

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Sunday, May 17th at 2 pm President Obama will deliver the commencement address to the 2009 graduates of Notre Dame and receive an honorary degree. Since the announcement of President Obama's acceptance of the invitation to deliver the commencement address in March no less than 60 United States Catholic Bishops have protested the invitation and sought to have Father Jenkins, President of Notre Dame, withdraw the invitation.

The following reflections reflect a recent editorial in *America* magazine, the weekly Jesuit journal.

For more than forty years many pro-life activists have adopted a single political strategy to deal with abortion – the overthrow of *Roe v Wade* and a constitutional amendment. Anyone who espouses another strategy to reduce and limit abortions faces fierce opposition and scorn.

For many of these activists it is not adherence to the church's doctrine on the evil of abortion that counts for orthodoxy, but adherence to a particular political agenda.

In the 4th century Saint Augustine in describing a “holier than thou” sect of Christians who sought to root out any one who would not totally embrace their agenda, said: “The clouds roll with thunder, the House of the Lord shall be built throughout the earth, and these frogs sit in their marsh and croak – ‘We are the only Christians!’ ”

The value of human life and the dignity of the human person is a terribly important moral principal of Catholic faith. The insistence in focusing on only one political approach by pro-life activists and some Catholic bishops has squandered the credibility and effectiveness of much of the pro-life movement and the Church's teaching authority.

In politics we must be able to distinguish between authoritative moral principals and legitimate differences in applying principles to public life.

It would be well for the church – clergy and laity – to return to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Paul VI that there are often several ways to achieve and attain the same goals.

Finally it would be well for church leaders to promote Christian charity among Catholics who advocate different political options. The Council declared, “The bonds which unite the faithful are mightier than anything which divides them” (*Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the modern World, No 92*)

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Our St. Matthew's Parish Council hosts Coffee hours after both Sunday masses support of their ongoing Family Fun Night program offering social gathering time for St. Matt's families to enjoy food, fun and fellowship in the Social Hall. The most recent Family Fun Night featured complimentary food and a screening of the movie “Beverly Hills Chihuahua”. Thanks to all who supported last week's C4aC benefiting Casa Guadalupeana. \$112.00 was raised.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

\$50 Cub: Josephine Gaughan; \$50 Rainbow: Barb Benedict; \$50 R. C. Dicks: Jan Steinbrenner; \$50 Applebee's: Joanne Miller; \$60 Cherokee Sirloin: Rita Eldredge; \$60 Joseph's: Onie Payin; \$25 Holiday: Bridget Kane; \$25 Super America: Ann Myran; \$20 Jerabek's: Tami Revier-Acesor; \$20 KFC; Dee Krey; \$20 McDonald's: J. F. Zimmer. Thank you to everyone who helped support the Rosary Society by purchasing tickets.

PARISH COUNCIL

So far, these are the names of the people who are discerning membership on St. Matthew's Parish Council: Karen Thompson, Dean Steinbrenner, Sr. Virginia Bieren. We will pray for these and others who may be considering membership on the council. The drawing by lot will be on the weekend of May 30-31.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

NEW FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR NAMED

Donna Jenniges has been hired as the new director of food service for Saint Matthew's education/formation programs. She takes the position recently held by Alice Schletty who is retiring after working in food service for 19 years. Donna has been working in the Saint Matt's kitchen for thirteen years and has been learning "on the job." She and her husband Kevin [an alum of the school] and family are members of the parish; her sixth child is in the grade school and her grandson is in Child Care. The formal transition will occur in early June. Remember the celebration of thanksgiving for Alice [and for recently retired teacher, Joyce Marxer] after Sunday Masses on June 7.

SUMMER SPLASH WITH THE NOTRE DAMES

The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite moms and daughters to "Splash" into the beginning of summer for a little bonding time on Good Counsel Hill. Summer Splash includes a blend of activities designed to strengthen the mother-daughter connection and provide an inside look at the Sisters' lives. The camp is open to girls completing grade 6-8 and their moms or significant female adult. It begins at 1:00 PM Friday, June 19 and ends at 6:00 PM Saturday, June 20. Highlights include an overnight stay, arts and crafts activities, swimming, BINGO with our senior sisters and prayer in beautiful Good Counsel Chapel. The cost is \$60 per pair. Register online at www.ssndmankato.org or contact Sister Julie Brandt, 507-389-4296 or jbrandt@ssndmankato.org. The deadline to register is June 10.

PORK ROAST AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER AT ST. BERNARD'S

St. Bernard's Catholic Aid Council is hosting a Pork Roast and Sauerkraut Dinner, Saturday, May 23, 2009 from 4:00-7:00 PM at Saint Bernard's Parish Center on Rice and Geranium in St. Paul. Dinner includes: Potatoes, Dumplings, Gravy, Dessert, and Beverage. Bottomless Cup of Coffee. Price for adults: \$8.00, Children 12 and under: \$3.50. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to Saint Bernard's School, plus the Catholic Aid Association will make a matching grant of up to \$1000. Call 651-488-6733 for info.

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 17
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	May 18 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	May 19 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 2:45 PM, MC 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	May 20 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Children's Choir Hummdingers Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	May 21 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	May 22
Saturday	May 23
Sunday	May 24

Abbreviations:

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

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." - Jn 15:10-11

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STEWARDSHIP

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God and for God's people?

Prayer: prayers for an improvement in the economy; for those who have died in war; a day of fasting; spiritual reading; Divine Mercy chaplet; daily rosary and prayers; daily meditation.

Service: volunteered at Neighborhood House; met with my rainbow pal; helped a couple clean their summer screen porch; visited a family member who had hip surgery; took a friend to Mass, to grocery shopping and to lunch.

Sharing: the usual four ways produced \$11,555 last weekend. Thank you. That improved our performance against both budget [-4.7%] and last year [-1.3%] by a bit.

Also received: \$112 in school envelopes; \$5 food shelf; \$53 for holydays. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 17, 2009

- Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Web site: st-matts.org
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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 *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 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*

Becky Montgomery Nicole Johnson
 Connie Aligada Anthony Minus
 Jason Delmont Chris Stevens
 Joyce Osborne David Burrows
 Stephen Adrian