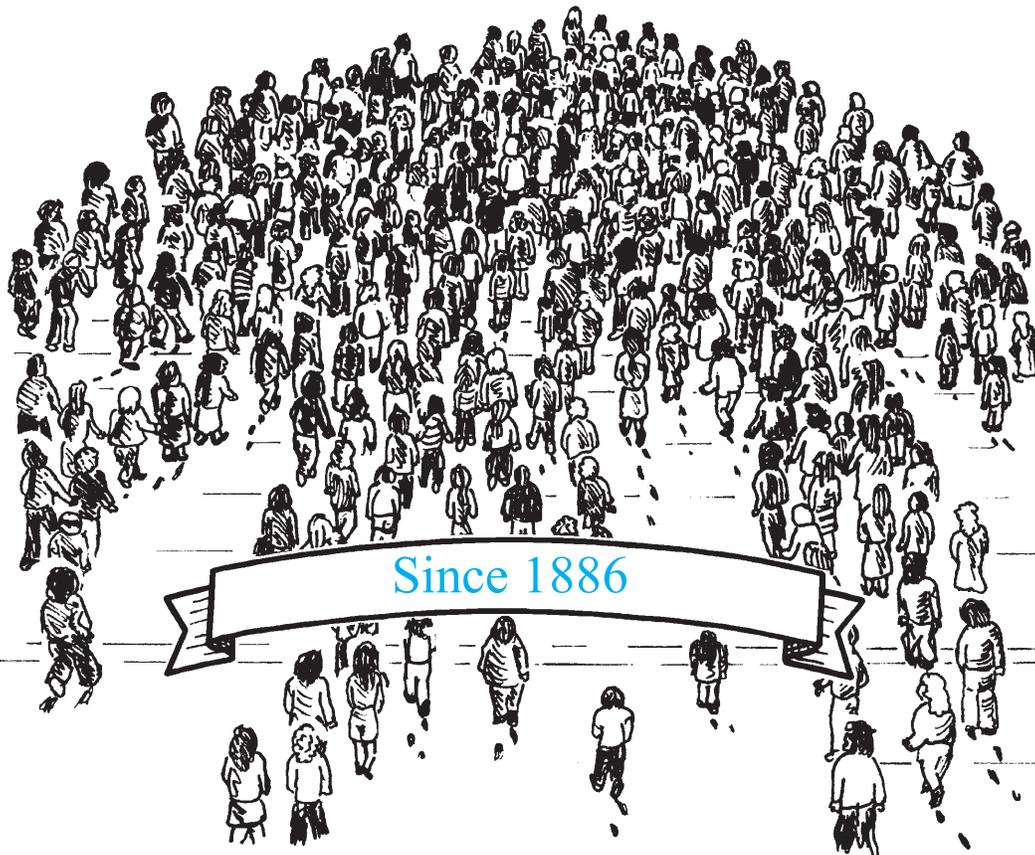


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

On Monday evening, June 14th I attended a meeting at Lumen Christi Parish in Highland Park. The purpose of the meeting was to report to pastors and parish leaders on the progress of the planning process for the Archdiocese initiated by the Archbishop eighteen months ago.

Over the past forty years there have been planning efforts which did result in some redefining of the ministries of the church; but there has not been a comprehensive plan and re-evaluation of the life of the Archdiocese since the end of the Second World War.

A number of factors demand a plan for the future; and these factors cannot be ignored. The Catholic population in the twelve county area is growing and is moving – the centers of population are now found in the third and fourth ring suburbs. The numbers of priests are diminishing and aging – we will have twenty fewer pastors in ten years than we presently have. Many parishes, Saint Matthew's included, are strapped financially and find it increasingly difficult to carry on its ministries with current funding.

The Archbishop appointed a strategic planning taskforce to undertake a process of evaluation of current parish life and recommend an action plan to the Archbishop. The taskforce has held hearings of parish leaders, various ministry groups, parish members at large, etc. over the past eighteen months.

At the end of June they will submit their recommenda-

tions to the Archbishop and in October the Archbishop will announce the changes that will occur in the Archdiocese.

Clearly some parishes and schools will be closed; others will be consolidated or clustered. The purpose of this will be to better use clergy personnel and financial resources and place the archdiocese in a position of strength as it faces the future.

There will be changes in parish life affecting the West Side, South Saint Paul, West Saint Paul, Inver Grove, St. Paul Park, Mendota – our local district, “deanery”. What those changes are is not known. There will be an opportunity for reconsideration and a period of time for implementation.

Change is always difficult and painful. Yet the future of our church demands that we take seriously the factors of personnel, finances and demographic change.

We pray that those in charge of this effort be guided by a deep sense of the Gospel.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS



BOOK UPDATE

Father Bill Whittier, the pastor of St. Matt's more than 40 years ago [at the time of the fire and new church] will be here next weekend after each Mass to talk about his book and sign the autobiography. Cost is \$17. Stop by and re-connect. More info: www.frbillwhittier.com.

A 2010 MARGARET DREVES SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

St. Matt's alum and current Cretin Derham Hall student, Melissa Lopez, is a recipient of the 2010 Margaret Dreves Scholarship, given out by the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. Melissa plans on attending the College of St. Benedict, majoring in Biology or Math for Pre-med. The Margaret Dreves Scholarship was set up in 1954 by Carl Dreves in memory of his wife, Margaret, who was deeply interested in the education of young people.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION AT ST. MATT'S

St. Matthew's Preschool offers a program that is both convenient for parents and engaging for preschoolers. If you want your preschooler in a caring Christian learning environment, St. Matthew's Preschool will fit your needs. **Enroll before September 1 and we'll waive the \$60 administration fee.**

Our Preschool educates children ages 3-5. St. Matt's understands that child care isn't cheap, which is why we offer unique ways for parents to cover the cost. In addition to participating in the Federal Food Program so kids can have breakfast and lunch at no additional cost to parents, hourly rates for child care are offered instead of the typical daily rates charged at other facilities. That way parents pay only for the actual time their child requires care between 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Preschool is also offered free to any child enrolled full-time in child care. Creative and engaging activities prepare kids for kindergarten and create a strong foundation for life-long learning. A licensed, highly qualified staff teaches kids both in the classroom and on field trips. Call Shar Lavelle at St. Matt's. 651-224-1450.

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
 you govern and protect your people
 and shepherd them with a father's love.
 You place a father in a family as a sign
 of your love, care, and constant protection.
 May fathers everywhere be faithful to the
 example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast
 in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining
 the family, caring for those in need.
 Give your wisdom to fathers
 that they may encourage and guide their children.
 Keep them healthy so they may support a family.
 Guide every father with the Spirit of your love
 that they may grow in holiness
 and draw their family ever closer to you.
 Amen.



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Sunday	June 20
Monday	June 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	June 22
9:00 AM, PC	Alums & Friends
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	June 23
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	June 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	June 25
Saturday	June 26
Sunday	June 27

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks Peter in today’s Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect *my* answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow in His steps?

Sharing Thanks for last weekend’s: \$7,161. And also for additional: \$130 in school envelopes; \$25 for the food shelf; and \$742 for Global Solidarity.

Service: Serve as sacristan... money counter... Eucharistic minister.

Prayer: Daily mass, payer, rosary, and spiritual reading.

Children: \$3.50, Thank you! They wrote: Hugged shore... cleaned dishes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 20, 2010

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

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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

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