

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Next Sunday, June 15th marks the thirtieth anniversary of my arrival as pastor at the Church of Saint Matthew. Little did I realize on that Monday noon that I would spend the next 30 years as a member of the Saint Matt's community and as a West Sider – although one has to reside here for at least 30 years to be called a “true West Sider”.

My college and graduate school seminary years were forged in the throws and aftermath of Vatican council II – 1960-1968. Nothing so formed me or influenced me as did the Second Vatican Council and the example and personality of Pope John XXIII.

It was with that mind and heart that I arrived on the door step of Saint Matthew's at 12:00 noon on Monday, June 15th, 1978.

As I recall these 30 years a bazillion snap shots flood my memory, and each of those snaps carries a story. Jesus tells the disciples at the end of the story of the multiplication of loaves and fishes to “gather up the fragments, so that nothing may be lost”.

The following are some of the fragments:

I have rarely if ever celebrated the liturgy without preparing a reflection on the Word of God; sometimes two or three different reflections for a given Sunday. In 30 years I have preached the Sunday three-year-cycle lectionary 10 times and the weekday two-year-cycle lectionary 15 times. This opportunity has been a singular blessing for me. For all of us may the Word of God always be a “lamp for our steps and a light for our path.”

Our neighborhood is a vibrant, active, dynamic place to live and work. It rocks and rolls, it quivers and shakes. West Siders have a fierce pride and deep loyalty. Our neighborhood cares about its citizens; and the Spirit of the Living God calls all of us to be our sister and brother's keeper. Saint Matthew's is a vital part of that spirit and plays a pivotal role in community life. We truly are the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

Mostly I am proud of young people, students, children and adolescents and young adults. They are the hope for tomorrow and in them we make the investment of today. For 30 years I have been blessed to share in the lives of thousands of young

people. I have been challenged by them, excited by them; and I have had the privilege of playing a part in their lives. I meet some almost daily, some I have not seen in years or decades; I am always delighted at the fact that they remember me, and I am oh so proud of them.

A disciple of Jesus and a discipling community reflects the inclusive love of God, all of this in the image and manner of Jesus. Saint Matthew's is such a community and I am proud and blessed to be a part of our community of disciples. We open our doors wide, we create space and opportunity for all, especially the “least and most vulnerable”; we strive to live a “preferential option for the poor.”

Vatican II taught us anew that we are a Pilgrim People and a Servant Church; it challenged pastors to exercise a “servant leadership”. Saint Matthew's has made that possible for me.

A pastor is to gather a community in prayer and worship, proclaim and break apart the Word of God, nurture and nourish a community to become ever more “people of the Book and people of the Cup.”

A pastor is to stand with a community in the daily life of society; to proclaim and live the truth that “the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these too are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

A pastor is a teacher and mentor, especially of the young.

A pastor is an evangelizer and is charged to seek out and welcome those who struggle and cry out for the gracious love of God.

I have not done all of this well, but I am deeply grateful that Saint Matthew has given me to opportunity to work it. If I do it long enough; I might get it right.

Thank you.



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

ST. MATTHEW'S STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Matthew's Home and School presented their annual scholarships for middle school students. Congratulations to Sheala Osborne, Nicole Brown and Heyli Howard. Recipients of the Tom Cullen/Pastor Scholarship are Sam Sontoya and Zach Wenner, both will be attending Cretin-Derham Hall next year. Sam Sontoya also received the Nilles Grant from the Catholic Community Foundation. Zach Wenner and Nathan Delmont received the Skipper-Slawik Grant also from the Catholic Community Foundation. Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FOOD SERVICE AT SAINT MATTHEW'S

Alice Schletty began working in the kitchen as part of the food service team more than 18 years ago. For the past 10+ she has been the sole director. Alice plans to direct the kitchen and all the food service efforts for one more year. We are deeply indebted to her for delicious meals prepared on site by the wonderful workers whom she supervises. We appreciate the hours that Alice has spent both in the kitchen, in her storeroom office, and at home doing all the things necessary to produce a successful food program. Are you interested in interning this next year, and directing the program thereafter? If so, or if you have questions, please call John Riehle at the parish center.

