

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

One of the liturgical restorations taken place in the last 40 years is the growth of lay liturgical ministries. Hundreds of Saint Matthew community exercise one of these liturgical ministries – lector, minister of Communion, altar server, usher, hospitality minister, cantor, choir, instrumentalist, sacristan, etc.

The restoration of lay ministry emerged from a renewed understanding and appreciation of the call to ministry each of us receives in Baptism.

Next weekend each member of the community will have the opportunity to sign up for one or other of the liturgical ministries.

Most parish members regularly worship at a particular Sunday Mass; i.e. each of the Sunday liturgies by and large has its own consistent community of worshippers. We are all members of the same parish, but our “worshipping” community is at 5 pm on Saturday or 8 am on Sunday or 10:30 am on Sunday.

I invite members of each of these congregations to “provide” the ministries of their worshipping community. Adults as well as young people can be altar servers; younger as well as older persons can be lectors or Eucharistic ministers – provided they have

been confirmed. Greeters and/or hospitality ministers can be individuals or families.

There is something to say for the strength of a worshipping community that can provide for its own worship ministry needs.

Individuals and families that rotate between a couple of Mass times can offer their ministry at both of those times.

This opportunity also allows individuals to change ministries. Perhaps you have been a Eucharistic minister for a number of years and would like to be a lector. Perhaps you would like to exercise a number of ministries – but only one at each liturgy. A principle of liturgy is that a minister exercises all of his/her ministry, but only his/her ministry at a specific Mass.

Take the time this week to reflect and come to worship next weekend ready to commit yourself to one or other of the liturgical ministries.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

WANTED – ON-LINE SHOPPERS

A new scrip opportunity that will benefit St. Matthew's. All you have to do is register at www.schoolpop.com and select St. Matthew's School (ID 148748) to benefit from your purchases. Then start your purchases at Schoolpop.com, link to the vendor and complete your purchase. St. Matthew's receives a percentage of your purchase. Examples – Target 4%, FTD 7.5%. There are hundreds of choices. Questions? Stop by the Scrip table or call Tim 612-269-9471.

FOOD SHELF

During the summer months it is even more difficult for 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. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understand it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” – Mt 13:22-23

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EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793 for more information.

PRAYER OF THE EYES

An icon — a holy picture — can help you pray. The Greek word *icon* means “image,” a sacred image of Jesus, Mary or a saint that is painted in two dimensions on wood panels, usually with egg tempera paints. Here’s how you can use an icon or other sacred image to focus your prayer. You want to be in a comfortable position and you want to be able to look into the image’s eyes. If you don’t hang the image on a wall, you might find an easel (or one of those hinged wooden stands used to display plates) to hold the image on a table. Praying before an icon or a sacred image is a matter of looking deeply. Think of how deeply you look at the face of someone you love. You never tire of that face and you notice every detail: the way light and shadow fall across the nose and cheek, how the brow moves, the subtle changes of expression. Look at the sacred image this way, too. Such intense looking will center you in prayer, in the presence of the holy person depicted. You may want to light candles or incense before the sacred image, too.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

- Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 13
Monday	July 14
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	July 15
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 16
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 18
Saturday	July 19
Sunday	July 20

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The Word of the prophet Isaiah suggests that the Lord does not give gifts expecting them to be returned empty—unused. So it is with the gifts of time and talent: it is our use of them that is the best thanks we can give to the Lord. Are we using the gift of time in prayer? are we using the gifts of talent in service of others?

If we do this, then, like the parable in the gospel: our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold!

Sharing Last weekend [the first of the fiscal year, the first of the month, but a holiday weekend]: \$12,229 was given. Thanks to all who have given on Sunday in the envelopes of plate; who mailed their envelope; or who are transferring electronically. A large part of the amount was electronic: both weekly, semi-monthly and a large number of folks who give monthly on the 5th day. Again, thanks.

As well, money was given for the school: \$403; for Peter's Pence: \$492 and for the foodshelf: \$5.

With a contribution this weekend: "To the Community of Saint Matthew: enclosed is my pledge contribution for all of 2008. Saint Matthew's is a very special parish and I'll continue to give what I can. God's blessings." Thanks to everyone who is able to give of their time, talent and treasure. It is easy to give from our excess; it's a much larger sacrifice to give from our want.

Service Continued thanks to the parish pastoral council. They even took three hours the night before July 4 for orientation of new members, a meal together and work with goals. Each of the nine elected members was present. Thanks to those in their third year of the term: Nicole Johnson, Becky Montgomery, and Mark Thomford; in their second year: Connie Aligada, Jason Delmont, and Tony Palmer; in their first: Anthony Minus, Joyce Osborne, and Chris Stevens.

Remember the article "80-10-10 article" that was sent six weeks ago? There have been at least two specific donations that have cited that article as the reason for the gift and the amount. Anyone else?

Assumption Mass and picnic—fast approaching. Reserve Thursday, Aug 14 at 6:00PM in Cherokee Park. Bring a dish [filled] to pass. Meat and buns will be supplied by the Men's Club.

And...keep thinking Festival. Sept. 20 and 21.

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	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Anthony Minus
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Chris Stevens
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