

The Community of St. Matthew

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



FIFTH SUNDAY *of* LENT
ETERNAL LIFE

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

On June 5, 2009 Saint Matthew Child Care will cease offering infant care and as of September 3, 2009 Saint Matthew Child Care will no longer offer toddler care.

Even though the Minnesota business community has lobbied hard for quality early childhood care and early childhood education as a significant step to advance student readiness and success in school; over the years there have been substantial reductions in government funds to assist low income families obtain pre-kindergarten and child care for their youngsters. This has greatly affected enrollment at our center.

Over the years the parish subsidized the child care center so that low income families could have this service. Now our parish resources no longer allow us to continue subsidizing the center.

We shall continue to offer a full preschool care program and in September will again offer a strong Pre-Kindergarten program. (7 newly registered students for Saint Matthew's Kindergarten 2009-2010 come from our current Pre-Kindergarten program).

Saint Matthew's commitment to children and

families has not diminished. Economic conditions and unwillingness on the part of government to provide sufficient funds for early childhood education make it necessary for us to restructure our services and seek new and strong ways of continuing this commitment.

I am saddened that we can no longer provide service in the way we have for more than twenty years; at the same time I am optimistic and enthusiastic about seeking new ways to serve children and families in changing times.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION-THANK YOU!

On Sunday, March 22 Father Steve celebrated first reconciliation with 18 students from St. Matthew's School and the Religious Education Program. Students and their families enjoyed a potluck dinner after the prayer service celebration. Special thanks go out to Shelly McMonigal for providing the music for the service and the Men's Club for providing the soda.

NOTICE: CHANGE IN LOCATION

Knights of Columbus Fr. Lucien Galtier Council no. 4184. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM at St. Joseph's great room. If you would like to join KoC call Joe Stevens 651-224-8270.

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee hours after both Sunday masses are hosted and served by Maureen Gitlin, Stella Lundquist, Judy Denardo and Jan Phillips from Temple of Aaron in St. Paul in support of The Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning which is sponsored in part by the University of St. Thomas and exists to foster Jewish-Christian relations and has recently expanded its mission to promote interfaith learning and friendship among people of various religions. Karen Schierman, Asst. Director of the Center will be helping out too. Kamish Bread, Challah (Sabbath) bread and other treats will be served. All are invited to the Social Hall to learn more about the Center's work at find out about upcoming events. Thanks to all who supported last week's C4aC benefiting St. Matt's Hot Lunch Program. \$53.00 was raised and thanks to Joan, Molly and Adam Lannon for helping too.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Community of Saint Matthew
Parish Pastoral Council
Agenda - April 2, 2009

Facilitator: Becky Montgomery

6:45 to 7:00 pm Reflection

7:00 pm Business Meeting

- I. Public Comments
- II. Consensus on Agenda
- III. Consensus regarding Minutes
- IV. Committee/Task Force Reports
 - A. Outreach
 - Family Fun Nights
 - Coffee for a Cause in May
 - Casa Guadalupana
 - B. Liturgy/Spirituality
 - C. Education/Formation
- V. Parish Ministerial Fair
 - Date (Fall, 2009)
- VI. Discernment Process
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Items for Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

"As I have done, so you must do."

Everyone will be invited to participate in the foot washing ritual this Holy Thursday. As a parish we want to build on the power and meaning of the symbolic "12" that have participated in the past. To witness this ritual is significant itself. To join in the action is to open ourselves to a deeper sense of the command of Jesus to do as he did.

Several stations will be set up for the ritual on Holy Thursday. You will be invited forward to have your feet washed. You will then be invited to wash the feet of the next person in an act of humble service. We present ourselves; young and old, broken and whole, joy-filled and struggling, all members of the body of Christ, called to be Christ to each other.

Watching the ritual likely changes us in a moving, faithful way. Participating invites all of us to a deeper experience of Jesus command, "As I have done, so you must do."

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

Unlike other collections throughout the church year, on this holy night we take up a collection that is strictly for the poor. Like last year, we are offering food items as well as money for the poor. We are asking that the worshipping assembly keep their gifts of food and money with them at their seat until it is time to present their gifts at the altar **during preparation**. There will be a basket present for collecting your gifts of money—your Lenten alms; as well as a designated place in the sanctuary to leave items for our area food shelf. Assistance will be available for those who need help bringing their gifts forward. **Our Eucharist is not complete when our neighbor's table is empty.**

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	March 29
Monday	March 30
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	March 31
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Committee meeting
Wednesday	April 1
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
12:10 PM, CH	Mass
5:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	April 2
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
12:10 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council mtg.
Friday	April 3
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
4:30-7:30 PM, SH	Fish Fry
5:15 PM, MC	Mass
Saturday	April 4
Sunday	April 5

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am there will my servant be.” In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asked of me?

[For Cycle A—RCIA process]: When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded: “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Every aspect of our lives—our sufferings as well as our gifts—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

Sharing: Last weekend’s stewardship amount: \$8395 was from the four usual routes; plate donations at Mass; envelopes; electronic; and surface mail. Thanks to each user, each steward. Year to date is \$15,191 behind the yearly budget; however, the comparison to last year improved by \$650. Thank you.

Additional monies were few: \$180 in school envelopes; \$165 for the food shelf. Also: thanks to the Girl Scouts for the \$100 for the food service program and thanks to the Men’s Club for doing Coffee for a Cause and giving \$53 to the food service program.

Service: visited the sick; made [sewing, knitting, crocheting] baby items for newborns in need: “bundles of love.” As well, thanks to Colleen, one of our techie parishioners who is helping adapt the parish software program for use with Alums and Friends, including generating the mailing list for the newsletter.

Prayer: attended daily morning mass, attended stations of the Cross, did daily spiritual reading, rosary, spent hours in prayer.

Young People’s Stewardship: \$8.50 Thank you! They wrote: Meal prayers... babysat little cousin... laundry.

Another invitation to all practicing stewards: membership in and service to the community is not a private affair—you are invited to use your envelope to record stewardship beyond dollars. The examples can be both example and invitation.

Fall Festival: Meeting at 6:30PM on April 1. Come and help, offer your input, etc.

Parish pastoral council is seeking new membership and leadership. Whom do you know who should be invited into the discernment process? Please call the parish office, members will do the asking.

2009 Catholic Services Appeal—remember: 25% is returned to parish use and there will be follow-up phoning. Now is the time to respond.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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 Prayerline 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

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 Connie Aligada Anthony Minus
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