

The Community of St. Matthew



Food and Money Collection
Saturday, January 31
And
Sunday, February 1

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

Dear Saint Mathew Community and Friends,

For more than 25 years the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra (MSO) has performed at the Church of Saint Matthew. In recent years they have offered their "Family Concert" at Saint Matthew's. This unique opportunity allows young people – elementary and high school age students – to experience a fine symphony orchestra first hand and up close.

This year the concert takes place at 3 pm on Sunday, February 1st. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Below find the program for the Family Concert 2009.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.
St. Matthew's Catholic Church
490 Hall Avenue, St. Paul

- Leonard Bernstein - *Fanfare for the Inauguration of John F. Kennedy*
- Antonin Dvořák - *Carnival Overture, op. 92*
- Leroy Anderson - *Bugler's Holiday*
- Leroy Anderson - *Clarinet Candy*
- Todd Levin - *Blur*
- Christopher Rouse - *Ogoun Badagrif* for Percussion Ensemble
- Aaron Copland - *Lincoln Portrait*
- John Williams - *The Raiders March*

William Schrickel, conductor
Kirt Wilson, narrator
Students from Wellstone Center/Neighborhood House,
guest artists

Music Director William Schrickel conducts the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra in this exciting one-hour concert designed for the entire family. Listeners of all ages will be wowed by a program that includes Antonin Dvořák rousing *Carnival Overture*, dashing film music from the *Indiana Jones* movies, Aaron Copland's iconic *Lincoln Portrait*, virtuoso MSO trumpeters and clarinetists featured as soloists in music celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of American composer Leroy Anderson, an opening fanfare by Leonard Bernstein and pulse-quickening music by Todd Levin and Christopher Rouse showcasing the MSO's percussion section and Neighborhood House drummers and dancers.

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee Hour is teaming up with St. Matthew's School in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Thanks to Jerabek's New Bohemian for donating the coffee cakes to be served on site at the school after Sunday Masses. All are invited to tour the school and see all the good work being done by our students and staff.

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.

BIG GAME PARTY

In the Social Hall on Sunday, February 1. Watch the Big Game plus activities for adults (cards, puzzle assembly) 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.

FISH FRY FRIDAY

It's that time of year again! Six Fridays of lent starting February 27, 4:30-7:30.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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.

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.

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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY—NEXT WEEKEND

Buy some extra cans of soup—or any cans or boxes of food—this week. Bring 'em next weekend and we'll be able to bring hundreds [thousands?] of cans and boxes of food to the Neighborhood House food shelf. [For those unable to shop—and everyone else, you'll be able to contribute \$1.00—or a greater amount—after Mass as you leave church.]

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA)

Next Sunday, February 1st there will be post cards available in the social hall which will allow us to ask our Congress Person and Senator to oppose the FOCA which, among other things, might over turn the conscience rights of medical personnel in participating in abortion.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 25
9:00 AM, PC	Finance Council
11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Catholic Schools Week Open House in the School
Monday	January 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 27
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	First Reconciliation Class
Wednesday	January 28
10:00 AM, MC	School Mass
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
Thursday	January 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	January 30
Saturday	January 31
Sunday	February 1

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

On this feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, we can learn much about stewardship. Paul quotes Jeremiah when he says God had “chosen me from my mother’s womb.” He recounts that originally he did not act out of that calling. Rather, he discovered that calling after a startling encounter with the Lord.

We each have been chosen even when we were within our mother’s womb. Our task, not unlike that of Paul, is to discover what this choosing means for us. [Ideally we will not take such a circuitous route.]

Sharing: Last weekend: \$6,444 came in the usual four methods: Thanks—for your donation, regardless of its method of delivery: mail, electronic transfer, envelopes and plate. Year-to-date total: \$265,095 which is \$7,955 behind the budget. Thanks to everyone for the attempts to stay current with pledges in spite of these economic times. [Total is still slightly [\$278] ahead of last year.]

Additional monies in other envelopes: \$18 for school; \$18 in ‘initial;’ \$25 in holyday. There was \$20 additional for Cancer Home and \$5 for the food shelf.

Service Visited the sick; worked with “prayer partners;” helped an older woman unlock her purse from a grocery cart; drove an elderly person to the store and helped with the shopping

Weekly bulletins

Some reminders about our bulletin:

The bulletins are printed and delivered to us at no cost; The bulletin company solicits the advertising; In addition, we receive a small rebate [\$500 annually].

So, we encourage everyone to use the services of those who advertise. Thanks to all our advertisers.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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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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