

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I am delighted to inform you that after more than two years work a dedicated parish committee has completed negotiations with Casa Guadalupana, a Catholic Worker House, for the use of the Saint Matthew Rectory property. What follows is a report from our Parish Pastoral Administrator, John Riehle, on the success of this effort.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

For more than two years a committee of parishioners [David Haley, Bob DeNardo and Joe Wenker] has been working on-the-scene and behind-the-scene to secure a renter for the building and property.

The guidelines given by the parish pastoral council were:

- a preference for a renter, rather than the sale of the property;
- that the rental contract be for a significant duration [10 years];
- that the arrangement free the parish of expenses for the building and property, and perhaps bring in some rental income, however small;
- that the renters have a mission that is in line with the Catholic Church and the mission of Saint Matthew Parish Community.

There was an information meeting for the parish—between Masses—in the fall. This meeting introduced Casa Guadalupana [a Catholic Worker house] which exists on State Street.

Another meeting was promised after the details had been worked out. [Tim Nowak joined the committee as a lease was negotiated.]

The lease has been “hammered out” first by members of both Saint Matthew’s and Casa Guadalupana and then by attorneys for both the parish and Casa. The lease was finalized on June 26. It must receive the signature of Archbishop Neinstedt. Father Steve has asked for that signature after the archbishop returns from Rome. [July 7].

All of the guidelines established by the council have been fulfilled:

- Casa Guadalupana is renting;
- The lease is for 10 years;
- There will be a small amount of rent paid by Casa—an average of \$150 per month for the 10 years; the parish will be responsible for repair or replacement of “systems.”
- The philosophy and theology of Dorothy Day—the founder of what was to be called the Catholic Worker movement [which is 75 years old this year]—is very much in line with the mission and ministry of Saint Matthew’s. It will fit very well with other social programs that occur at Saint Matthew: Loaves and Fishes; St. Mary’s Clinic, etc.

Rather than delay this information until after the lease is signed, this report is offered. I welcome questions at the parish center: 224-9793.

John Riehle  
Parish pastoral administrator

## 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](http://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.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our Habitat for Humanity Week is July 14 though the 18th. If you would like to donate baked items to feed the crew bring them to church next weekend and leave them at the Scrip table. The individual that has generously donated most of the bottled water and pop in the past is not able to do that this year so we are also looking for those items to be donated. Thanks! Any questions call Ginny 651-222-2867.

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” – Mt 11:28-30*  
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## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### WATER PRAYERS

Jesus meets the woman at the well and she asks him: "Give me living water always." We can continue the prayer of the Samaritan woman, and like her, we can find Jesus at the edge of the waters that we encounter every day. For example, pray this line from Psalm 51 before you get into the shower or wash your face or hands: "Wash me with fresh water, wash me bright as snow." Or use this line from Psalm 63 whenever you take up a glass of something to drink: "God, my God, you I crave; my soul thirsts for you." Try this verse from Psalm 65 when you water the garden or even your houseplants: "With softening rain you bless the land with growth." If you're sloshing around in puddles these days, pray this verse from Psalm 147: "God speaks, the ice melts. God breathes, the streams flow." And if you're surprised by a spring ice storm, here's your prayer, also from Psalm 147: "The Lord hurls chunks of hail. Who can stand such cold?" Make up and write down a prayer giving God thanks for the gift of water or asking God's protection from its dangers.

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### LITURGY

We are looking for servers to assist at our weekend liturgies. Being a server means *servicing God and God's people at Mass*. The name "server" clearly points out what you do at Mass: serve God and God's people by helping the priest and his fellow worshipers to praise God as well as they can. By helping the priest and people carry special objects and carry out special actions at Mass, you are really **servicing** God. If you are going into the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above you can be a server! Do you need something to commit to this summer? Are you interested? Call Bonnie at the parish office: 651-224-9793.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2008

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 6
Monday	July 7
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	July 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 9
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 11
Saturday	July 12
Sunday	July 13

### Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church

CH – Chapel

PC – Parish Center

SH – Social Hall

SC – School

CC – Child Care

XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

The Psalmist, today, says: “Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You.” Stewardship is this “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given each of us.

Matthew quotes Jesus: “My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” If we are willing to be yoked to the Lord, more often than not, the story becomes one of “Footprints in the Sand” where we are being borne by the Lord.

Sharing Last weekend—the 53<sup>rd</sup> of the fiscal year--\$10,161 was given in the mail, electronically, in the plate and in envelopes. Thank you very much to each faithful steward. The total given on Sundays in the fiscal year--\$498,477—was \$626 less than last year. It was \$4,523 less than was budgeted. That is less than 1%.

Also, these dollars were given: \$32 in school envelopes; \$8 for the food shelf and \$500 [from the Rosary Society] for the Romanian Orphan Fund.

Young People’s Stewardship: \$3.27 Thank you! They wrote: Helped clean the bathroom, fold laundry, mealtime and night prayer, helped my sister.

Service: Thank you to Mark Heinen and scout friends for cleaning out and cleaning up the “alum” room in the school. It is much more hospitable now. Here’s how you can help.

There are many pictures of school activities and classes over many, many decades. Sorting, labeling and cataloging are important and will be a valuable service for years to come. Do you have a couple of hours to give? Please call the school office.

Thanks again to Jerry Sexton and *Sexton Printing, Inc* for another remarkable copy of the bi-monthly newsletter. Everything involved in the production of the newsletter is donated except the postage.

Food Service: The hiring of an assistant director—to take over next Summer—has been delayed. The budget cannot be balanced with this calendar of hiring. Rather, the hiring will be done in April and it will involve a shorter training time. The résumés of the candidates will be kept until then; others can inquire.

Assumption Mass and picnic—will be on eve of the feast: August 14—Cherokee Park; Mass at 6:00PM followed by a pot-luck picnic supper. Please reserve that day and time now.

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..... *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