

The Community of St. Matthew

Pentecost



“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

John 14:26

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates an ending and also a beginning. The ending is the final moment of the Church's liturgical observance of the Easter Season. The beginning is the birth of the Church and the infusion of power to transform all of creation.

In His suffering and death, Jesus, transforms violence and death by the power of his love. He is a victim of the hatred and abuse of others and in undergoing his passion he does so for the salvation of others – especially those who were at that moment the source of his suffering “Father, forgive them, they know not what they are doing”.

Before he enters his passion, on the night he was betrayed, he gathers with his disciples and in the course of the Passover Meal takes bread and says “this is my body which will be given up for you”; and taking the cup says “his is my blood poured out for you”. The transforming presence of the cross is at the table. He says “take and eat”, “take and drink”. In the classical Hebrew sense blood, his very “life”, becomes the gift he bestows on his disciples. In their eating and drinking he receives them into himself – they become one body in Christ.

Benedict XVI reminds us “by means of us, the transformed, who have become one body, one spirit that gives life, the entire creation must be transformed. The entire creation must become a “new city” a new paradise, the living dwelling place of God: “God all in all (1Cor 15:28) – thus Paul describes the end of Creation, which must be conformed to the

Eucharist” (Eucharistic Congress Benevento, Italy June 2, 2002).

This cosmic transformation occurs only under the power of the Holy Spirit, within the Pentecostal Church – a church renewed and enlivened. The very work of Jesus – suffering and dying, being raised to life and ascending into glory – becomes active and dynamic with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Thus today we celebrate liturgically the end of our annual observance of the Easter Season; but we celebrate the presence and on-going power of the Holy Spirit within our lives – lives bound together in one body and one spirit through the Eucharist. We celebrate the call to transform all of creation.

For the early church the word “*orthodoxy*” did not mean “right doctrine”, but the authentic adoration and glorification of God – the right relationship with God. Doctrine alone, which does not become life and action is empty. The truth is concrete. Knowledge and action are closely united, as are faith and life. The social teaching of the Church is rooted in the very mystery of Christ and is grounded in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The living out of the Eucharist is directed and illumined in the Church's social teaching.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

Coffee hour this Sunday is served by the Del Vecchio Family. It's the last Coffee Hour until the Fall and everyone is invited to stop by in the Social Hall after both masses for a hot cup of coffee and treats. Thanks to all who helped served past Coffee Hours and to all who came down to visit. See you in September.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADULT CHOIR:

The choir will be taking a much deserved summer break following their music ministry at the 10:30 mass celebrating Pentecost this weekend. Every successful church choir is a combination of talent, love for music, service to the liturgy, faithful preparation, and shared community. St. Matt's choir is clearly a successful choir. Thank you for supporting and enriching the worship experience of the assembly: Carol, Michele, Theresa, Mary, Becca, Anne, Libby, Stephanie, Nicole, Linda, Jane, Cathy, Samantha, Dana D., Rachel, Ralph, Andy, Rich, Larry, Rick, Dennis & Jack. We look forward to your return in the Fall!

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, May 27, 10:30 AM —Zoila Moreno. Please welcome her to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR IN NEED

Every weekend, food is collected at St. Matthew's to help those who are struggling to put food on their table. Some of the groceries are taken by or to parish members on the weekend. The remaining food is taken to the Neighborhood House Food Shelf. We depend on contributions from YOU. Please help by bringing a non-perishable food item as part of the weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. Extra grocery bags are always needed. Thanks from the St Matthew's Food Ministry.

Food shelf facts: how much food has been donated? Do you have a guess? These weights are only for the food brought to Neighborhood House [some is taken by parishioners and those who come by our church]. Since 1990: 31,800 pounds!!! In 2005: 2,028 pounds; 2006: 2,456 pounds; 2007 to date: 1,430. Thanks to all the donors and thanks especially to the ever-faithful committee of transporters. [Be aware of a "push" for foodstuffs near the end of June.]

LEISURE CLUB MEETING

The Leisure Club will meet on Wednesday, June 13 at 1:30 PM. Tickets for the luncheon need to be bought by June 1st. Please call Gayle Stelter at 228-0856 for reservations. Installation of new officers will take place at the June meeting.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of its 150th anniversary, the Church of the Assumption will offer tours of its church and school building, the oldest school building in St. Paul. The tours will be held from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM on Sunday, June 3 and Friday, July 1. Refreshments will be served in the lower church after the tour. There is no charge. The Church of the Assumption was founded in 1856 by German immigrants. Before the establishment of St. Matthew's many of the German immigrants living on the West Side would cross the river to attend church at the Church of the Assumption.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 27, 2007

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 27
10:30 AM, MC	First Communion Celebrated
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	May 28
Parish Office, Child Care, School, KLT Closed	
9:00 AM, MC	Memorial Day Mass
Tuesday	May 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Guitar Group
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Committee
Wednesday	May 30
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	May 31
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	June 1
7:15 AM-5:15 PM CH	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	June 2
5:00 PM, MC	First Communion Celebrated
Sunday	June 3
10:30 AM, MC	St. Matthew's School Eighth Grade Graduation

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

Pentecost celebrates the variety of languages and the variety of gifts. How do I use the gifts of my time in prayer, my time in service to others, my financial resources for the good of the parish and its program, and for the least, the last, and the lost beyond the parish?

What keeps me from being a "Pentecostal" witness...willing to "stand up and be counted?" Because we are members of Christian Catholic Community, our practice of stewardship isn't [shouldn't be] just between me and God. Besides owing the obligation of reporting to the Lord, I owe a report to the community.

Thank you for being a steward, and bearing witness:

Prayer ...morning and evening prayer daily...praying the rosary...14 hours of prayer last week

Service ...giving people rides for errands...driving meals on wheels...washing dishes for a friend... donated platelets...participated in parish music ministry

Sharing...\$8,075 was donated electronically, in envelopes and in the plate. The weekend average is still about \$9,535. As the finance committee prepares the budget for next year the average expected each Sunday will be \$9,500.

Young people's stewardship...\$5.00. Examples of service this week: clear table, picked up toys, helped with the dishes.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
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