

The Community of St. Matthew

St. Matthew's School Celebrates
Catholic Schools Week

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

January 31-February 6, 2010

Open House

January 31—11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Stop over at the school to visit classrooms,
meet the staff, and enjoy a refreshment.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Annually Catholic schools throughout the country – elementary, secondary and higher education – observe CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.

This annual observance allows Catholic schools the opportunity to inform the larger civic community of the contributions Catholic schools make to the education of our nations youth.

An educated citizenry is essential if a people are to live in a self-determining, democratic society. For this reason we have laws that mandate compulsory education.

Catholic schools began at the time of the founding of our nation. Saints Elizabeth Ann Bailey Seton and Katherine Drexler are two of the founders of Catholic schools. Catholic schools originally came into existence to educate those who did not have access to public education – women, Native Americans, African Americans and other immigrants.

Katherine Drexler founded Xavier University in New Orleans, among many other schools.

Throughout the nation's history Catholic schools have been an integral part of the Church's mission – often associated with national parishes which served immigrant populations.

Today many inner urban Catholic schools are the best hope of low and moderate income families – many of them

families of color – to providing a high quality education for their children.

Just as in mission countries the Church builds school to educate the children of that country, so today many of our urban Catholic schools are “mission schools” – they serve the educational needs of urban families regardless of religious affiliation. These schools are centers of evangelization as are missionary schools.

It is hard to imagine what the Catholic Church in the United States would look like if it were not for the religious orders of teaching sisters and brothers as well as the network of Catholic schools – elementary, secondary and higher education – that spread throughout the land.

For 123 years Saint Matthew's School has been an integral part of the Saint Matthew Parish Community. The make up of the student body has often changed over the years to reflect the changing demographics of the community. Seventeen hundred years ago Saint Augustine said: “Every child has a right in justice to be lovingly cared for and religious reared”.

The mission of Saint Matthew's School seeks to partner with parents in fulfilling that basic right of children.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Mark you calendar and reserve the date - The next Rosary Society meeting is a Valentine Luncheon on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 in the Social Hall at 12:45 p.m.

JANUARY 500 WINNERS

1st Place: Arlene Kempe and Jean St. Martin.
2nd Place: Arlene Kempe and Mary Price.



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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Bishop Lee Piché will preside at the Archdiocesan World Day of the Sick mass on Saturday, February 13 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. This mass is intended for all who are sick, their care-givers and all health care professionals. The mass will conclude with an opportunity for the sick to receive individual prayer for healing and grace. Caregivers and health care professionals will also be encouraged to receive prayer for strength, patience and love as they carry out their ministry to the sick.

GLOBAL HARMONY COMMUNITY CHORUS --FREE CONCERTS

Benefit: Neighborhood House. A free-will donation concert will be held at North Como Presbyterian Church on the corner of Larpenteur and Victoria in Roseville. Saturday, February 6 at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 pm.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS

First Communion Classes begin on Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 PM in the chapel. If you are not already registered for this class please call the school office to register before Tuesday, February 16. If you have any questions regarding First Communion Class or preparing for other sacraments (child (not infant) baptism) please call the school office at 651-224-6912.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scout Troop 288 will hold it's annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at St. Michael's Church in the cafeteria, 335 E. Hurley Street, West St. Paul. Cost for the all-the-pancakes-you-can-eat breakfast, which includes orange juice, sausages, milk and coffee is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and children 12 and under, \$16.00 for family (includes children 12 and under). Tickets will be available at the door. Takeout is also available.

DID YOU KNOW ---

Half of the Neighborhood House Food Shelf participants are children? Each week donations are brought from St Matt's to Neighborhood House. Please help us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. Thanks from St Matthew's Food Shelf Ministry.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 3:00 PM, MC	January 31 Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, PC	February 1 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Liturgy Committee
Tuesday 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	February 2 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 2:45 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 3:30 PM, PC 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	February 3 St. Mary's Clinic Children's Choir Loaves and Fishes Finance Committee Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, PC	February 4 Loaves and Fishes Parish Council
Friday 7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH	February 5 Adoration
Saturday	February 6
Sunday	February 7

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Sharing Last weekend, through the usual four avenues, \$8,182 was given in the 'regular' collection. Thank you very much. [The plate was less than usual—see the report on Haiti which follows.]

Additional donations: School envelopes: \$38; Holydays: \$30; Food shelf: \$20; initial envelopes: \$12. Thanks.

Haiti: thanks for the results of such a generous spirit! \$6,127.30 was given last weekend; the total for the two weekends: \$9,444.30. That is enough to pay for 55,554 meals! [This week, some of the children in school will be spending a session at FMSC packing those meals!]

Service: gave rides... donated goods... visited a sick family member... shopped groceries for a family

Prayer: Daily mass and rosary... for the people of Haiti... spiritual reading

Children/Youth: \$7.25, Thank you! They wrote: Shoveled walk... helped someone

Coffee Sunday: Thanks to Shirley and Larry Smith for hosting fellowship last weekend; thanks to the school community this weekend; and to the Scouts in advance for next weekend.

If you/your group is willing to host, please contact the parish office and you'll be put on the schedule.

2009 Statements are available; please call the office you and receive yours.

The 'Catholic Services Appeal' collection will be taken in two weeks. All will receive a letter from the Archbishop inviting participation. These dollars pay for many services and offices in the archdiocese [maybe it could be explained as simply as \$.17 per meal?]. Also, 25% of all pledged and collected is returned to the parish for education programming.

First announcement [many more reminders to come]: August 15—Feast of Assumption—is a Sunday. We'll celebrate with an 11:00AM Mass at Cherokee Park followed by a picnic. For that Sunday there will be NO 10:30AM Mass in Church.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

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Phone Numbers

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 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*

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
Connie Aligada	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
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