

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Ten days ago Pope Benedict issued a letter to the world. In this letter, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*) he advances the Church's social teaching for a 21<sup>st</sup> century world.

Benedict affirms two "criteria that govern moral action": justice and the common good. He underlines the indispensable importance of the Gospel for building a society according to freedom and justice. ... *The Christian faith does not rely on privilege or positions of power, but only on Christ. The causes of underdevelopment are not primarily of the material order. They lie above all in the will, in the mind and, even more so, in the lack of solidarity among individuals and peoples.*

He affirms the central place the social teaching of the Church must hold in our moral theology and work of evangelization: *Human development in its origin and essence is first and foremost a vocation: in the design of God, every person is called upon to develop and fulfill himself, for every life is a vocation. This is what gives legitimacy to the Church's involvement in the whole question of development. The whole Church, in all her being and acting — when she proclaims, when she celebrates, when she performs works of charity — is engaged in promoting integral human development. Authentic human development concerns the whole of the person in every single dimension. Evangelization would not be complete if it did not take account of the unceasing interplay of the Gospel and concrete human life, both personal and social. Between evangelization and human advancement — development and liberation — there are in fact profound links. Testimony to Christ's charity, through works of justice, peace and development, is part and parcel of evangelization, because Jesus Christ, who loves us, is concerned with the whole person. These important teachings form the basis for the missionary aspect of the Church's social doctrine, which is an essential element of evangelization.*

By the mid 1950's Al Capp's innocent comic strip *Li'l Abner* was a piece of daily life for many Americans. In 1957 a Broadway musical based on Capp's strip won a Tony Award. The plot of the musical involved the once secure neighborhood of Dog Patch becoming enmeshed in the new world of 20<sup>th</sup> century life. Predictability vanished and the citizens of Dog Patch

were thrust kicking and screaming into a "new world". One of the laments of the citizens was captured in a song "*Put it Back the Way it Was*". The post cold war era, international terrorism, globalization, environmental crises, economic instability and collapse, the diminution of "nation states", the power of NGO's to determine human life have dragged peoples of the twenty-first century into a new world. The popular lament is to "put it back the way it was", a way that was manageable and known, a way that we understood, a way that was predictable – we knew our enemies and we knew our friends.

One of Pope Benedict's collaborators in writing this encyclical – Archbishop Reinhard Marx of Munich – affirmed "There is no way back into an old world. We have to affirm this world, but critically."

Benedict's encyclical does not invite us to "put it back the way it was", on the contrary, he invites us to discover anew the meaning of human life – individually and socially – and in light of that to engage the world as it is in a creative and truthful manner to advance the development of all peoples – full development – economic, social, political, geographic, religious, spiritual. All of this is of a piece in that the human person is one and human development must be integral and holistic.

In the weeks to follow I shall take up the various aspects of Benedict's letter and the challenge it places before us – individually and communally.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Tickets for our Fall Festival money raffle are located in the back of the church. Names are listed in alphabetical order. If you do not find an envelope with your name or if you would like more than 15 tickets there are more available, please ask one of the committee members. If in looking you see a friends or neighbors it would be helpful to them and the parish if you would deliver them. Wednesday July 22, at 6:30 PM is our next Festival meeting in the Parish center, everyone is welcome please join us. The Festival Yard Signs will be coming soon so we will be able to advertise our two day event. Thank you.

2009 ROMANIAN FESTIVAL IN THE TWIN CITIES

Saint Stefan's Romanian Orthodox Church invites you to their Romanian Festival on July 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be **food for the body** – delicious Romanian and American food (sausage, cabbage rolls, pastries), **food for the soul** – music, dancing, slideshows, arts, crafts and entertainment for the children, **food for the spirit** – tours of the historic church, exhibit and sale of icons and books. Pre-paid dinner tickets are \$10 each. Call the Poppa Family at 651-578-8901 through July 23. Same day dinner tickets are \$12 each.

JOIN US FOR A SAINTS GAME!

The St. Matthew's Men's Club outing to a St. Paul Saints game is scheduled for Wednesday August 19. Meet at St. Matthew's (rectory lot) before 5:30 pm to bus to the game and tailgate in the parking lot. Game time is 7:05. Cost \$25 per adult and \$10 per child 16 or under. Price includes ticket, bus, food, refreshments. Contact Tim Nowak – cell 612-269-9471, HM 651-450-4975, or email to timothy.nowak@usfamily.net

PARISH PAINTING PROJECT

Can you/will you help for an hour or two? Sign-up in the back of Church.

ALUMINIUM CAN DRIVE!

My name is Nick Benish, I am a Boy Scout of Troop 107 and a parishioner. I am raising money for my Eagle Project, which is building a cedar grape arbor an swing at the Carpenter Nature Center, in Hastings. My goal is \$600. Cans will be collected after all masses on the second weekend of each month until my goal is reached. Thanks for your support!

ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD SHELF

We need one or two new volunteers to help us with our ministry. It entails periodic transport of several bags of food from Church to the Neighborhood House. It is easy but rewarding. For more information, call Judy DeNardo at 651-686-5463.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>July 19</b>    |
| <b>Monday</b>     | <b>July 20</b>    |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | <b>July 21</b>    |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>July 22</b>    |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>July 23</b>    |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes |
| <b>Friday</b>     | <b>July 24</b>    |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>July 25</b>    |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>July 26</b>    |

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.*

Sharing Last weekend: \$9,318 was donated through the four usual channels. Thank you. It is about \$1,234 ahead of the budget for the current/new year; though it is a slower start than the previous years.

Also given: \$254 in envelopes school programs; \$66 for Peter's Pence; \$10 for Ascension; \$5 for the food shelf. Each of these amounts will be used as intended.

Young Adult Stewardship: \$3.50 Thank you! They wrote: Packed for camp... helped fold clothes... 1 hour in prayer.

Service: Gave rides to friends; helped a woman find an apartment; accompanied someone to an interview; helped house-sit for a family for a week; volunteered as a money counter...serving funeral lunches...preparing for fall festival; visited some people who were sick; volunteered at Neighborhood House.

Prayer: Prayed for summer travelers...attended morning Mass...daily morning, evening and mealtime prayer...daily spiritual reading...daily prayer...daily rosary...daily spiritual journaling...15 minutes of prayer each day.

Missionary Appeal...this weekend, at each Mass, there will be a Jesuit priest who will be celebrant and preacher. This is part of the "annual mission appeal" of the archdiocese. There will be a second collection—after communion. Each parish has a visiting preacher and a collection is taken up for the missions. [The money from all parishes is pooled and divided among the groups who are preaching. In that way those visitors to large suburban parishes do not reap a greater benefit than those who visit small, rural parishes.]

[Guest presiders this weekend and last weekend have enabled Father Steve to be "on vacation" for two successive weekends—the first time he has done that since his visit to the Near East in 1996.]

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 19, 2009

- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
 Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*  
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... *Shar Lavelle*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service ..... *Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

**Phone Numbers**

Fax..... 651-228-9448  
 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  
 Dean Steinbrenner Chris Stevens  
 Stephen Adrian David Burrows