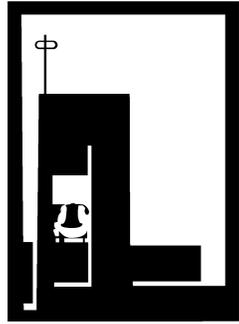
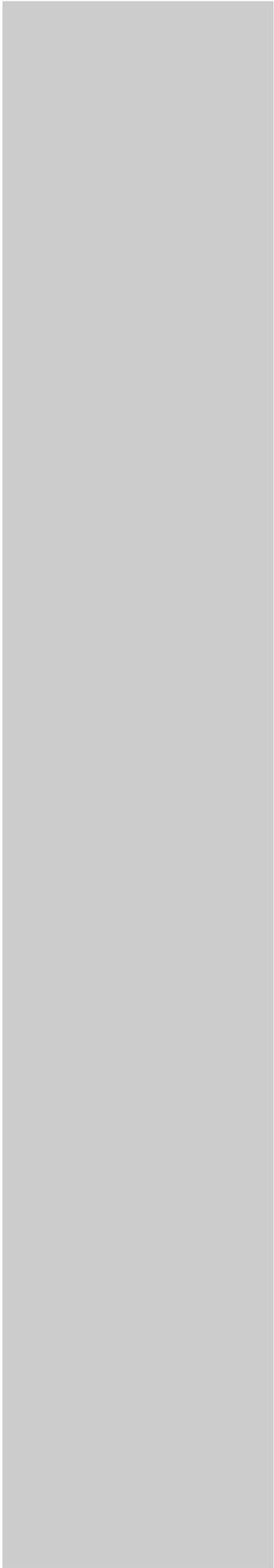


The Community of St. Matthew



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





Since 1886

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This month Saint Matthew's marks sixteen years of partnership with Saint Mary's Clinic. This partnership has allowed us to serve as a site for healthcare for uninsured and low insured families of the West Side.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph began the Saint Mary's Clinics after the sale of Saint Mary's Hospital. The proceeds from that sale allowed the establishment of neighborhood clinics which allowed the health care ministry of the Saint Joseph Sisters to continue to serve the most neglected members of society.

During the past year the Saint Matthew site of the Saint Mary's Clinic recorded 555 patient visits (21 more than last year) – an average of ten patient visits per weekly clinic session. Saint Matthew has seen the number of Hispanic patients increase over the years from 26% sixteen years ago to nearly 98%. This past year the increase of Hispanic patients was just over 93%. The remaining number of patients seen at Saint Matthew's is primarily made up of Caucasian persons and a few African-American persons.

The rate of patients seen who are unemployed has been slowly increasing over the last few years to 46.7%. That is an increase of 2.7% over the last

year, whereas previous unemployment rates had been relatively stable at around 36%-38%.

Saint Mary's Health Clinics are staffed by volunteers (physicians, nurses, drivers and admissions personnel). Volunteers at Saint Matthew's have contributed 1227 hours of service during the past year. That is an average of 23.6 hours per clinic session donated by those staffing the clinic.

New volunteers are always needed. Currently there is a need for licensed nurses and interpreters, as well as admissions personnel, drivers, and family practice physicians. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering for Saint Mary's clinics, please call (651) 690-7020 for more information.

Our partnership with Saint Mary's Clinics is just one more way the Saint Matthew Community strives to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi River.

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.

FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Monday, July 21 at 7:00PM at the parish center. All ideas [and willing hands] are welcome.

PRAYER IN THE MORNINGS

During the next two weeks, with Father Steve on vacation, prayer [with distribution of Communion] will be led by capable, trained parishioners—each morning at 6:45AM.

ANNUAL MISSION COLLECTION

Each year, on one summer weekend, a visiting missionary preaches and there is a second collection taken for the work of the Lord in that mission field. This occurs in each parish of the archdiocese each year. Next weekend, July 26 & 27 Saint Matthew's will welcome a priest from the Diocese of Kingstown in the country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. A second collection [after communion] will be taken up for the work of that diocese. Our visiting presider, Fr. Richard Paynter, is a native of the island of St. Vincent and is currently serving as principal of St. Martin's secondary school for boys in St. Vincent. On weekends he is engaged in pastoral ministry throughout the diocese.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY

Though there will be no Masses, there will be adoration on August 1 during the usual time: 7:15AM until 5:15PM.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORERS NEEDED

Could you spend an hour praying before the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of each month? The goal is to schedule two people for each hour [from 7:15AM to 5:15PM, changing at the 15 minute mark]. We hope to have more folks. Please call the parish center with questions or to volunteer. Thanks in advance.

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.

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.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL—PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Summer is speeding by and school is just around the corner. All families currently enrolled for the 2008-09 school year will meet at the school on either Tuesday, August 12 or Wednesday, August 13 to fill out necessary paperwork for the coming school year. Registrations for new students will also be accepted. Any questions please call the school office at 651-224-6912 (July office hours: M-Th: 8:00 AM—12:00 Noon, August office hours: M-F: 8:00-3:00 PM).

ADULT ENRICHMENT—AN EDUCATED ELECTORATE

Some parishioners are coming together to work with the documents that the United States bishops have authored about the issues of our times and of our country as we approach the November election. Watch for invitations to participate —probably between Sunday Masses.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 20
Monday	July 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	Festival Planning
Tuesday	July 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 23
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 25
Saturday	July 26
Sunday	July 27

Upcoming Events

Thursday	August 14
6:00 PM	Assumption Mass
Cherokee Park	and Parish Picnic
Saturday	September 20-21
Sunday	Parish Festival

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“Those who are just must be kind,” says today’s first reading from the book of Wisdom. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord’s harvest.

Good stewards in the parish are like the yeast in today’s Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards.

And, in case we are doubters: St. Paul says to the Romans—and to us: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Sharing

This past weekend, \$8,559 was given through electronic transfer, surface mail of envelopes, envelopes in the collection and plate checks, currency and coin. Thanks to each faithful, through-the-summer, steward.

Two week total: \$20,788; that is \$2,688 greater than the budget. [The budget for summer months is \$9,050 per week; in the fall it rises to \$9,650 and then in the winter and Lent it is \$9,800.

Thanks, too, for other contributions: \$150 in school envelopes; \$27 for Peter’s and \$8 for the food shelf.

Remember the article “80-10-10” that was sent about two months ago? Who is willing to try giving a specific percent away [to the church?] and saving an equal percentage for “a rainy day.” Can we really live within the limits of our income? The economic stimulus gift is a great way to start.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2008

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2,
11-18

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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

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