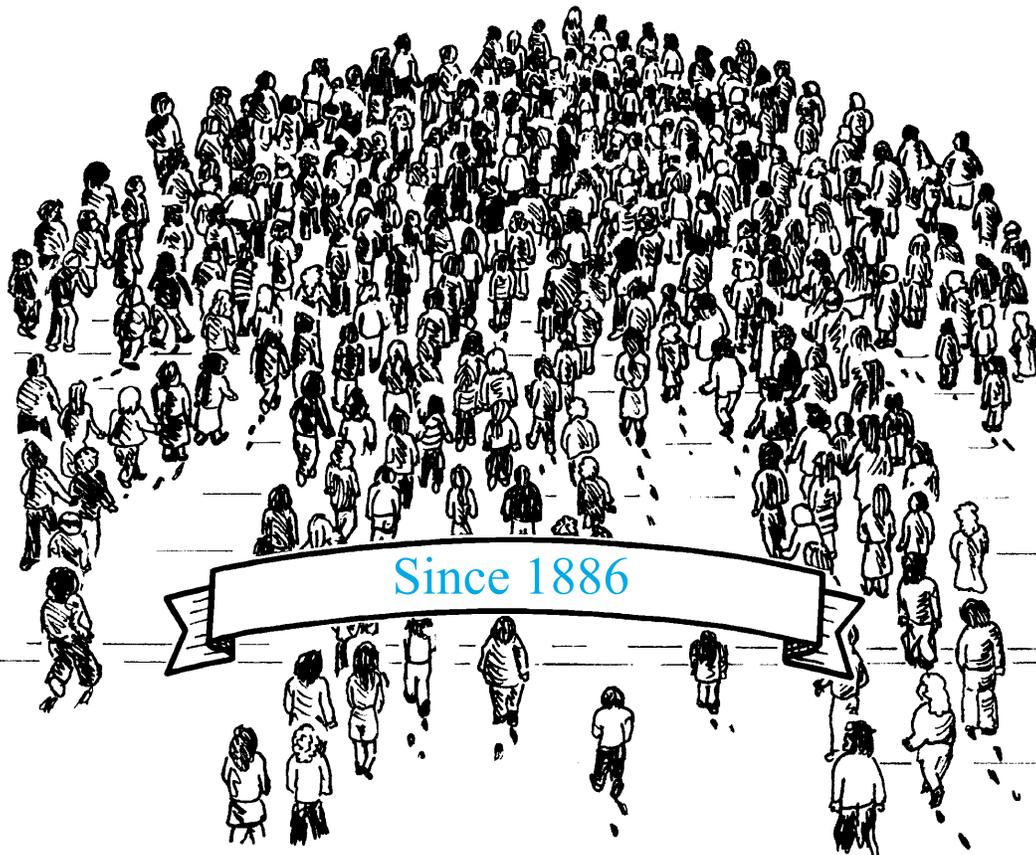


The Community of St. Matthew



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



An Open Letter to Governor Pawlenty

On June 12th nine Catholic bishops of the state wrote you and said:

“We are gravely concerned that our state’s unbalanced budget for 2010-2011 will be resolved by further eliminating critical services for Minnesotans with urgent needs.

“Spending reductions to beneficial health care and human services programs will have detrimental consequences for those who are poor and vulnerable.

“Every state policy and program, including our state’s budget, must uphold the inviolable human dignity, value and worth of each and every person in Minnesota.”

I live with families on the West Side of Saint Paul whose lives will be endangered by the proposed cuts in health care and human services.

Cuts in General Assistance Medical Care will eliminate health care coverage for 30,000 Minnesotans who live at or below 75% of Federal Poverty guidelines. Some of these people are my neighbors on the West Side.

Cutting between 25 and 33% of Children and Community Service Grants will deeply affect my neighbors who live with mental illness, disabilities and chronic health conditions.

On the West Side some of my neighbors because of illness or disabilities are unable to live independently. With an additional 5% cut to Group Residential Housing Grants

facilities will be unable to provide the same level of service, some facilities may close and thus, some of my neighbors living with disabilities will be forced into homelessness.