BENEFIT FOR NICK BAKER

Sunday, June 8th from 1-5 PM there is a benefit for parishioner Nick Baker at St. Croix Lutheran High School (former Brady High School). Nick is undergoing chemotherapy. He and his wife Holly have a two year old son and are expecting a second child in July.

SAINT MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ALUMS

On Monday evening, May 19th Cretin Derham Hall had Honors Night. Each department recognizes seniors for their academic achievement and dedication. Three Saint Matthew's grads were recognized. **Ashton Miller** was recognized for AP Environmental Science, **Rachel Goldenstein** for Campus Ministry and **Diana Kessel** for English, Choir and Drama. Diana was also selected to be the class student speaker at the commencement ceremony. **Saint Matthew's School** is a small school. The graduating class of 2004 was 17 students. Ten of those students were accepted at Cretin-Derham Hall. Cretin-Derham Hall graduates 310 seniors this year. Ten of those graduates are Saint Matthew grads; four of our grads will graduate Cretin-Derham with honors. St Matt's grads make up 3% of Cretin-Derham senior class, yet on Honors Night our grads captured more than 10% of the honors. Our students excel, our graduates excel. Small though we are, we provide a superior quality elementary education; the proof of that is found in our graduates!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

This community is blessed with leaders who are willing to break open the Word of God every Sunday for our children. These CLOW leaders are Gloria Deziel, Lisa Klein, Cheryl McNellis, Shannon Morrissey, and Suzanne Steinhauer. Thank you, thank you leaders! Thank you for spending time passing on our faith stories! We are blessed, thank you, thank you. CLOW is on break for the summer, but will start up in the fall. If anyone is interested in assisting in this ministry please call Bonnie Faber at the Parish Office.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new, newly registered, and returning members! The Tuminelly Family, The Baker Family, Sr. Jana Roberts, SSND, Sr. Anna Louise Kemen, SSND, Sr. Germaine Mulcahey, SSND, Sr. Irene Komor, SSND, Kenneth & Shirley Gilberg, Donis Giefer, Anthony Minus, Daniel & Clare McDermott, David & Rayann Davis, Paul & Mary Roscoe, Paul Goers, Mark & Carmen Cortez, The Butler Family, The Smith Family.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by, Kristen, Daryl, Elise, Drew and Dane Johnson - thanks to the Johnson Family for their good work. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 8
Ministry Fair	
Monday	June 9
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	EAC Meeting
Tuesday	June 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Home & School Mtg.
Wednesday	June 11
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club
Thursday	June 12
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	June 13
Saturday	June 14
After Mass	Fr. Steve's 30th Anniversary
Sunday	June 15
After each Mass	Fr. Steve's 30th Anniversary

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus saw a man named Matthew and said: "Follow me." Matthew followed without counting the cost.

When we hear the call to follow, how talented are we at finding excuses not to follow, at least not at that moment. Yet, Jesus relies on us to be the "preachers;" to put all our time, talent, and treasure at His disposal.

Prayer: Beside the wonderful testimony of regular, daily prayer: one hour of adoration on first Friday; "extra" spiritual reading; prayers for a friend who died; a weekend retreat; prayers for a neighbor.

Service: Thanks to all those who "produced" the reception brunch for the 8th grade graduates: the men's club cooks and grillers; the school moms and students who worked in the kitchen and in the social hall. The brunch was nice, simple, tasty, and filling. Again: thank you.

Sharing Last weekend: \$8,524 was given. Thank you. Year to date we are \$8,674 behind last year at the same time.

Other money given: \$1,004 in school collection; \$969 for Romanian Orphans [the profit from the fish fry]; \$20 for Global solidarity; \$20 for the Missions and \$5 for the food shelf.

Young People's Stewardship: \$4.00 Thank you! They wrote: Said mealtime prayers, helped my little cousin play, visited Wilder.

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.

Father Steve's 30th anniversary of pastorate here—next weekend. We'll observe in two different ways: during Mass we'll have a prayer and song of blessing for Father Steve; after Mass there will be some food and drink in the social hall after each Mass. [We're "potlucking" the food—please sign up at the Scrip table]

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 8, 2008
 Sunday: Hos 6:3-6/Rom 4:18-25/Mt 9:9-13
 Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37
 Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

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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