

The Community of St. Matthew



St. Matthew's School OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 27

11:30 AM—1:00 PM

- **Meet the staff**
- **Visit the classrooms**
- **Enjoy refreshments**

See displays, artwork, and other projects from the "Journey with Jesus" curriculum, based on Catholic social teachings. The following themes have been studied: Kindergarten: *Children of the World*; 1st Grade: *Families around the World*; 2nd Grade: *Building Communities of Peace*; 3rd Grade: *Respect for all God's People*; 4th Grade: *Care for Creation*; 5th Grade: *Respect for Different Faith Traditions*; 6th Grade: *Standing by the Side of the Poor*; 7th Grade: *Beyond Borders: Migrants, Immigrants and Refugees*; 8th Grade: *Culture: Gift and Blessing*.

Catholic Schools Week

January 27– February 1, 2008

**Visit and find out how St. Matthew's students
Light the Way Everyday!**

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

On Sunday, February 3rd at 3 pm the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra will present their annual Family Concert at the Church of Saint Matthew.

For more than 20 years this orchestra has provided our community with a high quality symphonic experience.

The concerts at Saint Matthew are Family Concerts – concerts that are young people friendly and concerts that encourage the attendance of young people.

This year the concert is called:

Family Concert:

Pirates, Olympians and Lutherans

Familiar favorites include the Leo Arnaud brass fanfare that has come to be known around the world as the “Olympic Theme”, film music by John Williams, including music from *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter* and a suite of music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Randall Davidson’s *The Young Lutheran’s Guide to the Orchestra* features narrator Vern Sutton reading the hilarious “informative” text by Minnesota’s own Garrison Keillor.

Bring the whole family and tell the kids to invite their friends for this captivating afternoon of symphonic music.

The Season of Lent

Wednesday, February 6th is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the Season of Lent. The Season of Lent is that special time of the year which allows us to prepare for and celebrate the central mystery of our faith – the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Lent is also a time of renewal and conversion. It is a time for each of us to examine our lives; undertake efforts to correct what is lacking or amiss; focus more clearly on our relationship with Jesus.

It is not too early to ask myself: How will I observe the Season of Lent? What do I need to do to enhance my prayer life? What areas of my life need attention so that I might live as a more faithful disciple of Jesus? How can I simplify my life? How can I clear the clutter from my spirit? How can I let go of whatever it is that keeps me from living a truly strong Christian life.

This is a time in each of our lives that will never recur again. How will I enter into it with strength and determination?

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after Sunday 8:00 AM mass will be served by Stella Lundquist – Thanks. In honor of Catholic Schools Week all of the free will offering from this coffee hour will be presented to St. Matthew’s School. Come on down to the Social Hall for a hot cup of coffee, tasty treats and fellowship. Coffee Hour after the Sunday 10:30 AM mass will be moved to the school. Hot coffee and treats will be served in celebration of the St. Matthew’s School Open House. All are welcome.

LISTENING HOUSE COLLECTION

Boxers or Briefs? Socks or T-Shirts? In honor of Sister Colleen the Rosary Society will again be collecting items for the Listening House, a drop-in center near St. Joseph’s Hospital for homeless men. We talked to a worker who said they had a lot of socks and personal care items. What they really need is underwear, medium and large sizes. They will take gently used items. If you have already purchased socks or hygiene items, please donate them. If you need to shop for items, underwear would be much appreciated. The collection will take place February 16-24. Thank you.

ROSARY SOCIETY/ LEISURE CLUB LUNCHEON RESERVATION

The Rosary Society/ Leisure Club Valentine Luncheon is planned for Tuesday, February 12 at 12:30 in St. Matthew’s Church Social Hall. Come and enjoy a lunch of soup and salad followed by bingo and prizes. Bring some pocket change for bingo. Although there is no charge for lunch, reservations are needed. Call Judy DeNardo at 651-686-5463 by Friday February 8 to ensure your reservation.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday from February 8 through March 14. All you can eat Fish Fry (fried or baked) from 4:30 to 7:30. Baked Potato, vegetable, roll, salad bar, milk, coffee, and dessert are included. Adults \$8.75, children 4-13 \$5.00, under 4 free. Special senior hour from 4-5 pm \$7.50. Our 19th annual Lenten Fish Fry.

CONTINUING NEED

Every day some of our neighbors struggle to put food on their table. Helping them is as easy as bringing food or paper products to weekend worship. Every week food is collected here and brought to Neighborhood House. You'll find wish lists or envelopes for cash donations on the bulletin board in back of church. The food shelf is always in need of **grocery bags** too, so bring a few to recycle with your donation. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

**Parish Council Meeting
February 7, 2008 6:45 p.m.**

- I. Opening Prayer, Reflection – Sister Joanna Illg, Facilitator
- II. Public Comments
- III. Approval of Minutes, January 3, 2008
- IV. Strategic Planning – Bob Burke
 - Review of Consolidated Goals proposal
 - Outline of next steps in process
- V. By-Laws Committee Proposed changes – Connie Aligada.
- VI. Ministry Fair Plans in process – Jason Delmont
- VII. Discernment Process – Sister Joanna
 - Review of Timeline and responsibilities
 - Materials Needed
- VIII. Census Committee Update – Sister Joanna
- IX. Fiscal concerns – John Riehle
- X. Saint Matthew Education Endowment – Father Steve
- XI. 40th Anniversary of the Saint Matthew fire – Father Steve
- XII. Adjournment

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.

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 lector, please join us, or call Bonnie Faber at the office 651-224-9793.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 27
Catholic Schools	Week Open House
Monday	January 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Commit- tee mtg.
Wednesday	January 30
10:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
6:00 PM, SC	Cub Scouts Com- mittee mtg.
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	January 31
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	February 1
7:15 AM-5:15 PM	Eucharistic Adora- tion
Saturday	February 2
Sunday	February 3
4:30 PM, SH	Big Game Party

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

*The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond **immediately** to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!*

Prayer: Lent is closer that we might think...ten days away. Now is the time to think about what “prayer” resolution we might make. What praying discipline might we begin this Lent. Perhaps with 40 days of good practice that discipline will stay with us to Easter and beyond.

Service: volunteered at Neighborhood House...at Roosevelt School...at my daughter’s school...taught religious education class...donated blood...visited the people at Wilder...gave a ride to a neighbor...brought groceries for the food shelf.

Sharing Last [very cold] weekend: \$7,687 was given in the plate, in envelopes and electronically. Welcome to all the parishioners who are giving electronically—especially those dozen who began in January. [Last weekend is a good example of two of the benefits of EFT—electronic funds transfer: the contribution was given as pre-determined and it was received by the parish for use in paying obligations.] Interested: it’s as easy as a phone call—to the parish office.

Other giving: School fund envelopes-\$10; Cancer Home-\$110; Initial envelopes-\$39; Fuel Collection-\$20.

Kitchen equipment collection: Again, in spite of the coldest weather, \$1,781 was given in the second collection. There is still time, if you were not able to contribute last Sunday. We will be a good model and challenge for all the churches and groups who sponsor a Loaves and Fishes serving team. Thank you.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 27, 2008
 Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/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: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Cherri Trapp*
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
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 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
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 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
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Joyce Osborne	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....