

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The following story is related by Bishop Blasé Cupich of Rapid City, South Dakota.

*I recently had a conversation I had with an elderly grandmother. Mary Alice has been a lay minister for some years. I asked her to tell me in her own words what lay ministry means to her. She prefaced her remarks by noting how our belief in the resurrection of the body has been a constant source of comfort to her. The prospect of eternal life heartens her in the face of life's trials. Yet now as she considers how lay ministry has so enriched the church, to the point that future generations will benefit from the works she and others are doing, she has come to believe with equal conviction that "something of me," as she put it, "will also continue to live on in the church after I die, because this is Christ's work and we believe nothing of his is ever lost. In many ways that is even more consoling, since I can see that lasting reality now."*

Edward Hahnenberg of Xavier University in Cincinnati recently observed that lay ministry is the fourth great ministerial wave in the church, following in the tradition of the monastic movement, the mendicant orders and the founding of women's religious communities in the 19th century.

Full time lay ministers are present on the staffs of almost every parish in the United States. Parish member minister as catechists, liturgical ministers (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, etc), ministers of charity and justice, etc.

They number in the millions.

This "revolution" emerges out of a renewed understand of the primal call to ministry rooted in baptism. By the very fact of baptism each is called to live out his or her life as a disciple of Jesus in his/her world – the home, the work place, the classroom, the city streets, the halls of justice; in clinics, banks, bakeries, cafes, athletic fields; as fire fighters, economists, plumbers, technicians, farmers, journalists. Many of these same people exercise a ministry within the church as well as within the world. They are catechists, liturgical ministers, council members; they feed the hungry and cloth the naked. Their very being proclaims the presence of Christ in our world.

The emergence of lay ministry and the renewed appreciation of baptism is not just a sociological phenomenon, a cultural adaptation; it is part of that New Pentecost which Pope John XXIII envisioned as he called the Second Vatican Council.

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](http://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.

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." – Mt 13:44-46*

### 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. 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? If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793 for more information.

### ASSUMPTION MASS AND PICNIC

THURSDAY, August 14 [eve of the feast]. Mass at 6:00PM at the pavilion at Cherokee Park. Bring a dish [filled] for the pot luck. [Bring plate and tools, and probably bring a lawn chair, too.]

Thanks, in advance, to the Men's Club for supplying—and preparing—the brats, burgers and dogs and buns.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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).

A MESSAGE FROM THE CASILLAS FAMILY

As the repair of Holly's heart fast approaches, we as a family would like to you all for the ongoing support and prayers. Please continue to pray with us and remember to add prayers of thanksgiving. If you would like to follow Holly's journey, please log onto caringbridge.org go to "visit a site", enter hollybug2. Read along and write her if you wish. Thank you. Jan, Peter, Samantha and Holly. *Live Jesus in our hearts forever*

HABITAT THANK YOU

We had another very successful Habitat Week! Thank you to all of the people who worked, baked, or contributed food or drinks. I have lots of photos and will show them during a Coffee Sunday later this fall. Ginny

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Attention all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters and Gift Bearers due to vacations and other commitments we need to do the scheduling early this time. We will be doing the scheduling next weekend so please get your requests in immediately. Call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail GBD1252@comcast.net . The new Schedule will cover from September 6th through November 23rd. If you would like to join one of these ministries and didn't get a chance to sign up please let us know!

EDUCATION PROGRAMS NOW ENROLLING

The St. Matthew's Education Programs are currently accepting children ages 6 weeks - grade 10. Choose the program that is right for your family and register today! St. Matthew's Child Care and Early Learning- A full-day child care program for children ages 6 weeks - 5 years. Call 651-224-1459. St. Matthew's Pre-School- A half-day Pre-school program for children ages 3 - 5. Call 651-224-1459. St. Matthew's Day School- A K- 8 High quality Catholic school- Call 651-224-6912. KLT Kids- A before and after school program for grades K - 6. Call 651-665-0786. St. Matthew's Religious Education- Religious education for children in grades 1 - 10 who do not attend Catholic school. Call 651-224-6912.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 27</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 28</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 29</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 30</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 31</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b> 7:15 AM-5:15 PM	<b>August 1</b> Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Saturday</b> Mass	<b>August 2</b> School Collection
<b>Sunday</b> Both Masses	<b>August 3</b> School Collection

**Upcoming Events**

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

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*“The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold an silver pieces,” says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?*

Sharing Last weekend, \$9,290 was given by those who mailed in their envelope, those who have donations transferred electronically, those who put envelopes into the collection, and those who put currency, coin and checks into the collection. That is the third weekend of the new fiscal year when the collection has been above the budgeted amount [\$9050 each weekend until after Labor Day]. Thank you.

Additional thank you for \$118 given for the food shelf [remember that ½ of all given goes to Neighborhood House; the second ½ remains here in the parish for emergency needs. [Example: last week money was given to the family of an employee whose sister’s baby was born dead. Following their ethnic traditions certain things were necessary, including significant travel for the great-grandmother.]

Service: Thanks to the many St. Matt’s alums who signed letters to their classmates in an effort to increase annual scholarship giving [the goal of Alums and Friends is \$150,000]. Some had more than 70 letters to sign and add a postscript.

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PARISH FESTIVAL: September 20 and 21.  
 Saturday evening—food and music; tournaments of cribbage and “Texas hold ‘em”  
 Sunday afternoon—chicken dinner; kids games and food in school gym; beer garden for Vikings’ watching; some short order food.  
 Both days: Rosary society baked goods; bingo, silent auction; bottle blast; money tree and other raffles.

Watch for other additions....and bring your ideas to the next festival meeting: August 6, 6:30PM in the social hall.

Scholarship endowment fund: The money in this fund is invested at the Catholic Community Foundation and it is a true endowment: only the earnings may be accessed. The value is about \$333,000. Within that general fund there are some specific family funds. Money can be given to any of the specific family funds or to the general fund. Currently there are family funds established in the names of Thomas Cullen, George Gubash, Lavina F Jack, and Thomas N Doyle. Please direct questions about this to John Riehle at the parish center.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
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**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..... *Shar Lavelle*  
 Dir. KLT Kids .....*Shar Lavelle*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
 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  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830  
 Prayerline ..... 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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Anthony Minus
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	Joyce Osborne