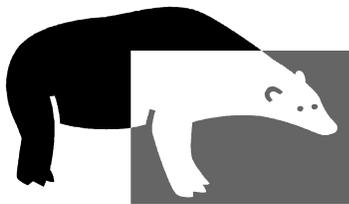


The Community of St. Matthew

Thursday, January 28

6:30 PM

Kindergarten Open House



Parents and children -
Don't miss the fun!

- Why did the polar bear change colors
- Learn the AWESOME cheer
- Make and eat mouse cookies
- Explore the kindergarten room and visit the little house
- Sing songs and meet new friends

St. Matthew's School offers

- Small Class Sizes
- Catholic Values
- Safe, nurturing environment
- On-site extended day program
- Financial assistance—no family will be turned away due to financial status

Registration materials available
on Thursday, January 28, 2010



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God's love.*

For more information call 651-224-6912

To Nurture the Soul of a Nation:

Latino Families, Catholic Schools, and Educational Opportunity

A REPORT OF the Notre Dame Task Force on the Participation of Latino Children and Families in Catholic Schools

Rationale

The successful integration of the Latino community, the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population, into fuller participation in the civic and economic life of the United States requires addressing issues of social justice to ensure the welfare of the common good. Nationwide, classrooms are seeing a rapidly growing number of Latino students, but American schools are not serving these children well. There is an achievement gap that affects the Latino community in particular and inhibits the common good.

Consider the following:

Only 53 percent of Latinos graduate from high school in four years.

Only 16 percent of Latino 18-year-olds are considered "college-ready."

Only 25 percent of Latinos aged 18-24 enroll in college.

The achievement gap imposes the equivalent of a permanent national recession on our economic growth.

Catholic schools, however, serve Latino and other underserved students well, and for Hispanic communities, they represent a beacon of hope. In urban America, Catholic schools often provide the highest quality education available to Latino children and families, and research suggests that students who attend Catholic schools enjoy an educational advantage that helps to close the achievement gap. For example, Latinos who attend Catholic school are 42 percent more likely to graduate HS and two-and-a half times more likely to graduate college than their public school-attending peers. Moreover, the effect of Catholic schools is particularly powerful for "the multiply disadvantaged," that is, minority students from low-income families who have struggled in public schools

and whose parents did not attend college.

Despite the Catholic school advantage, only 3 percent of Latinos send their children to Catholic schools. There are nearly 700,000 empty seats in American Catholic schools, representing an enormous opportunity to provide high-quality educational options for the Latino community. Most Catholic schools currently operate below capacity and will become stronger, more robust institutions, more attuned to their mission, by enrolling more Hispanic students.

The growth of the Latino population presents a demographic imperative to improve educational opportunities for America's Latino students, for the sake of the common good and American democracy. By 2050, more than 30 percent of all Americans will self-identify as Hispanic, and the strength of our nation will depend on the quality of education we provide those Americans and their children.

The American Catholic Church likewise faces a critical demographic moment. In the United States, Latinos now comprise 35 percent of all Catholics and 67 percent of practicing Catholics aged 18-34. The American Catholic Church needs to respond with imagination and urgency to serve its growing Latino membership.

Catholic schools are uniquely powerful institutions for the common good that often serve as lifelines for Hispanic families.

This introduction to the Notre Dame Report simply underscores the philosophy, mission and commitment of Saint Matthew's School.

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

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.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Each First Friday of the month the chapel is open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:15 AM to 5:15 PM in the parish chapel. Mass follows at 5:15 PM. We welcome you for any hour or half hour at any time of the day, but we have special need for people at 8:15 AM, 12:15 PM, 4:15 PM. Can you give one hour a month to pray for peace in our world? Call the Parish Center, 651-224-9397.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CULVER'S NIGHT - TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

Join St. Matthew's School at Culvers on Robert St. on Tuesday, January 26 from 4-9 PM for dinner. 10% of all orders, drive through and eat in, will go to the St. Matthew's Home and School Association. Thanks to everyone who has attended our previous events - November's Culver's Night brought in almost \$300 for the Home and School.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the effort on January 17th for the Romanian children's organizations. We raised \$167.79 - \$81.79 from coffee, \$21 from egg raffle, \$65 from icon sales. The egg was won by the Sextons.

LISTENING HOUSE COLLECTION

The Rosary Society will again be collecting socks and underwear for the people at Listening House the last two weekends in February. We want to give you an advance notice so that you may take advantage of future sales. To protect the donations, we will move them to a secure location after the Sunday services.

SENIORS PROGRAM

Saint Paul Parks & Recreation is expanding its programming for seniors 50 and better by providing card games, coffee, refreshments, and fitness opportunities at the Paul & Sheila Wellstone Building, 179 E. Robie Street. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. beginning February 9. For more information, please contact Trenton Henspeter at 651-266-6363.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER!

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is honoring outstanding volunteer lay women at its spring Conference, May 6, 2010. If you know a Catholic woman who has done outstanding volunteer work in the church, please submit her name for nomination to your parish CCW president. Please mail submissions to the ACCW Office, 328 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102-1997. All submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

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
 Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday | January 24 |
| Monday | January 25 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:45 PM, XC | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | January 26 |
| 2:00-6:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| Wednesday | January 27 |
| 1:00-6:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 2:45 PM, MC | Children's Choir |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:30 PM, SC | Religious Education, Grades 1-10 |
| 7:00 PM, MC | Adult Choir |
| Thursday | January 28 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| Friday | January 29 |
| Saturday | January 30 |
| Sunday | January 31 |
| 3:00 PM, MC | Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra |

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from First Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are all stewards of the Church."

Sharing Last weekend \$7,095 was given in the usual four ways. Thanks to the faithful stewards who use one of those ways each week. Other money: \$120 in 'school' envelopes; \$100 for the cancer home; \$70 for holydays; \$30 in 'initial' envelopes; \$5 for the food shelf. Thank you for each of these.

Haiti: thank you for the generous response on this first weekend. \$3,317 was given—by sending the money to Feed My Starving Children, there was enough money for 19,564 meals; another view: it is enough to feed 53 children three meals a day for an entire year! A second collection will be taken up today, to allow those who were not ready to donate; all will be sent to FMSC.

Service: Helped take down Christmas decorations... helped prepare meals... choir practice... help seniors.

Prayer: 15 hrs. in prayer... prayers for troops in the Middle East, including our nephew... rosary... for priests in the archdiocese... prayers for the people of Haiti.

Children's Stewardship: \$8.00, Thank you! They wrote: cleaned and shoveled.

Contribution statements for 2009 are available. If you wish yours please call the parish office and it will be sent.

Coffee Sunday We are seeking individuals and groups to host coffee Sunday. The morning can be as simple or involved/elaborate as you'd like. The experience is primarily community-building [not fund-raising]. Call the parish to offer your gift of hospitality.

Thanks to Shirley and Larry Smith for hosting this weekend.

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 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
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 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

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 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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| Connie Aligada | Joyce Osborne |
| Jason Delmont | Anthony Minus |
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