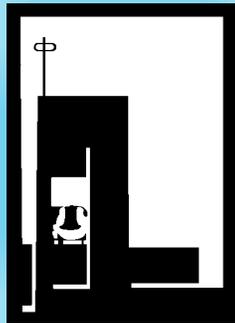
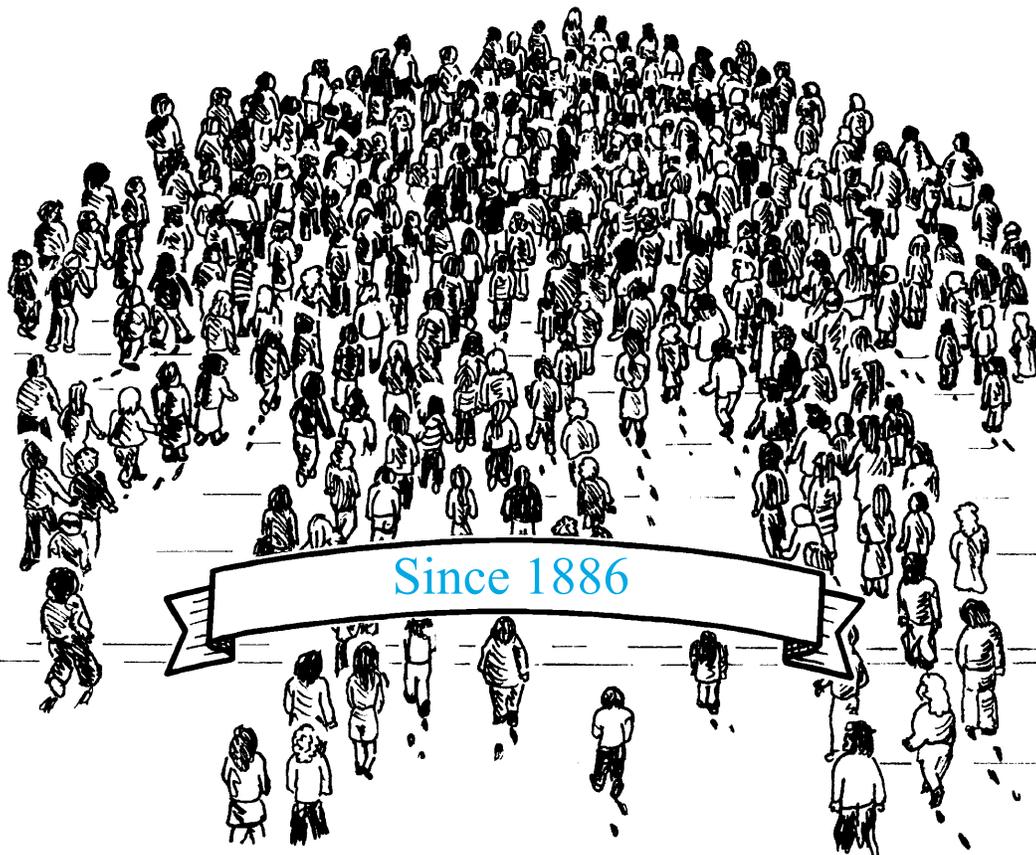


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Once again this year the West Side Community will observe the Birthday of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. We do this by participation in the annual MLK Community Breakfast. This free hot breakfast is being offered this year at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Sponsors of this event are the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches and the General Mills Corporation.

Monday, January 15
Beginning at 7:00 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
401 Concord Street

The theme this year is:

**Children of the Dream: Building Community
through Commitment**

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfasts are

multi-cultural events established to recognize and celebrate the life and legacy of the man and movement that not only changed civil rights laws for all Americans, but set a precedent for worldwide human rights reforms.

Registration is open between Dec. 27, 2006 and Jan. 10, 2007 only.

The breakfast is free, but participants must register so that enough food is prepared. Register online for the West Side breakfast to celebrate the life of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honor his dream. Reservations can be made at www.spacc.org.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSIC MAKERS!

Hours of preparation went into our Christmas music this year. Thank you to the following ministers of music for enriching our Advent/Christmas liturgies: **YOUTH CHOIR:** Anne, Aytianna, Becca, Bridget, Edison, Freddy, Julianna, Lexie, Nia, Sera, Shaela, Talia. **GUITAR GROUP:** Chris, John, Mark, Michelle. **ORGANISTS:** Sr. Anne, Jackie, Vickie. **FLUTE:** Theresa. **VIOLIN:** Liza. **DRUMS:** Paul. **ADULT HAND BELLS:** Kelsey, Ryan, Jeanne, Sr. Stephanie, Joanne, Kevin, John, Nicole. **ADULT CHOIR & SELECT SCHOLA:** Jack, Ralph, Anthony, Rich, Dennis, Rick, Larry, John, Andy, Carol, Mary, Michele, Nicole, Sr. Stephanie, Samantha, Theresa S., Anne, Becca, Cathy, Dana D., Rachel, Sr. Anne, and Linda. Merry Music Makers All -- and much appreciated!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: DATE CHANGE

The Parish Council meeting for January has been changed to Sunday, December 21 at 6:45 PM in the parish center.

