

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend the Church embarks on the “Pauline Year” to mark the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Apostle to the Gentiles. The Pauline Year is from June 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 to June 29<sup>th</sup> 2009.

This year’s celebration provides an opportunity for a renewed interest in the life of Saint Paul and a renewed effort at the study of the letters of Saint Paul, which make up so much of the New Testament scriptures.

A profitable way to undertake a reflective study of the life of Saint Paul is found in the prayerful reading of the Acts of the Apostles. This book of the New Testament, authored by the same person who wrote the Gospel According to Luke, provides much information about the life and missionary activity of Paul.

I have been asked by some parish members to offer a scripture study of the Acts of the Apostles in the fall of the year.

This bimillennium celebration also carries importance for us in that Saint Paul is the patron of our city and the patron of our local church, the Church of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

This weekend the Church invites all of us to celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the two most influential figures of that first generation Church.

Peter, the first among equals of the apostles, and Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, have stood for millennia as the primary witnesses to the Risen Lord in the infant church. Their teaching and their example continues to be a guidepost for the church of the twenty-first century.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

*He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in  
reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For  
flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but  
my heavenly Father.”*

– Mt 16:15-17

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001,  
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### FOURTH OF JULY

Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Friday, July 4, 2008. The Parish office, School office, Child Care and KLT will be closed. Happy 4th!

### THE SAINT IN THE GARDEN

Some have asked who is represented by the statue in the church garden. In the midst of the roses stands St. Fiacre, the patron saint of gardeners. Born in Ireland in the 7th century, he learned about the healing properties of plants and herbs while in the monastery. He left for France, and was told by the bishop that he could have as much land for his healing garden as he could till in a day. He became renowned for his healing powers, even after his death in 670 A.D. He is always pictured with a spade. He is also the patron saint of taxi drivers. The connection arose from the fact that the Hotel de Saint Fiacre in Paris rented carriages. People who had no idea who Fiacre was referred to the small hackney coaches as “Fiacre cabs”, and eventually as “fiacres.” Similarly, Viennese horse-drawn buggies are referred to as *Fiaker*. His feast day is August 30th.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LABELS, LABELS, LABELS, LABELS, LABELS

A QUICK UPDATE ON OUR CAMPBELLS SOUP LABEL COLLECTION! WE HAVE A FRIEND OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY THAT HAS AGREED TO OVERSEE THE SORTING, CUTTING AND PACKAGING OF OUR CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS. MRS. ELIZABETH CARTER, JEANNES 90+ YEAR OLD MOM IS OUR GAL. MRS. CARTER HAS SOME TIME ON HER HANDS AND LOVES TO BE KEPT BUSY. WITH THIS BEING SAID SHE HAS CUT, SORTED AND PACKAGED 2,907 LABELS FOR OUR SCHOOL! THIS IS A GIFT TO NOT ONLY ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY BUT A GIFT TO MRS. CARTER AND JEANNE. PLEASE HELP KEEP MRS. CARTER BUSY. SAVE, SAVE, SAVE THOSE LABELS. THEY CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH CENTER, DEPOSITED IN THE CONTAINER AT CHURCH NEAR THE FRONT DOOR OR BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. JEANNNE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS PROJECT FOR HER MOM. IT KEEPS HER MIND SHARP AND GIVES HER A SENSE OF HELPING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON THE NUMBERS AS THEY COME IN. THANKS FOR SAVING!!!!

ISAIAH

A little over a year ago St. Matthew's began a trial membership in the ISAIAH organization. After some review, we came to the decision not to continue membership with ISAIAH, as it did not seem that continuing membership would benefit St. Matthew's the way we hoped. One of the good things that came out of our trial membership in ISAIAH was a successful parish inreach. We were able to talk to many members of the parish about St. Matthew's and it's ministries. The results of that inreach were presented to the Parish Council, and were used as part of their work on long range planning and incorporated into the goals that were presented to the parish in May. Thank you very much to everyone who was involved in the Parish inreach and to the people who were involved in other ISAIAH activities.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 29, 2008

Sunday: 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  
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22  
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29  
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17  
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 29</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 30</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 1</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 2</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 3</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 4</b>
9:00 AM, MC	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 5</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 6</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

Each us should remember that by being a member of the Sunday assembly we are—by that act—a minister of hospitality. What do we do to offer hospitality and welcome to all who come? Are our actions ones which invite or inhibit?

Sharing Last weekend [the 52<sup>nd</sup> of the fiscal year] the amount from stewardship was \$8,300. Thank you to each person who used the plate, the envelope in church, the envelope in the mail, or the electronic means. This Sunday is a bonus 53<sup>rd</sup> one for this fiscal year. We actually count the "banking Mondays"—but there are 53 of these as well. [The next time this will occur is 2013—2014]. [But it's not really a bonus because we budgeted for that many Sundays!]

Additional monies: \$138 in school envelopes; \$80 for disaster relief; \$9 for the communications campaign; \$8 for the food shelf; \$10 in holyday envelopes. Thanks to each contributor for the dollars given: they will be funneled to the appropriate recipient.

Young people's stewardship: \$4.00 Thank you! They wrote: went to bible camp.

Stewardship of resources: Because of the engineering wisdom of a previous maintenance engineer we have the ability to air-condition the worship space [we can't get the space down to 65 degrees, but we can make it somewhat comfortable].

We are conscious of the rising cost of energy. We will use the air-conditioning prudently. Thank you for being a bit uncomfortable at times; we'll make those times very few. [And we'll get that ceiling fan repaired so it can be used without being a total auditory distraction.]

Future date: The annual Saint Matthew's Assumption Mass in Cherokee Park. This year it will be on the vigil of Assumption—August 14. The rest of the details are as in previous years: the Men's Club will be supplying burgers, brats, dogs and buns. Please bring a dish [filled] for the potluck supper. Mass will begin at 6:00PM.

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

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