

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are unwilling to move your feet.

Sometimes when we pray it is almost as if we expect that God will do all that is necessary for us to have a sought after result.

In so many cases, all that is needed has already been given by God; all that remains is for us to use and act on what we have received. To acknowledge that God has endowed each of us with so many gifts and to graciously use those gifts for our good and the good of our neighbor is our willingness to move our feet.

During the Season of Easter, leading up to the feast of Pentecost, the Church puts before us passages from the scriptures which highlight the work of the Holy Spirit in guiding a young community of believers – the Church of the Acts of the Apostles.

The Acts of the Apostles can teach the church universal as well as the local church many things about how the Holy Spirit leads and guides.

The Holy Spirit often opens doors to something new. So many times in the Acts of the Apostles the young Church is challenged to expand its vision, to step beyond what is comfortable and familiar and to trust that by placing one's faith and confidence in Jesus the impossible becomes possible.

The Holy Spirit prompts the church to be inclusive rather than exclusive. The fundamental conflict present

in the lives of those early converts from Judaism was the realization that Christianity was far more than a new approach to Judaism. The plan of God from the very beginning was to call all peoples into union with Him. In the very beginning of Saint Luke's Gospel, in the story of the presentation in the temple, Jesus is called "a light of revelation to the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel."

The Holy Spirit achieves a unity of believers in the midst of a diversity of practice and culture. Long before the formulation of creeds by church councils the early church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, revealed the central act of faith by which all disciples of Jesus were to be united – "This Jesus of Nazareth, a man accredited to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders and signs, was deliver up and killed. But God raised him up and made him both Lord and Messiah." It is this unity of faith that bound that early community of disciples – Jews and Greeks, slaves and free, women and men.

The Holy Spirit brings to us the courage to move, the grace to act, the power to live – but we must be willing to lift our own feet.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee hours after both Sunday masses are hosted and served by Kim Anderson, staff and friends of Casa Guadalupana, a non-profit corporation that provides transitional housing for immigrant community members working toward self-sufficiency. Casa Guadalupana has answered Dorothy Day's call to provide a place of dignity for every person, regardless of their situation. Come on down to the Social Hall where hot coffee and good things to eat are offered and a chance to learn about the good work of Casa Guadalupana.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Rosary Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. **Note: time change.** We will begin in the Chapel with rosary, benediction and installation of the new officers. The meeting will then follow in the church hall. This is the last meeting for the 2008/2009 year.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM PAT PALMER

Thanks to all our dear friends and parishioners at St. Matthew's. Your prayers and good wishes were a great comfort at the time of Tony's death. Since then, during these weeks of my recuperation, those same prayers plus the many cards of support have been life giving to me. I hope to be back worshipping with you at St. Matthew's soon. Hopefully by the end of June. Again, much love and thanks, and I miss you all. Pat Palmer

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you St. Matthew's Parishioners for your generosity for the Tootsie Roll Drive. You gave a total of \$775 for the second collection Sunday, April 26th. These funds will go to the Special Olympics and the Dakota's Children Organization. Also a special thank you to the ushers and Knights who helped with the collection. This was sponsored by the West St. Paul Knights of Columbus.

ADOPT A SPACE PROJECT ~ CASA GUADALUPANA

The Parish Council decided to participate in the Casa Guadalupe House of Hospitality Adopt a Space Project. An Ad Hoc Committee currently consisting of 2 Parish Council members and 2 parishioners toured Casa and recommended adopting the foyer and staircase plus a guest bedroom. Both spaces need cosmetic work such as painting the walls and refinishing the wood floors. In addition, commercial grade carpet is needed for the stairs and linens and curtains for the guest bedroom. Parishioners are invited to help with the painting and furnishing of the guest bedroom. A second collection will be taken during the Masses the weekend of May 16 and 17 and the funds raised will be used for the floor refinishing and carpet. Please support this effort to make Casa a welcoming space for families in need. Thank you.

4 MORE HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!!!!

Use your tax refund to help a child. We are only looking for 4 more families! Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10-year or 11-year old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4,000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the program's 35 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities June 30, 2009 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 6, 2009. Please call 651-405-1108 or check out our website at www.cpni.org to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS TUITION ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS

Membership with the Catholic Order of Foresters has opportunities for K-12 Catholic School tuition assistance and future college scholarships. K-12 tuition assistance will be available through the local court and COF main office. June 15th deadline for the 2009 awards. Membership with the Order can simply be a \$15 one time premium. For more information contact Larry Poppler, 651-454-8906 or lpoppler@yahoo.com.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 10
Monday	May 11
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
6:30 PM, SC	EAC Meeting
Tuesday	May 12
9:00 AM, SC	Kindergarten Visit Day
9:00 AM, PC	Alums/Friends
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 13
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Hummingbirds
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club
Thursday	May 14
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
	Science Fair and Spring Concert
Friday	May 15
6:30 PM, SH	Family Fun Night
Saturday	May 16
Sunday	May 17

Abbreviations:

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

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

STEWARDSHIP

The good steward lives the advice of Saint John [Second reading], loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

Sharing Last weekend \$8,956 was given in the usual four ways. Thank you! The to-date total of \$398,059 is \$22,041 behind budget and \$6,043 behind last year at this same time.

Additional money: \$477 for holydays, \$5 for the food shelf, and \$1,218 for the school [the unusually higher amount is probably somewhat attributable to so many alums present--thanks].

Young People's Stewardship: \$3.05 Thank you! They wrote: 1 hour; helped a kid school.

Prayer: Daily rosary and prayers; daily Spiritual reading; daily journaling. [What are your styles and reasons for praying? Would you share those on the stewardship envelope as both modeling and inviting other parishioners?]

Service: Volunteering at Neighborhood House; was a money counter; visited people confined to their homes; phoned people confined to their homes; served at funeral lunches; worked at loaves and fishes.

Reunion Sunday—a great time was had by all. Thanks especially to the kitchen and social hall teams...setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Thanks to Jan and her team: Peter, Samantha, Holly, Daniel, Bridget, Becca, Kathy, Scott, Josie, Stephen, Meghan, JoAnn, Nicole, Jennifer, Hannah, Gabriel and Maggie. Thanks to Connor the being the able photographer for another year.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 10, 2009

- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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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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 Connie Aligada Anthony Minus
 Jason Delmont Chris Stevens
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