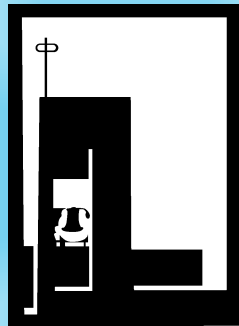
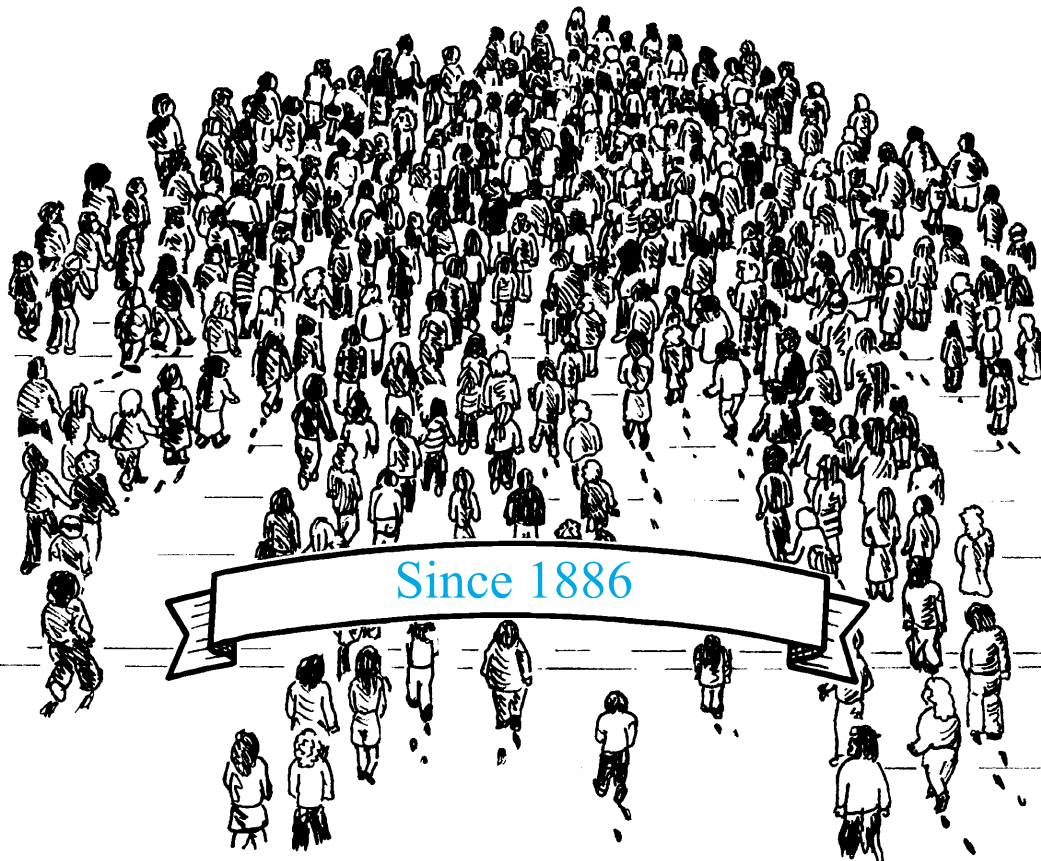


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The mythical fuge of Janus is a two faced creature – one face looking forward and one face looking back; one face reflective and one face anticipating; one face evaluating and the other face planning; one face focused on yesterday and one face focused on tomorrow.

Birthdays, anniversaries, etc are Janus-events: time to look back, time to look forward.

Today I look back in gratitude to God and to you for the past thirty years of life and ministry at Saint Matthew and on the West Side. Those decades were times of growth and development. They were times of new beginnings; times of new planting.

I am deeply grateful for the faith we live and the energy we bring to the work of being Church. It is our church, the church of the baptized, the church of Jesus Christ rooted in the baptismal faith of a people, the church of Jesus planted in the mystery of his dying and rising which each of us first experienced in the waters of baptism.

We are a pilgrim people; we are on the road, on the journey. We have a destination which we both embrace and still travel toward. Like any pilgrimage it goes one step at a time – the daily lifting up of our feet and placing them on the path is the very nature of pilgrimage. We live that way and so discover – step by step – the meaning of God in our world.

We share together the universal call to holiness, the call

to be “like God” holy as God is holy. Thousands of times in Word and Sacrament we have stood at the center of reality and truth, the very mystery of God; and from that point we have stretch on tip toes and briefly seen “a new heaven and a new earth”.

Tomorrow brings new opportunities, new times of planting, new beginnings. I do know that the same faith, the same appreciation of our being church, the same mystery of Christ in which we stand day by day and week by week – always the same, and yet ever new – will be for tomorrow the source of strength and impetus to act that it has been in all of the yesterdays.

