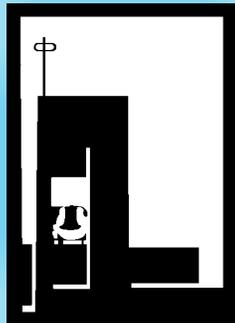
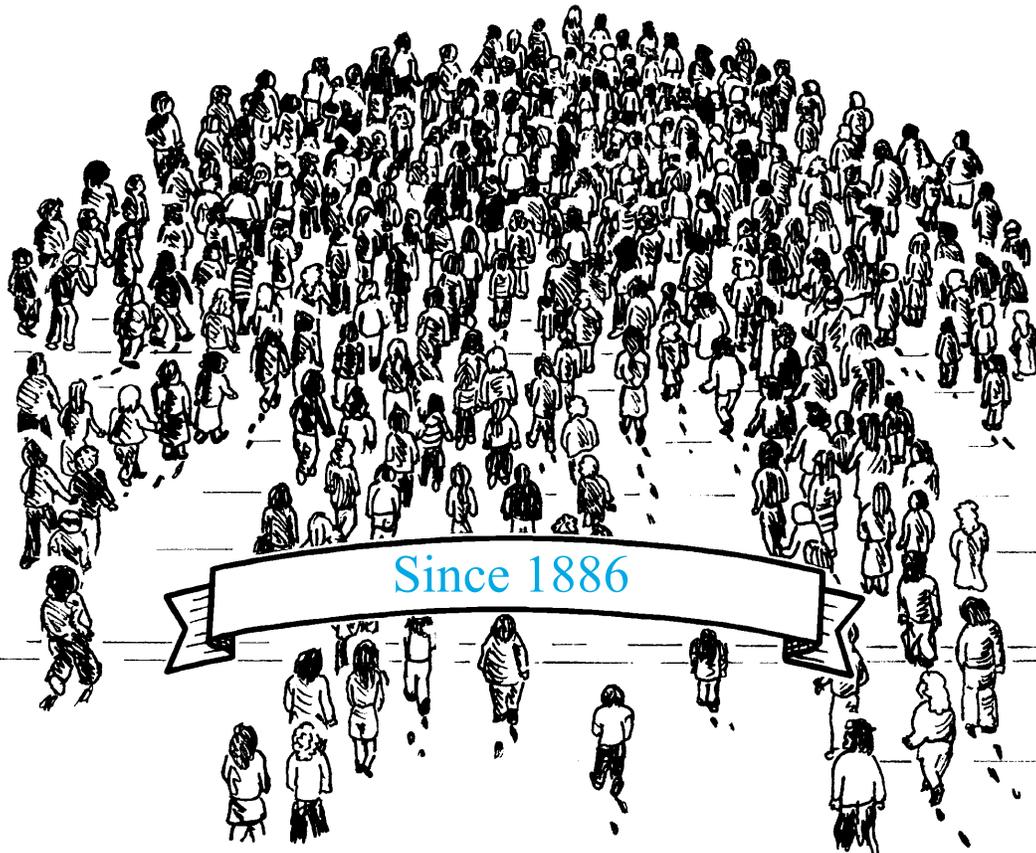


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The mission of Saint Matthew touches thousands of people in our West Side Community and beyond. Long before I arrived at Saint Matthew Father Pascholl, Msgr. Cecka and Father Whittier found ways of identifying the parish with the community and provided many opportunities for the parish and community to work in partnership with local organizations and institutions.

Last week I wrote about the Saint Matthew Clinic, a local site of the Saint Mary's Health Clinics. For fifteen years this clinic, housed in the Parish Center has provided basic health care to under-insured and un-insured people.

During the coming weeks I want to write about the various partnerships which Saint Matthew is currently involved in as we seek to be "the good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi River".

Our most significant partner in ministry is the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. For forty years the Archdiocese has participated in funding our ministries. This began in the 60's and early 70's when as a member of the Inner Urban Catholic Coalition the Archdiocese made operational grants to Saint Matthew's School. These funds derived from the Annual Catholic Appeal.

With the demise of the Inner Urban Catholic Coalition (IUCC) the Archdiocese continued to make operational grants to our school. This coming year the operational grant to Saint Matthew's School will be \$188,500.

For the past ten years the Catholic Community Foundation has made tuition assistance grants to students from Saint Matthew's. This year those grants will amount to \$45,000. Also, Kids First, a business community education partnership, will provide \$25,000 tuition assistance to Saint Matthew's students.

