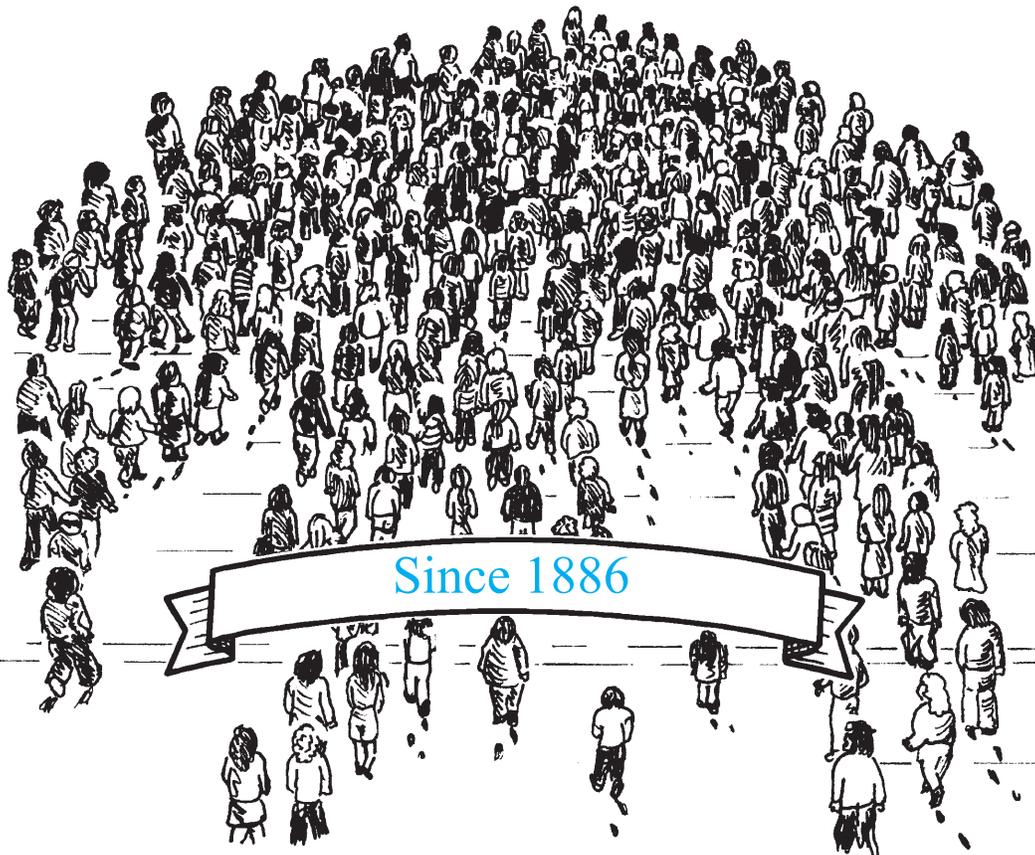


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Fifty years ago, June 1960, the immediate preparation for the Second Vatican Council began. Pope John XXIII had written to each bishop and each major superior of religious orders and asked them to submit what they wanted and expected to be the agenda for the Council. He told them “your suggestions will be most useful in preparing the topics to be discussed at the council. Please offer your ideas with complete freedom and honesty on anything you think should be treated in the council”.

Thus, from the very beginning a spirit of openness and transparency was encouraged and those who would be voting members of the council were actively involved from the get-go in crafting the agenda.

This approach and many others which were characterized by partnership, collaboration, collegiality and inclusivity became known as “the spirit of the council”.

In calling the council three months after being elected Pope, John XXIII expressed the hope that this council would “promote the enlightenment, edification and joy of the entire Christian people; and extend a renewed cordial invitation to the faithful of the separated communities to participate with us in this quest for unity and grace, for which so many souls long in all parts of the world.”

Two remarkable qualities mark these words of John. First, they are positive and uplifting in tone. The work of the council was not to be the condemnation of error or the disciplining of wrong doers. The council was to be an

instrument to enlighten and edify the entire Christian people, not just Roman Catholics. Second, the council would extend a hand of friendship to the other Christian churches without strings attached.

There are those who today deny any reality termed “the spirit of the council”. Yet those of us who are sixty years of age or better can testify from firsthand experience that there was a “spirit” which permeated our Catholic lives at the time, a “spirit” which was rooted in the hope and enthusiasm the council generated. John XXIII spoke of the council as “a new Pentecost” with all the energy and dynamism such an image calls to mind.

The world of 2010 is very different from the world of 1960, yet I cannot help but believe that today we crave also for a spirit of partnership, cooperation, honesty, transparency, collaboration and collegiality. Today we crave also for a spirit of “enlightenment, edification and joy for the entire Christian people” and an invitational spirit “to separated communities to participate with us in a quest for unity and grace.”

Blessed John XXIII, Pray for us.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS



REMINDER OF ASSUMPTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 15...Mass in church at 8:00AM [as well as 5:00PM the evening before]. NO Mass at 10:30 in church; rather, Mass in Cherokee Park beginning at 11:00AM followed by a parish picnic.

FALL FESTIVAL – COMING SOON!

Were back!! Start thinking about our Fall Festival for 2010. We'd like y'all to start thinking about what contribution you can make or do, to make this year's festival an even greater success than 2009....(which was a doozy. Can we top \$20,000?) We feel that with your help, it's possible. Thanks in advance –The Sassy Silver Seniors

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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.

THE WORDS OF PRAYER

Prayer words can float by so quickly. The opening prayer of today's liturgy is a good example. It asks that we might "be like Christ who loved the world and died for our salvation." The alternative opening prayer speaks of Christ's suffering on the cross. It asks God to "help us to embrace the world, that we may transform the darkness of its pain into the life and joy of Easter." When we said "Amen" to either of these prayers, we made them our own. We committed ourselves to what they say. But in the liturgy they rush by so quickly that it's hard to remember what we are saying "amen" to. What are we praying about and for? The more time we take to think about the images, the more we will see in them, and the more of our lives we will bring to our liturgy.

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 27
Monday	June 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	June 29
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	June 30
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 1
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council
Friday	July 2
Saturday	July 3
Sunday	July 4

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, Saint Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."

Sharing Last weekend: \$10,516—with one more weekend in the fiscal year, currently collections are about \$204 per weekend behind the budget [\$10,200 in total]. Thanks for faithful stewardship.

Service: Helped with a family funeral.

Prayer: Daily mass, prayer, rosary, spiritual reading.

Youth: \$7.50, Thank you! They wrote: Cleaned the chicken cage... helped in the garden.

SPECIAL THANKS to the youth and leaders of Peace Lutheran Church, Menominee, WI for the work they did at St. Matt's as part of their urban plunge. The exterior doors have been 'spiffed' up through the efforts of those 13 young people and three leaders. And now, we can direct people to different doors specifically by color.

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 27, 2010

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
 Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
 Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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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

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