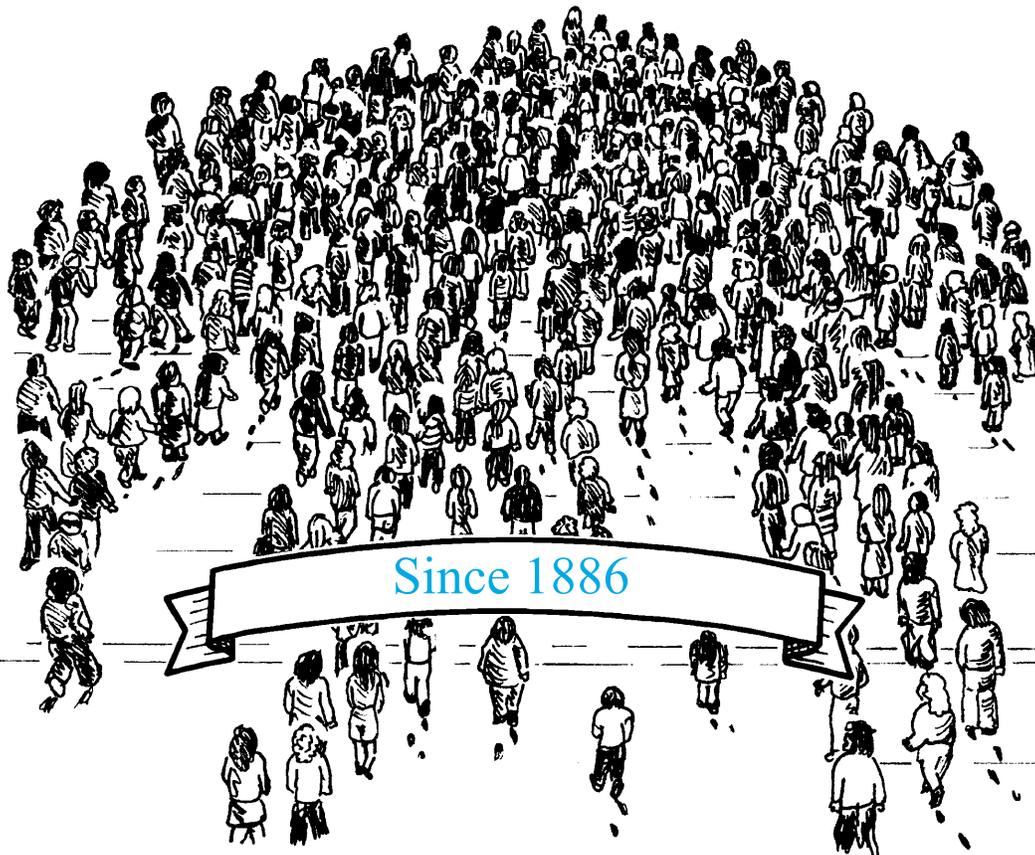


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

As the Archdiocese seeks to plan for the future each parish has been asked to review its profile of ministry and service, and to share this information with parish members, community institutions and neighboring parishes.

The following are some facts about Saint Matthew Parish:

Saint Matthew's was founded in 1886 as a German National Parish. Over the years the demographics of the neighborhood have changed and so has the parish membership. Currently there are about 850 households registered as members of Saint Matthew's, although there are many people who regularly worship at Saint Matthew's who are not registered. Registered parish members live in many zip codes in both Ramsey and Dakota Counties.

The average church attendance on Saturday evening and Sunday morning is about 800 people. This represents about 35% of the parish. This percentage is average for Catholic participation in Sunday worship throughout the country.

There are about 60 parish and former parish members who are brought to burial annually. The majority of these funerals take place in the church or chapel; some of them take place in local funeral homes.

There are about 70 baptisms annually at Saint Matthew's.

There are about 8 weddings annually at Saint Matthew's. The number of Catholic Church weddings is drastically

down nationally. Many couples are choosing to get married in a non-church setting.

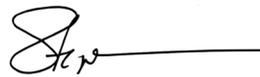
About 45 children are prepared and receive First Communion annually during the Easter Season. About 25 young people are prepared and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation annually. About 25 young people are prepared and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation annually.

The enrollment in Saint Matthew's School for this school year is 192. This is a 40% increase in enrollment from school year 2007-2008. About 90 students participate in the elementary and junior high parish religious education program.

Saint Matthew's Child Care/Pre-school/Pre-Kindergarten program serves 22 children. KLT serves community children with before and after school care, as well as full day programs on non-school days and during vacations.

