

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

FOCUS – Friends of Urban Catholic Urban Schools – is a consortium of fifteen urban Twin Cities Catholic Schools. This consortium is four years old and seeks to provide opportunities for collaboration between our schools in strengthening curriculum, development, recruitment and fiscal management.

FOCUS is incorporated with a 501 c3 designation – and thus is able to solicit gifts as a tax deductible and tax exempt charitable organization.

Saint Matthew's educational programs have been part of FOCUS from the very beginning and in the past year I have been honored to participate as a member of the corporate board of FOCUS.

On Wednesday a prominent Catholic family announced an anonymous Legacy Gift to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis of 20 million dollars to be held by the Catholic Community Foundation. The donors and the Archdiocese have agreed that for the next ten years the gift will provide tuition assistance of \$1,000,000 annually to each student in a FOCUS school whose family income allows them to receive free or reduced lunch. This endowed gift will generate funds for education in perpetuity.

[The newspaper reports spoke of the gift as a 10 million dollar gift – that figure reflects the amount of money over ten years that will come to inner urban schools from the endowed legacy gift].

There are more than 1200 such students in our schools. Saint Matthew's School will receive about \$40,000 this school year from the legacy gift to assist our low income families with tuition.

Inner Urban Catholic Schools are vital to the growth of the church and are strong stabilizers of neighborhoods. The success of these schools and the opportunity for low income families is a challenge not only to urban parish members, but to the larger Catholic and civic community.

This donor family has set an example. I am confident that other generous families and foundations will accept the invitation to strengthen inner urban Catholic schools.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

MINISTRY FAIR WINNER

Congratulations to Joan Lannon who won the drawing at the Ministry Fair, for dinner for two with the Sisters.

OUTSTANDING CENSUS FORMS

If you have not returned your Parish Census Form, kindly do so as soon as possible. The Census Committee is eager to complete its work and purge the records. Thank you.

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.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Come on down for to the Social Hall after both Sunday masses for hot coffee, good things to eat, and conversation. After this Sunday it's summer vacation for Coffee Hour and it'll start up again Sunday September 14, 2008. Thanks to Yuri and Alyssa Wallace along with Anna and Alexei Del Vecchio for serving this week.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS DONATIONS TO ST. MATTHEW'S

The most recent contribution of \$200 to St. Matthew's School (total of \$450 for the year) represents donations from new youth membership in the organization. Funds came from the COF home office and General Agent Larry Poppler. As a membership benefit, tuition assistance is available for students attending Catholic schools K-12. These awards, via random drawing, are given at the national and local court levels. Consider becoming a member.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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 4th 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.

THE HABIT OF PRAYER

What do I do each morning, in the first hour of my day? I usually read a biblical passage and reflect on it for a while. I pray the rosary and meditate on its mysteries. Sometimes I simply sit in the quiet and peace of the Lord's presence. And at times I fall asleep for a few moments! There is no one particular hour each day that best suits everyone. The idea is to find the best hour — the one that fits your lifestyle, so that if you skip it you will miss it. Similarly, there is no particular place for prayer that best suits everyone. Some like to pray in the privacy of their home or apartment. Others prefer to pray outdoors. Still others opt for the prayerful environment of their parish church. The important thing is to pray each day. If you begin to set aside a definite time for prayer each day during Lent, you soon learn that it influences the rest of your day. And you will want to continue that habit of prayer every day throughout the year.

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for two days of family fun! Our Lady of Guadalupe Church invites you to our annual Parish Festival, Saturday, June 28th from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM and Sunday, June 29th from 12N-6:00 PM. Each day is different! Something for everyone! Experience the delicious and authentic food (Tacos, Enchiladas, Tostadas, Pig Roast), cold beverages, excellent entertainment (Mariachi music, live bands, dancers), a raffle drawing with great prizes and games for the children. Fun for the entire family!!! Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 401 Concord Street, St. Paul (Hwy 52 and Concord Street) 651-228-0506.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

– Mt 10:29-32

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 22
Monday	June 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	June 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	June 25
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	June 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	June 27
Saturday	June 28
Sunday	June 29

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The Psalmist assures us that “the Lord hears the poor.” Often, however, He answers their need through the generous gifts of good stewards. In the Gospel today Jesus tells us: “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed and nothing hidden that will not become known.” May our stewardship of God’s gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day.

Service: Another thanks to all who brought goodies and fruit for the reception last weekend. Special thanks and acknowledgement to those who organized, decorated, prepared, replenished and cleaned up: Diane and Debra Kammerer, Doris and Dave Bisciglia, Mary Riehle, Lu Finnegan, Nicole Johnson, Becky Montgomery, Barb and Rich Kraft, Catherine Fee, Diane and Jack Heitzinger, Shirley and Larry Smith.

Sharing: The four usual methods of contributing: mail, electronic, plate and in-church envelopes totaled \$9,987 last weekend. The large mid-month amount was from a large annual gift of one member family. Thanks to everyone who continues faithful stewardship through the summer.

[It goes without saying—because it’s been said before—but all salaries are paid over 12 months so there continues to be need for consistent donations even when we are gone from the worshipping assembly. That is clearly one of the advantages of electronic giving. If you want to join the 49 other families who use this method of contributing, please call the parish office.]

A couple of additional donations: \$20 in school envelopes; \$7 in food shelf. [“School” envelopes go into the school budget; one-half of all food shelf donations are given to Neighborhood House food shelf; the other half is kept here for “emergency” help when needed.]

Young People’s Stewardship: \$4.00 Thank you!

Festival meeting today [June 22] is in the parish center at 9:00AM. Some folks have stepped forward to lead a few of the activities; more are needed. The weekend of Sept 20/21 is the date. You can help celebrate the feast of Saint Matthew and help all enjoy the sense of community we have.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 22, 2008
 Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: 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
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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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