

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Charity without justice is selective and whimsical. Justice without charity is cruel.

Sometimes people seek to make a dichotomy between justice and charity; as if they were opposed to each other, at opposite ends of the spectrum.

Benedict's letter *Caritas in Veritate* (*On Human Development in Charity and Truth*) seeks to instruct us that the virtue of justice is integral to a life of love for God, one's self and neighbor and that the very love of God, present within each of us by divine grace, demands justice.

Benedict explained the document's contents and his intention in writing it. He began by explaining that *Caritas in Veritate* was inspired by a passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians where "the Apostle speaks of acting according to the truth in love: 'Rather, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ'."

Thus, "charity in truth is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. For this reason, the entire social doctrine of the Church revolves around the principle 'Caritas in Veritate'.

"Only with charity, illuminated by reason and by faith, is it possible to pursue development goals that possess more human and humanizing values."

"The encyclical," the Pope adds, "immediately calls our attention in the Introduction to two fundamental criteria: justice and the common good. Justice is an integral part of

that love 'with deeds and in truth' to which the Apostle John exhorts us. And 'to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. Next to the individual good there is a good linked to the social life of the person. We love our neighbor all the more efficaciously, the more we apply ourselves to working for the common good. Therefore, there are two operating principles, justice and the common good. It is thanks to the common good that charity acquires a social dimension. Every Christian - he quotes from the encyclical - is called to practice this charity - this is the institutional path... of charity."

The Common Good was first defined in modern times by Blessed John XXIII as the full human development of every person.

Benedict affirms, "To take a stand for the common good" involves care for and participation in "that complex of institutions that give structure to the life of society, juridically, civilly, politically and culturally.

In his letter, Benedict reminds us of the function and purpose of our public and social institutions. "To desire the common good," he writes, "and strive for it is a requirement of justice and charity..... The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them" (No. 8).

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

NEW CHAIRS IN CHURCH

Thanks to the Rosary Society for their purchase of chairs with arms for the worship space. The 22 chairs are placed throughout the church with the expressed intention of providing seats for those who need arms to assist themselves in standing and sitting. One of the first people to use one was Father O'Rourke who needed that assistance. Obviously, if you don't need that extra help, please use one of the regular chairs; allow the new ones to be used by those who need them. And thanks to the Society for removing some of those chairs which were eye-sores.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR IN NEED

Every weekend, food is collected at St. Matthew's to help those who are struggling to put food on their table. Some of the groceries are taken by, or to parish members on the weekend. The remaining food is taken to the Neighborhood House Food Shelf. We depend on contributions from YOU. Please help us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. A few extra grocery bags along with your donations would also be much appreciated. St Matthew's Food Ministry thanks you.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FESTIVAL CORNER

Eight weeks away and counting. There are empty bottles available at the parish house for the bottle lotto. Pre-filled bottles may also be used for this booth, (ketchup, mustard, soda, bath and shower gel, creams, lotions, shampoo etc.). Plastic bottles are preferred. If you would like to make a theme basket there are some empty baskets or you may bring a variety of items and the committee will assemble the baskets. Examples of themes are garden, kitchen, school days, toddler, pet, snack, coffee time, use your imagination and have fun. Continue to pick up and sell your raffle tickets. If your relatives or friends have not picked up their tickets take them along with you. There will also be a quilt raffle. The quilt will be on display and tickets will be available before the Festival. ADDITIONAL BOOTH: Books-Chairperson Deb Kammerer. Please do not bring books until we tell you what kind we want. CORRECTION: Publicity chairperson Barb Neff.

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

ALUMINIUM CAN DRIVE!

My name is Nick Benish, I am a Boy Scout of Troop 107 and a parishioner. I am raising money for my Eagle Project, which is building a cedar grape arbor and a swing at the Carpenter Nature Center, in Hastings. My goal is \$600. Cans will be collected after all masses on the second weekend of each month until my goal is reached. Thanks for your support!

BABY CRIBS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Highland Life Care Center in St. Paul is in immediate need of baby cribs for mothers with new babies. Please call Janet at 651-224-5054 if you have one to donate. Free pick-up will be provided at your convenience as well as a receipt for tax purposes. Other items are also gratefully accepted.

PARISH PICNIC

7/14 in Cherokee Park...Mass and a potluck supper. Bring a dish [filled] to pass; the Men's Club will supply and prepare burgers, brats, dogs and buns.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 26
Monday	July 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	July 28
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 29
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 21
Saturday	August 1
Sunday	August 2

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” says the Psalmist, “he answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story—the ones who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand—saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Sharing: Last weekend \$8,013 was given in stewardship in the usual four ways—mail, electronic transfer, envelopes and plate. Thanks to all who act on the call to stewardship. The year-to-date total is \$248 ahead of budget; it is \$2,830 less than given at the same time last year.

Additional thanks for contributions to the “mission” appeals for the last two weekends: Cross International Catholic Outreach [donations were sent direction to them] and the missions of the Wisconsin province of the Jesuits [donations in envelopes were brought directly to the mission office of the archdiocese].

A small amount of money was also given to Peter’s Pence [\$25], food shelf and Holyday [\$7 total].

Service: Volunteered at Neighborhood House... did errands for others... took care of pets

Prayer: Daily... spiritual reading ... prayer ... rosary... Mass ... 15 minutes of prayer

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 26, 2009

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
- 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/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- 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: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

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 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Prayer Line 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

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 Connie Aligada Joyce Osborne
 Jason Delmont Anthony Minus
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