May we never forget who we are – the People of God, a Pilgrim People, a people who share the universal call to holiness.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### OUTDOOR BASEBALL

The St. Matthew's Men's Club will be going to Miesville on Wednesday June 18 to attend a Miesville Mudhens, 2007 state amateur baseball champions, baseball game. Depart St. Matthew's at 5:30 pm, game at 8 pm, returning after the game. Adults \$5.00, children under age 18 \$2.00. Food and refreshments are available at the ballpark and within walking distance. Contact Tim Nowak to reserve your seat on the bus, cell 612-269-9471, email Timothy.nowak@usfamily.net, or stop by the scrip table after mass.

### ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The summer office hours for St. Matthew's school will be 8:00 AM to noon, Monday thru Thursday. Registrations for the 2008-2009 school year are still being accepted, call the office (651-224-6912) if you would like to schedule a tour or discuss enrolling your child for the next school year.

### FALL FESTIVAL MEETING

Next meeting: 9:00 AM Sunday, June 22. Come share your interest, your passions and your enthusiasm. Decisions need to be made as we approach the 3 month mark until Sept. 21—the feast of St. Matthew and festival weekend.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The way a church is laid out, arranged and furnished is meant to teach us about what goes on in the space and who we are who worship there.

At Saint Matthew's we gather on three sides of the sanctuary, we surround the space of the Word of God and the space of the Eucharist. The Word of God is proclaimed in our "midst" and the Eucharist is celebrated "among" us. The sanctuary has been rearranged to better emphasize and accommodate the various parts of the Mass. The place for proclaiming the Word of God and preaching is on a raised level – not because it is more important than the Eucharist; but because eye contact with the congregation is terribly important in the proclaiming of the Word and the preaching of the Word. The raised platform area allows this to happen. The place of the altar has been brought closer to the congregation because together we celebrate the Eucharist in the very "midst" of the People of God. Eye contact between the celebrant and the congregation at the time of the Eucharistic prayer is not the issue – both celebrant and congregation are to focus on the gifts of bread and wine which in our prayer become the Body and Blood of the Lord. We are people of the Book and the Cup. The church space helps us appreciate the distinction and the connection between Book and Cup, so that as a community we enter into both aspects of Sunday worship with clarity and appropriate participation. During the coming weeks I will write more about this. Stephen Adrian, Pastor

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION-THANK YOU!

It is with much gratitude I write to thank you for your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generous contribution of \$4000.00 this year is yet another example of the great generosity of the people of this parish and our Archdiocese. The religious who benefit from this fund keep you in prayer. With gratitude, *Sister Midge Breiter*, Archdiocesan Coordinator

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 15, 2008

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8  
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 15</b>
After each mass	Fr. Steve's 30th Anniversary
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 16</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 17</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 18</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 19</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 20</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 22</b>

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

*In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge he makes to us: "The gift you have received, give as a gift." And Jesus gives some specific examples of service to others. How do we stack up?*

Service Thanks to all those who are providing sweets and fruit for this weekend's observance of Father Steve's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of pastoring St. Matt's. Thanks for the time in baking aisle and produce section; thanks for the time in your kitchen. Thanks to Joe Stevens and Del Gerdes for having their eyes open, and their hands ready. They saw that the children's basketball hoop in the playground was about to come apart. They removed it and returned it fully re-stored. Thanks, gentlemen.

That's to Marguerite who restored the Infant of Prague statue that was damaged in the 1968 fire. That statue, along with pieces of the baptismal were returned in time for the "fire" dinner in April. Thanks Marguerite. We are arranging for the restoration of the baptismal font, including the replacing of the parts that are missing. A long-time parish family is funding the project in honor of one of the recently departed members. Thank you.

Sharing Though last Sunday was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, it functioned much like a 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday—more beginning of the month giving. Thanks to the mailers, electronic transferors, envelope users, plate donators: \$13,615 was put into the Sunday collection fund. The fiscal year total is: \$469,941. Thank you. We have had 50 Sundays so far this fiscal year [there are 53 Sundays this year!]. The actual is \$4559 behind budget, on \$91 per Sunday, slightly less than 1%. Thanks to all those who are continuing the faithfulness of regular stewardship into the summer. Additional monies: \$130 in school envelopes; \$118 for food shelf; \$5 for Annual Catholic Appeal. Thanks to all.

Young People's Stewardship: \$2.00 Thank you!

Annual Catholic Appeal The follow-up phoning from the archdiocese has begun. If you have not responded to the appeal [way back in February] you will receive a phone call soliciting your cooperation and a donation.

Rectory and Casa Guadalupana On Monday, May 2, representatives met along with their attorneys. Concepts, language, and suggested changes were made. Further work will be done by the two attorneys. We are closer to the end of the tunnel where the light is. Continued thanks to Dave Haley, Bob DeNardo, Joe Wenker who have worked for more than 2 years on this project; thanks to Tim Nowak who has joined them in these negotiations.

Once the final language is agreed to, the document will be given to the archbishop for his proxy vote and that of the vicar general.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
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 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*

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 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	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Stephen Adrian	Joyce Osborne