Saint Matthew's is in partnership with and houses a number of ministries which harmonize with our parish mission: Casa Guadalupana, Loaves and Fishes, East Side Learning Center, Catholic Charities Saint Paul Hispanic Outreach, Saint Mary's Clinic.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

A group of young people from our parish will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 4:00 PM in the Church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

COFFEE SUNDAY

This week Coffee Sunday is hosted by Saint Matthew's Liturgy Committee. Come down to the social hall after both masses to enjoy coffee, pastries, and fellowship.

ST. MATTHEW'S FISH FRY!!

Invite you family, neighbors, friends, co-workers. Every Friday February 19 through March 26 from 4:30-7:30 pm. Coordinated by the St. Matthew's Men's Club and our co-sponsors, Home & School; Boy, Cub, and Girl Scouts; Rosary Society; Street Children of Bucharest, and Casa Guadalupana. Flyers, for posting, and volunteer information, we can always use some help, are available at the Scrip table. Questions? Tim Nowak 612-269-9471.

DID YOU KNOW ---

March is Food Campaign month for neighborhood House. Their goal is to collect 160,000 pounds of food during this campaign. Each week donations are brought from St Matt's to Neighborhood House. Please help us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. Thanks from St Matthew's Food Shelf Ministry

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

On Thursday March 18th, we will be having a New Family Information Night in the school from 6:30-8:00 PM. This open house is designed to introduce new families to our school. If you know a family that may be interested, please invite them to the open house. If March 18 doesn't work, have them contact us, visit the school, or join you in a visit of the school. We are happy to schedule tours at any time of the day. Registration for new families for the 2010-2011 school year begins on Monday, March 15, there are openings in most grade levels, we have had wait lists for several grade levels the past two years, so register early. Call the school office at 651-224-6912 for more information about registration or the open house.

Lent 2010
Church of Saint Matthew
490 Hall Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-224-9793

Sundays of Lent
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 pm

Lent Weekday Masses
Monday: 6:45 am
Tuesday through Thursday
6:45 am & 12:10 pm
Friday
6:45 am & 5:15 pm

Stations of the Cross
Monday: 7:00 pm

Confessions
Tuesday: 7:10 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTION

Pastoral Council selection process will be completed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Parishioners are invited to enter the discernment process, or to suggest the names of others who should be invited [current council members will do the inviting]. Contact any one of the council members or call the parish office for more information.



THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 4:00 PM, MC	March 14 Confirmation Class
Monday 6:45 AM, CH 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, MC	March 15 Mass Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 6:45 AM, CH 12:10 PM, CH 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	March 16 Mass Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 6:45 AM, CH 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 12:10 PM, CH 2:45 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 6:00 PM, SC 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	March 17 Mass St. Mary's Clinic Mass Children's Choir Loaves and Fishes Home and School Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
Thursday 6:45 AM, CH 12:10 PM, CH 3:00 PM, SH	March 18 Mass Mass Loaves and Fishes
Friday 6:45 AM, CH 4:30-7:30 PM, SH 5:15 PM, MC	March 19 Mass Lenten Fish Fry Mass
Saturday	March 20
Sunday	March 21

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

Sharing: Last weekend [1st of the month which included the 5th of the month [large amount of electronic giving] \$11,901 was given. Thank you to folks who gave in any one of the four methods. The year-to-date total: \$334,269 is \$5,781 behind budget...a mere \$161 per week.

Other dollars: \$915 in school envelopes and plate; \$15 for the food shelf; \$10 to help with fuel bills [we have \$15,000 due to Xcel for February!]. Thank you.

Service: Choir practice... singing at mass... grocery shopping for elderly... volunteer at church office... money counter... helped at the fish fry... visiting homebound with Eucharist.

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

Children/Youth: \$7.00, Thank you! They wrote: cleaned room... cleaned rabbit cage.

Parish mailing: was sent this past week. There are a number of things contained: a statement of giving for the first two weeks of the year [which contains the pledge for 2010]—please check both pledge and giving for accuracy. Also in the mailing: a) schedule for end of Lent and Holy Week; remember Father Steve's challenge to bring someone with you to services; b) 'flower form'—if you would like to donate in memory or honor of someone—for the flowers and decorations during the Easter season—the form will not be stuffed in the bulletin; c) an Easter offering envelope; d) notice about the parish Mass and picnic in Cherokee Park on August 15.

If you have any questions, please call someone at the parish office.

2009 giving statement: will be mailed [you can pick up?] at your request. Please call the parish office.

Celebration of forgiveness: will be at 2:00PM on Palm Sunday afternoon: March 28. Our community has prayed this prayer, though not sacramental, before Christmas and Easter. It is one good way to prepare for Holiest of weeks. The sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Tuesday mornings and Saturday afternoons [and at other times during Holy Week]. As well, Father Steve is available by appointment for this sacrament.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Fax.....651-228-9448
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Web site: st-matts.org
 Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation..... *Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Donna Jenniges*
 Parish Engineer *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Prayer line 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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*

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
Connie Aligada	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	David Burrows