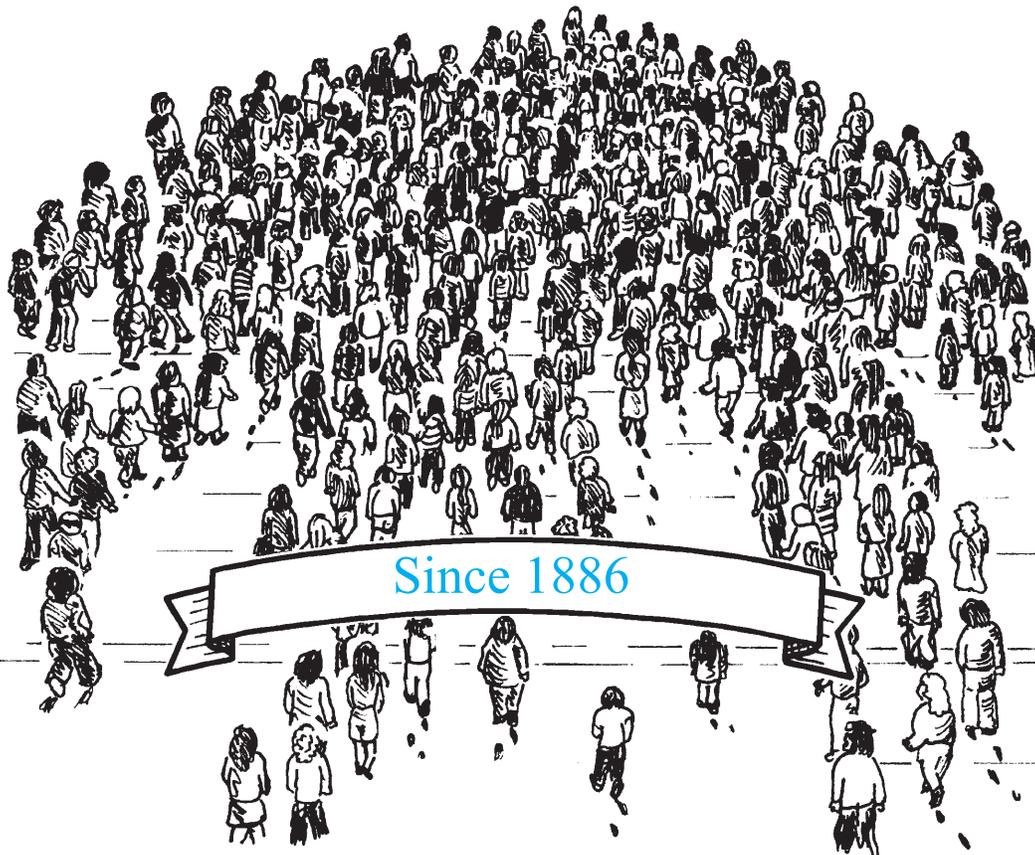


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Archdiocese Completes Input Gathering Phase of 18 Month Strategic Planning Process

Reorganization Decisions to be announced At October 16 and 17 Weekend Masses

Saint Paul, MN July 8, 2010 – The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis announced today that the extensive information and opinion gathering phase of its strategic planning process, intended to ensure its continued vitality for the future amid changing demographic and economic realities, has been completed.

The 13 member strategic planning task force, appointed by Archbishop John C. Nienstedt in February of 2009, has considered the input of thousands of parishioners as well as parish and Catholic school leaders and staff gathered during more than 150 meetings over the past year. The task force has now presented its recommendations to the Archbishop. He, in turn, will consult with the Presbyteral Council, an elective body of priests that represents the Archdiocese's clergy.

Archbishop Nienstedt will study and evaluate the recommendations during July, August and September, seeking further facts and analysis as needed, before he approves a final detailed strategic reorganization plan. The com-

pleted plan will be announced in all of the Archdiocese's 217 parishes at weekend Masses on October 16th and 17th.

The strategic planning process is guided by the Church's mission of sharing the message of Jesus Christ and is necessitated by key economic and demographic factors. One is the growing number of Catholics within the Archdiocese who must be served by fewer priests for the foreseeable future. Second, many parishes and schools are not located where population growth is strong now. Some parishes and schools are also operating on old models that are no longer sustainable. No decisions are predetermined at this point, however some parishes and schools will merge or cluster and it is likely that some buildings will close. The strategic planning process is intended to address these current realities while remaining true to the mission of the Church.

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis serves a Catholic population of 800,000 who currently worship in 217 parishes throughout a 12 county area. Two of the nation's largest Catholic universities, a major and minor seminary, 12 Catholic high schools and more than 80 Catholic elementary schools are located within the Archdiocese. Also within the Archdiocese are four Catholic hospitals and numerous elderly residences and nursing homes. Catholic Charities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, an affiliated agency of the Archdiocese, is the largest non-governmental social service provider in the metro area.

