

The Community of St. Matthew



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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:

Next Sunday begins Catholic Schools Week!

This annual event provides an opportunity for all of us to remember and celebrate – remember the gift that Catholic Schools have been to our community, region and nation; celebrate the ongoing mission and commitment to Catholic Schools.

The history of elementary, secondary and higher education in the United States has been profoundly influenced and in some ways shaped by the tradition of Catholic Schools.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, wife, mother, widow, founder of the Sisters of Charity is often called the founder of Catholic Schools. She was a New England socialite, married to the wealthy Dr. William Seton. They were Episcopalian and often guests of George and Martha Washington at Mount Vernon. Elizabeth Ann recounts in her diary the evening she danced the night away with George Washington. After William's untimely death she converted to Roman Catholicism and was ostracized by the New England Social Class. She needed to provide for her four children, and so taught school and managed a boarding house for school boys. She opened a girl's school in Baltimore and later moved the school to Emmetsburg, Maryland. There were few educational opportunities for girls and young women at the time, and the pioneering efforts of Elizabeth Ann Seton extended the opportunities for education to immigrant as well as middle class girls and young women.

St. Katherine Drexel, grand daughter of the founder of Drexel investment and banking company – known until the 1980's as Drexel Burnham Lambert. She gave up a fortune and entered religious life. The Philadelphia news papers heralded the event

with the following headlines – “Miss Drexel Enters Catholic Convent” and “Gives Up Seven Million”. For forty years she built and staffed schools for Native American and African American students – no other educational opportunity was available. She founded Xavier University in New Orleans – the first African American University in the United States.

These two women are but examples of the hundreds of thousands of women and men religious who founded, staffed and developed Catholic Schools in the United States, and pioneered educational opportunities of exceptional quality for the immigrant and the disenfranchised as well as the establishment majority.

For 120 years, since the birth of Katherine Drexel, Saint Matthew School has formed and shaped the ministry and mission of our parish and is the longest standing, continuously serving institution on the West Side of Saint Paul. West Side families of every economic, ethnic, racial, religious, social and cultural background have and are “Saint Matthew School Families”. Excellence in education and Catholic teaching and values are the hallmark of Saint Matthew's School.

This is more than enough reason to celebrate our school and all of catholic Schools in this Catholic Schools Week.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Wayne Gilbertson and Gail Merriam - Thanks. Come on down to the Social Hall for a hot cup of coffee (now featuring Honduran, high altitude, shade grown beans) good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

FISH FRY FRIDAY

Six Fridays of lent starting February 8, 4:30-7:30.

THANK YOU!

St. Matthew's parishioners have again shown their caring spirit to Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. A car load of paper products, toiletry items and canned goods was delivered to the home last Sunday, along with monetary donations totaling \$2,733.16. The sisters and staff were very grateful for everything that was donated. I would also like to thank the Rosary 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 Brengman.

ICE FISHING

Saturday, January 26 – Ice fishing at Bald Eagle Lake. Meet at St. Matt's 10 am. Cost is \$10 (food & refreshments) 16 and over and free for under 16. Contact Brian Osborne 651-230-1518.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

VESPER SERVICE FOR SISTER JANET THIRY

The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite you to a Vesper Service in memory of Sister Marguerite Thiry SSND who passed away at the Motherhouse in Mankato on January 5. The service will be at St. Francis de Sales Church, 650 Palace Avenue, on Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. Sister Marguerite was a former teacher in St. Matthew's School and served in St. Francis de Sales Parish before her last years of retirement in Mankato. Students may remember her as Sister Janet Thiry.

BIG GAME PARTY

Sunday, February 3. There will be activities for adults (cribbage, 500, etc) and children (movies, games, etc). Watch the Big Game on the large screen. Food, snacks and refreshments will be served. Cost is \$10 for anyone over 18, \$5 for ages 13-18, and under age 13 free. Doors will be open at 4:30 pm with the game expected to start at 5:18 pm. Contact Tim Nowak 651-450-4975 or Brian Osborne 651-230-1518.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A HUGE "Thank you" to our St. Matthews' Liturgy Committee for the beautiful Christmas Environment. Many thanks to the members of our community who helped them with the set up and the take down. We want to also thank our maintenance staff for their assistance. Thanks David, Jan, Ginny, MaryAnn, Sheila, Lu, Ann, Pat and Joanne and Cindy!

LECTORS

Please plan to attend a Lector Workshop on Tuesday January 29, 2008. The workshop will be held in the church from 7:00 to 8:15. It is very important that all attend. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Word (Lector) here at St. Matthews, Please join us on January 29, 2008 or you can contact Bonnie Faber at the Parish Office. 651-224-9793. See you then.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Matthew's day school is gearing up for Catholic School's Week, January 27 through February 1. Please join us as we begin with Mass and an Open House from 11:30-1 on the 27th. The theme this year is Catholic Schools Light the Way and students will be showing how we try to light the way every day at St. Matthew's. We have been using a k-8 curriculum, based on Catholic social teachings and each grade will have a bulletin board or display showing what they know. The curriculum is on loan from the Columban Fathers Mission Education Office and we would very much like to purchase it to use in future years as we grow in understanding of all the diverse ways we can serve God and one another. The entire curriculum is \$650 and we are searching for people to help. Are you someone who would like to donate to this very worthy project? To help, or for more information, please contact Lynn Volkenant at the school. 651.224.6912

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Ecumenical Evening of Prayer for Christian Unity. January 25 at 7:00PM. Holy Family Maronite church—203 E Robie. All Welcome.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 20
Monday	January 21
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
No School, No Child Care	
KLT is Open	
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 22
No School	
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	January 23
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
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
Thursday	January 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	January 25
Saturday	January 26
Sunday	January 27
Catholic Schools Week Open House	

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 I am, Lord; I come to do your will. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. I have not restrained my lips as you know, O Lord." May each of us, too, stand ready to offer ourselves and our gifts in the service of God.

Prayer: Thank you for the examples and the challenges: daily prayer...daily rosary...read *The Catholic Spirit*...prayed for healing for someone who was ill...attended daily Mass...prayed for the intentions given to the prayer chain...did spiritual reading daily.

Service: Thank you for testimony and invitation to do the same: continued to develop my skills as a painter...took care of my husband who was ill...volunteered at Roosevelt School...volunteered at my child's school...took eight hours of training in healing ministry...visited people at Wilder...did "candle ministry" at Church...served at Loaves and Fishes...was a Eucharistic minister to the homebound...drove others to Mass...did the ministry of "money counter"...helped a lady who is blind, and her baby...helped people with shopping errands.

Sharing Through envelopes, electronic, and plate last weekend: \$9210 was given. Thank you. As well, \$105 was given in holyday envelopes; \$23 given in initial envelopes; and \$40 in school envelopes.

Young people's stewardship: \$1.13 was given. Daily prayers, helping mom unpack groceries, and going to bed when told, are what the children wrote about their prayer and service.

Contribution statements for 2007. If you would like a statement of your contributions, please call the office and yours will be sent. [Please remember that the statement is not IRS-type "proof," but it is a good indicator. If audited, you will need evidence of cancelled checks, etc]

Kitchen equipment: Thanks to a lead gift from the South Robert Business Association. If you did not bring your money today, please bring it to the office, send it in the mail, or bring it in a marked envelope next weekend. Thank you in advance.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 20, 2008
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
 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: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
 Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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 Dir. Child Care.....*Shar LaVelle*
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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 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*

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
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