HELP TAKE CHRISTMAS OUT OF THE CHURCH, TODAY

Immediately following the 10:30 AM mass. Liturgy Committee members will supervise our efforts to remove Christmas from the church. MEET IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR to get your assignment. Plastic bags are available for taking your Christmas plant/s home safely. Just be sure to leave the plastic water plate & gold foil behind -- we'll use them again next year. Thank you in advance for all your help --- it's GREAT when everyone one lends a hand!

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CANCER HOME COLLECTION

Next weekend, January 13 and 14, is the annual collection for Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home. This collection is sponsored by the St. Matthew's Rosary Society/CCW. The home is run entirely by donations and at no charge to any of its terminally ill patients. Small individual size puddings, cream soups, non-acid fruit juices, canned goods, dry staples, paper products (toilet tissue, kleenex), small tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes are all much needed items. Donated goods may be left in the side room at the front entrance of the church. Rosary society members will be at the doors of the church after all the Masses next weekend to accept monetary donations. Checks may be made out directly to "Good Counsel Cancer Home."

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY

There will be class this Wednesday, January 10 for all students in the Religious Education program. Class begins at 6:30 PM and will end promptly at 7:45 PM.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troop 107 will be collecting aluminum cans for recycling in January. Please save your cans from your holiday festivities and plan to bring them down on the weekend of January 6 and 7. Thanks for your continued support of our Boy Scouts.

DATA ENTRY OFFICE HELP NEEDED

Volunteer needed for data entry work in the parish center. Time commitment: 1-2 hours per week in the evening. Training provided. For more information call Nicole at 651-224-9793.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER BOTH SUNDAY MASSES

Coffee Hour this week is being served by St. Matthew's School. Welcome back and thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and fellowship. Treats are welcome and helpers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Contact John at 651-221-0871

SENIOR SEMINAR AND FELLOWSHIP

Gabe Maletta, Ph.D., M.D., nationally known gerontology psychiatrist, will make a presentation titled *Understanding Dementing Illness* on Friday, January 26, 2007, in the Social Hall at the Church of St. Joseph, W. St. Paul. Check-in begins at 11:30 AM; lunch is at 12:00; Dr. Maletta's presentation starts at 1:00 PM. This seminar will be helpful for any person who is elderly, or who is the caretaker or loved one of an elderly person. There is no charge for the presentation or lunch, however, reservations are required by Friday, January 19. Please call Nicole at 651-224-9793 to reserve your place. Good will offerings will be accepted. This event is sponsored in cooperation with Archdiocesan Family Life Office.

LIFELINE SCREENING

Tests that can help save your life. LifeLine Screening is America's leading provider of quality health screenings. LifeLine Screening will be at St. Matthew's on Monday, January 15 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM to provide four screenings: Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral arterial disease and Osteoporosis. Cost for all four screenings is \$139. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	January 7
9:00 AM, MC	Bell Choir Practice
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	January 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	EAC Meeting
6:45 PM, SC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	January 9
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Home and School Association Meeting
Wednesday	January 10
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Meeting
Thursday	January 11
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	January 12
Saturday	January 13
	Rosary Society Cancer Home Collection after Mass
Sunday	January 14
	Rosary Society Cancer Home Collection after Mass
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
5:45 PM, SH	Confirmation Dinner

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

Prayer: Everyone is invited, each weekday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. What books do we use to help in our prayer? Do we have a special place? Is there a special time? Effective prayer is the result of good praying habits. Which are ours?

Service: A behind-the-scenes semi-liturgical role is that of "candle man." Thanks to Ed who makes spends time each week and makes certain that the space, the candles, the holders, etc., are all clean, in good repair, and ready for us.

Sharing: Thanks to the "end of the year" givers, and those who give via envelopes, the plate or electronic means: \$8,735 was in the collection for December—a total of \$16,219 since Dec. 24; also, \$4,055 was given in holyday envelopes [both Dec. 25 and Jan 1]. Holyday donations in the last two weeks: \$23,670. Thank you. There was \$318 in School support envelopes; and \$125 for the food shelf/

Contribution statements for 2006 are available from the parish office. Please call Nicole to request yours; it will be ready for your pick-up or will be mailed to your home.

Electronic giving: the number of "families" who are contributing in this manner is now at 27. If you'd like to join this "easy" method, please call John Riehle at the parish office.

Envelopes for youth and children: are available in the back of church. All are invited to take a box and use them on a weekly basis—there is room to report prayer and service as well as sharing.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2007

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian

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