P A R I S H E V E N T S

SAINTS BASEBALL GAME TRIP

The annual St. Matthew's trip to a Saint's Baseball game hosted by the St. Matthew's Men's Club is on Wednesday August 25. A bus will leave St. Matthew's Church at 5:45 and Gallagher's Bar at 6:00. This is the last home game of the season. The Saint's are thrilled that we coming and will have a large fireworks show for us after the game! Food and refreshments will be served in the Saint's parking lot prior to the game. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child (16 or under) and includes ticket, bus, and pre-game food and refreshments. A down payment of \$10 per ticket is required. Contact Tim Nowak – cell 612-269-9471, or email to timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Feast of the Assumption: August 15 is but four weeks away. Make plans now to attend Mass either in the church [Saturday at 5:00PM or Sunday at 8:00AM] or in the park [Sunday at 11:00AM]. Mass will NOT BE CELEBRATED in the church at the usual 10:30 time.

WELCOME GUEST PRESIDERS

This week we have to honor of hosting Father Joseph Mwinzi of the Catholic diocese of Kutui, Kenya. This is the annual 'mission collection.' Each parish in our archdiocese hosts a visiting missionary each summer. The total collected in all the archdiocese is divided among the religious orders and dioceses who preach. There will be a SECOND COLLECTION taken after communion for the work in the diocese in Kenya.

Next weekend we will host Father Charles Muwonge. He will preach about the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging—a movement in many countries. There will be NO collection taken for this work; however, there will be a flyer in the bulletin which describes ways for interested folks to become involved.

We welcome both of these priests; and we appreciate that their presence allows Father Steve to have some extended time away. He said he will return on July 31 rested and rejuvenated.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT - AUGUST 6-8

If you are struggling with an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on August 6-8 in the Twin Cities area. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact Nancy at rvr-nancy@usfamily.net or 952-882-2072. The cost is \$160 for meals, room and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Additional information is available on the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

The Fall Festival is just 60 days away! The time is flying by and we need your help! Items are needed for our children's games, be it FISH POND, RING TOSS, BOTTLE LOTTO, etc. Whatever you can donate for these games would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a THEME BASKET you may create your own basket, or bring a variety of items and the committee will assemble the baskets. Examples of themes are garden, kitchen, school days, toddler, pet, snack, coffee, time, movie night, sports; use your imagination and have fun. The HOLIDAY BOOTH will be back and we need next to new or new items for that booth. This is a good time to thin out your many items that don't get used for any of the specific holidays we celebrate each year. SILENT AUCTION items are also needed. Donations of gifts in the amount of \$15-\$20 each, or better yet, purchase scrip after Mass and donate scrip cards in those amounts. Start watching the cake mix and brownie mix sales so you can help us with the BAKERY BOOTH or the CAKE WALK on September 18 and 19. Bring any donations to the Parish Center during the week, or to Church on the weekends.

The sooner the better.
The Sassy Silver Seniors

CHECK OUT THE MEN'S CLUB CONCESSION STAND-JULY 24 & JULY 25

Looking for a place to eat lunch or dinner on Saturday 7/24 or lunch on Sunday 7/25? Burgers, brats and hot dogs will be available at the West St. Paul Sports Complex soccer fields. The Men's Club runs the concession stand for Super Soccer weekend and we'll have plenty of food available and check out some of the games—you may see some familiar young faces playing.

ST. MATTHEW'S MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

The Knights of Columbus would like to send St. Michael's medals to members of St. Matthew's serving in the military. If you are currently serving in the military or know of someone who is and would like to receive a medal please contact Joe Stevens at 651-224-8270. He will take the name of the service member and address information so a medal can be sent. Or if you wish you can contact the parish office with this information and we will forward it to Joe. Thanks for your service to our country.

MARCH 9, 1886—WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THAT DAY?

Keeping watching the bulletin to find out! Also keep your eye out for how we will celebrate this momentous event here at St. Matthew's next March. Can't wait to find out—ask Karen Thompson, Scott or Kathy Goldenstein, Jan or John Finnegan, Stella Lundquist, Tim Nowak or Santana Melendez.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 18
Monday	July 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	July 20
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 21
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 23
Saturday	July 24
Sunday	July 25

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Sharing Last weekend: \$9,379 was given through the usual four channels. Thank you very much. The first two weeks of the fiscal year have each been a bit above budget. So, we are now about \$600 over the budget. Thanks for the great start to the year.

Other money: \$78 in envelopes for school programs; \$20 for the food shelf; \$30 for Peter's Pence.

Children: Thanks for stewardship on your level, too: \$1.50

MASS INTENTIONS

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2010

- Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
- Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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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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