Minnesotans are gracious and generous people. We who have resources would gladly live more simply so that others may have the basics of human life. Taxes are one way a gracious and generous people make sure that society reflects the generosity and justice of its citizens. It is hypocrisy to deny the poorest and most vulnerable a basic quality of life in the name of “no-new-taxes”.

As citizens of this great state “we believe that every person has the right to life, to bodily integrity and to the means that are necessary and suitable for the proper development of life. These means are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest medical care and necessary social services. Human beings have the right to security in cases of sickness, inability to work, old age, unemployment or any other case where a person is deprived of the means of subsistence.” *

Governor Pawlenty, a generous and good people seek a generous and good society.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor
Church of Saint Matthew

* Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris* (1963) 11

PARISH EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

There will be a stuffed animal booth. Lots of little fuzzy pets will be needed. New or gently loved please. Bring items to the parish center on weekdays, to the church on weekends.

Festival raffle tickets will be available for pick-up next weekend. There will be an envelope with 15-\$1 tickets for each parish ‘family.’ Selling/buying those tickets will be the initial way to be involved in the festival. The committee says “thanks.”

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

ASSUMPTION MASS IN THE PARK AND PARISH PICNIC

Friday evening, August 14. Mark your calendars now.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PAINTING PROJECT

Sign-ups will be 7/11-12 & 7/18-19...work days: Thursday, July 30—Sunday, August 2. The upper floor of the parish center [where the Notre Dame Sisters formation community lives] is the target. Some prep is needed and much painting. Can you/will you give an hour or two during those days?

GUEST PRIEST PRESIDERS THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS

Next weekend a priest from this diocese will celebrate and preach about a program serving the poorest of the poor. There will be information available but no separate collection.

On July 18/19 there will be the annual “mission collection.” A priest from a missionary order will celebrate and preach about their missions. There will be a second collection taken.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

At St. Matthew’s we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament only one day a month, each first Friday. We need those willing to spend 1 hour with the Lord, to make a commitment to be in the Chapel at that hour each First Friday. If you would like to spend a very peaceful and rewarding hour, please call Nicole at 651-224-9793 .

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.

ROMANIAN FESTIVAL

Saint Stefan Romanian Orthodox Church is asking for help for their third annual Romanian Festival on July 25th. Lili Manole helped us put on our Romanian Dinner last fall, so she is asking for our help to put on their Romanian Dinner. Anyone who would like to get involved in this project, call Joe Stevens for details at 651-224-8270.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 5
Monday	July 6
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	July 7
12:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 8
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
8:00 PM, SH	Men’s Club
Thursday	July 9
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 10
Saturday	July 11
Sunday	July 12

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

- Mk 6:4-5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

This weekend, as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for God's mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance God has showered upon us.

Saint Paul, in his 2nd letter to the young Christian Church in Corinth reminds them—and us—of the proper attitude of a steward: "I will boast of my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

Prayer: Regularity of prayer was witnessed this week: daily spiritual reading, daily prayer, daily rosary, two hours in prayer, 2.25 hours in prayer; also: prayer for travelers.

Service: Donated to "Jeans for Teens"—for those on an Indian Reservation; helped care for Matthew [the parish center cat]; picked strawberries and gave them to friends; volunteered at Neighborhood House; take care of 3 grandchildren four days each week; volunteered for 8 hours at our parish school.

Sharing Last weekend [the last of the fiscal year] the collection [all for avenues] was \$8,634. Thank you. The total...for the fiscal year...is \$469,244. Thank you. That is 5.56% [\$27,756] behind the budget.

Don't forget the administrator's mantra: we may take summer vacations; parish expenses don't. All of our employees are paid over twelve months; our energy costs—though not as high as the winter—still include air-conditioning as needed.

Young Adult Stewardship: \$3.30 Thank you! They wrote: 5 min. in prayer... 1 hour in prayer... helped fold clothes... watered flowers.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 5, 2009

- Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
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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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