twenty years ago a small group of young people in South Carolina decided to capitalize on the enthusiasm generated by the Super Bowl to encourage people to respond to the needs of local food shelves. They inaugurated **Souper Bowl Sunday**.

They invited citizens to bring a can of soup to church on Super Bowl Sunday. They also collected money for the local food shelves.

Since that time this effort has expanded to other sites each year. Last year more than 14,000 churches, schools and community organizations participated in Souper Bowl Sunday. They raised more than \$10,000,000 and collected hundreds of thousands of cans of soup.

Not one dime collected, nor one can of soup collected goes to the national organization. Every dollar and all the food goes to a local food shelf designated by the collecting church or organization.

This year Saint Matthew's Parish Community will participate in SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY.

Saint Matthew School families and students, Saint Matthew Child Care families and children, Saint Matthew Religious Education families and students, KLT families and students will participate along with the Saint Matthew Congregation in collecting cans of soup and donations.

Our educational programs will make their collection during the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>. Members of the congregation are invited to bring their can of soup (or case of soup) to Mass on January 31<sup>st</sup> or February 1<sup>st</sup>. You can place your soup on the left side of the altar where the manger scene was displayed during the Christmas Season. At the close of Mass Confirmation Students, Religious Education students and Parish Council members will be at the doors of the church to accept your cash donations.

The recipient of the food and cash donations is the Food Shelf of Neighborhood House – our local food shelf. Sixth grade students will box the food and help make the delivery to Neighborhood House.

You will hear more about this; when you do your shopping do not forget to pick up some cans of soup for **Souper Bowl Sunday**.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee For a Cause this week is being served by after both Sunday masses by Jeanne Zimmer and Pete Steinke in support of The Dispute Resolution Center, a non profit corporation working towards constructive resolution of conflict and restorative justice. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat, conversation and you can learn more about the work of the Dispute Resolution Center. Thanks to all who supported last week's C4aC benefiting the lost children of Romania. \$100.00 was raised.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULING

All you lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers, ushers, greeters and gift bearers time flies and it is time to get your scheduling conflicts in for the next period. The new schedule will cover from Ash Wednesday [Feb 25] to the Sunday before Memorial Day [May 31]. Please get the information to Ginny no later than Wed. 2/4/2009 at 5:00 pm. If there is anyone who would like to join any of these ministries please feel free to also use this contact information. 651-222-2867 or GBD1252@comcast.net If you would consider being a Sacristan/Mass Coordinator at either the 10:30 or 5:00 masses please let us know.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATION

The dedication for the Habitat for Humanity houses that we worked on this past summer will be held Saturday January 31, 2009 at 11:00. General Mill is hosting a breakfast at 10:00. Come see what you helped to build and meet the homeowners.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SPECIAL SIGN-UP FOR CUB SCOUTS AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

If you have a boy 7-10 years old interested in joining Cub Scouts but missed the fall registration, you still can join. St. Matthew's is having a special sign-up day of Feb 1 from 11:30 to 12:30 at St Matthew's Social Hall (510 Hall Ave) right after the 10:30 special Scout Sunday Mass. All are welcome, you don't need to belong to the parish. You can just come and get info, if that's all you wish. With the \$10.00 registration fee you receive a pinewood derby car kit to allow you to participate in the upcoming race and a calendar of all upcoming events. If you can't make that time or wish more information, you may contact Carl Baumeister at 651-222-2170 or 651-788-2996 or scoutservicecarl@gmail.com.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

When you are planning your grocery shopping this week, plan to buy some extra cans of soup—or any cans or boxes of food—to help re-supply the local food shelf. When you see the advertisements for the Super Bowl think “soup.” Bring them to church on Jan 31 and Feb 1.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners who contributed to the collection last weekend for Good Counsel Cancer Home. It was a huge success! A car load of paper products, canned goods and toiletry items was delivered to the home last Sunday, along with monetary donations totaling \$2,573.50. The staff and patients were very grateful for everything that was donated. I would also like to thank the Rosary Society members who helped with the collections at the church doors. Thank you all and God bless you for your generosity and concern for others. Corinne Bregman.

OUR LADY OF CHARITY DEVOTION

Father Adrian will lead a devotional prayer service in the Chapel on January 28 at 6:30 PM. The prayer service will be to honor Our Lady of Charity. The program is sponsored by the West St. Paul Knights of Columbus. Devotion to Our Lady of Charity dates to the early 1600's when a statue of the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child was found in Cuban waters by three young men. Our Lady of Charity had a special place in the ministry of Pope John Paul II. In a solemn ceremony attended by thousands of Cuban Catholics, he crowned the statue of Our Lady of Charity, which was carried in a procession through the streets. The picture will be displayed in St. Matthew's Church during January. Call Joseph Stevens 651-224-8270 with any questions.

DECEMBER 500 WINNERS

1st place-3360 Arlene Kempe and Mary Price; 2nd place-3290 Ann Marthaler and Sister Joanna Illg.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
6:30 PM, CH	First Reconciliation Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 21</b>
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
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 22</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 25</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 first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly: "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."*

Sharing Thank you very much to each "faithful steward" whether practicing stewardship electronically, via surface mail, using envelopes or giving in the plate. \$11,599 was credited this weekend! Through 28 weekends this fiscal year, contributions are \$4,749 behind budget..."just" \$170 per weekend. Even so, the total amount is \$3,044 ahead of donations at this time last year.

Service: Thanks to a group of people who cooked, served, and cleaned up after the parish staff party last Saturday evening: Sue, Bob, Jordan, Johnny, Bob, Kelly, Denise and Alice. The food was delicious and was equaled by the service. Thanks.

Prayer: As witnessed on the envelopes last weekend, both regularity of time and place was evident along with specific intentions: daily rosary...daily prayers...daily spiritual reading...daily 15 minutes of prayer...prayers for the homeless who spend the day and night in this cold weather.

Envelopes for children and youth—are available in the back of Church. Please take a box and begin the good habit of regular stewardship, regardless of the amount. There's a place for time and talent as well; don't forget those.

Welcome: to St. Mary's Clinic expansion. Beginning this week, the clinic will have hours on Tuesday afternoons as well as the usual Wednesday afternoons. Appointments will be taken on Tuesdays from 2 to 6PM. [651-690-7029]. The clinic is staffed by volunteers in all positions, from receptionist to doctor and nurse.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 18, 2009  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
 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: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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 Prayerline ..... 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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