Over more than the past ten years the Archdiocese has carried all or part of the cost of Saint Matthew and Saint Matthew Child Care property insurance, employee pension program as well as employee medical benefits. The Archdiocese has also carried all or part of our annual assessment (church tax) over the past ten years. This is no small amount, over \$1,500,000. They have done this by not demanding payment.

The Archdiocese continues to strongly support the mission of Saint Matthew, yet because of its own

financial condition the Archdiocese is no longer able to carry the assessment, insurance and benefits program for Saint Matthew and other parishes. We must meet those current obligations.

Thanks to the work of John Riehle and the Saint Matthew Finance Council a budget for 2007-2008 has been drafted which allows us to meet all the current obligations to the Archdiocese. A task force from the Archdiocese Finance Council and a consultant from the Catholic Financial Corporation (CFC) worked with us to make sure that the current budget is such that we can go forward meeting all our current Archdiocese obligations.

Without the constant and enthusiastic support of Archbishop John Roach and Archbishop Harry Flynn our West Side ministry could not be strong.

During the coming weeks I will write about our partnerships with local parishes – Pax Christi in Eden Prairie, St. Francis in Lakeland on the St. Croix and St. Rita in Cottage Grove; with FOCUS (Friends of Catholic Urban Schools), the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), The Friends, Family and Alums of Saint Matthew's School, Loaves and Fishes, Catholic Charities Hispanic Outreach and a possible partnership with Casa Guadalupana, a Catholic Worker House on the West Side.

Saint Matthew can only be the "Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi" by enlisting the enthusiasm and support of many partners.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor
Church of Saint Matthew

PARISH EVENTS

THANK YOU FROM SISTER JERI

In the name of the people among whom my Dominican sisters live and work, I thank you for your very generous response to our mission story last weekend. I am grateful to each of you, and assure you that your gifts of prayer will be appreciated and your contributions well used. Gratefully, Jeri Cashman and all your Dominican Sisters

ANNUAL FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS AND PARISH PICNIC

Join everybody to celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven with Mass and a parish picnic! Bring a dish or two to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided. Lawn chairs or blankets

Where: Cherokee Park Pavilion

When: August 15th

Mass at 5:30 PM

Picnic after Mass until 8:00 PM

This is one of St. Matt's ace events, be sure to come. The days are getting shorter, you know what's next!!!

HELP ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The students of St. Matthew's School are in need of the following items to help get their school year started: 8 count classic colored markers (both fine and wide tip), colored pencils, child sized scissors, glue sticks, and 24 count crayons. A box will be placed in the back of the church, near the SCRIP table, to collect these items. Thank you in advance for helping our students start the year with all of the materials needed.

THANK YOU

We express much gratitude for your generosity in providing new windows for the Parish Center building, of which we are some of the beneficiaries in the residence portion of the building. The window installation has now been completed and we are grateful. In addition, the new air conditioners certainly make life livable again. Thank you. The Sisters in residence in the Parish Center building

COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA

The Council will meet at 6:45PM on Thursday, August 2, in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Agenda

I. Reflections

II. Consensus of Agenda

III. Vacancy on Parish Council

IV. 2007-2008 Parish Council Priorities

- reviewing 06-07 priorities and progress regarding them

- process for setting 07-08 priorities

V. Annual Meeting Committee Report

VI. Other

VII. Adjournment

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 29
10:30 PM, CH	Baptism
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	July 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	July 31
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	August 1
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	August 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	August 3
Saturday	August 4
Sunday	August 5
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
12:00 PM, MC	Baptism
12:30 PM, MC	Baptism

Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church

CH – Chapel

PC – Parish Center

SH – Social Hall

SC – School

CC – Child Care

XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus is describing God’s immeasurable generosity when He says in today’s Gospel, “Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.” But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service of others.

Service: Special thanks and acknowledgement today to Eileen Norton who is retiring from the position of head of the funeral lunch ministry at Saint Matthew’s for many years. She has led a team of ministers who has been a gift to each family who “comes downstairs” after a funeral. She, and they, are efficient, organized, and most of all: gracious.

There are always “openings” in this ministry. Might you have a few hours during the day [occasionally an evening] to help in this way? Call the parish office.

Sharing: Last weekend: \$7571 from the usual three sources. Thank you. That amount is slightly more than \$3000 behind budget; slightly more than \$3100 behind last year.

Also, \$2023 was given to the missions (contributions to the mission may be dropped in the collection plate marked “Mission” or dropped at the parish center), \$25 to Peter’s Pence; and \$49 in school fund envelopes. Thank you. Each of these amounts will be forwarded to the proper recipient/s.

Youth Stewardship: \$2.50

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 29, 2007

- Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
Lk 12:13-21

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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

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