

The Community of St. Matthew

Congratulations!



St. Matthew's Graduating Class of 2009

Front Row, L-R: Aliya Rivera, Yariset Rodriguez, Alicia Lopez, Alexis Kramer, Daniel Goldenstein, Leticia Roquemore, Anthony Sontoya **Second Row:** Santana Castillo, Elina Silva-Fuentes, Sophia Enno, Heyli Howard, Wilhelmina Gurley, Estrella Cruz **Third Row:** John Carlo Franco, Joseph Garibay, Jr., Reynaldo Hernandez, Cody Sticha **Back Row:** Santiago Garcia, Christian Ybarra, Tyler Bryant

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

It is graduation season. Dozens of parish young people are graduating this spring from elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities. This is a time of celebrating success and embarking on new ventures.

This Sunday Saint Matthew's School 8th graders graduate completing a strong program of fundamental education which readies them to undertake high school and later college learning opportunities.

Saint Matthew's School is a small school, and I have no desire to see it grow into a "mega school". In our school each student is recognized for his/her talent and ability; each student is helped to achieve excellence in basic learning skills.

Our students go on to high school and college and they succeed, they often achieve top honors in their class, they achieve in outstanding ways.

Emily Kessel is a graduate of Saint Matthew's School, Cretin Dehram Hall High School and now the University of Saint Thomas. Emily is but one of five students of the University of Saint Thomas who have been awarded a Fulbright scholarship in the last fifteen years.

The UST of Saint Thomas website says of Emily:

St. Thomas senior wins prestigious Fulbright grant

A dismal U.S. job market hasn't dampened the spirits of at least one St. Thomas graduating senior.

Communication studies major Emily Kessel recently learned she'll be spending the next year in Korea, courtesy of a prestigious Fulbright grant.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright Program is the nation's flagship international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. The program operates in 155 countries.

Fulbright grant recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

Emily, who was adopted from Korea as an infant and was raised right here on the Westside of St. Paul, jumped at the chance to spend a year teaching in a high school

outside of Seoul, the country's capital city. She'll board a plane at the end of June, meet her host family in early July and get ready to teach English in the country of her birth.

"Last year I did a study-abroad in Korea and did some research on my birth family and on international adoption," Kessel said. "But most of all, I really enjoyed learning about the culture – picking up some of the language and traditions like Korean drumming. So I'm really excited about this."

Leaving her parents, Georgia and Dave Kessel, and her younger sister, Diana, behind in St. Paul, the adventurous Saint Matthew's School and Cretin-Derham Hall graduate also spent two January Terms outside the borders of the U.S. mainland, studying multicultural communication in Hawaii (2007) and theology in Turkey (2009). On campus, she was active in student government, wrote for the student newspaper and served as an international student mentor.

How tough is it to get a Fulbright? "I did five or so drafts of the statement of purpose and the personal statement," Kessel said of her application. "The hardest part of the process was self-discipline to start the process early and stick with it. But it wasn't difficult or anything."

Kessel's advice to other students hoping for a Fulbright? "Just tell yourself that you deserve to apply and just see what happens."

Each year there are stories of Saint Matthew student success and achievement.

The strength of a building depends on a firm foundation; the successful student must have a strong and secure foundation in basic learning skills. Saint Matthew's School provides this foundation – and the proof of our success is found in our graduates.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

Pastor

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR SCHOOL!

Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-7:00 pm, Saturday, June 6th 2009. Adults \$7.00, Children 12 and under \$3.50 . Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad bar Garlic Bread, Milk, Coffee. Take out available. School sponsored Bake Sale. Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Grant They will match up to \$1000.00 Come have dinner, don't cook!! Support our School and have an nice evening out.

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival planning continues...join the fun. 6:30PM on Wednesday, June 3 in the parish center. Bring your ideas and suggestions; come and offer your leadership. Fall Festival Saturday and Sunday the 19th and 20th of September. A "tisket atasket...", time to plan your theme basket. Bring items to the parish center on weekdays, to the church on weekends.

FUNDRAISER AT APPLEBEE'S

Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause! Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to support Theresa Living Center/Caroline Family Services located on the east side of St. Paul; transitional housing programs for homeless women and their children--Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 8-10 AM at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, 1753 Robert Street South, West St. Paul. A breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Tickets cost \$5.00 and may be purchased at the door or call 651-774-5594.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for donating to my Eagle Scout project. I collected over 1500 items which included 400 bars of soap, 300 tooth brushes, 230 tubes of tooth paste and over 150 shampoo and conditioners. There were also dental floss, deodorant and shaving supplies.

The Neighborhood House weighed this and it ended up being over 525 pounds. I also collected \$95 which the Neighborhood House can spend on items for the food shelf. The hygiene product shelf was empty when we walked in and they started putting out the donations immediately.

Thank You
Connor Ward

COFFEE SUNDAY

There is no coffee hour after either Sunday morning masses as a gathering honoring the 2009 graduates of St. Matthew's School is happening in the Social Hall. Congratulations to our 2009 students who take their place in the line of classes throughout the years who have graduated from Matthew's School. Thanks to all who supported Coffee for a Cause on Sunday May 16 benefiting Family Fun Night. \$31.50 was raised. Thanks also to those who supported Coffee for a Cause on Sunday, May 24 benefiting St. Matthew's Church \$43.00 was raised.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 10:30 AM, MC	May 31 8th Grade Graduation
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, XC	June 1 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	June 2 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 7:00 PM, SC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC	June 3 Kindergarten Graduation St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, PC	June 4 Loaves and Fishes Parish Council mtg.
Friday 9:15 AM, MC 7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH	June 5 School Prayer Service Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	June 6
Sunday	June 7

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Saint Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given “for the common good.” What gifts are mine to share? And my sharing of those gifts...?

Sharing \$8,410 was given by envelope uses, envelope mailers, electronic givers and plate users. Thank you. Year-to-date total is \$425,691; that is about \$23,300 less than the budget.

Additional contributions: \$400 for Ascension; \$75 for Catholic Communications; \$5 for the food shelf.

A record of contributions for the first five months of the year will be this coming week. We thank you for each of those contributions. The record indicates the amount we have credited to you; please check it for accuracy. Please report any discrepancies to the office.

Global Solidarity Sunday collection will be in two weeks—June 13/14. Envelopes—and some information brochures—will be available next week [there are none in the regular packets]. The Center for Mission in this archdiocese has combined four previously separate collections: Catholic Relief Services; Aid to Church in Central/Easter Europe; for the Church in Latin America; and for the Church in Africa. This collection was first taken last year and will be taken each year on the feast of Corpus Christi [the Body and Blood of the Lord].

Retirement Party: Don't forget to come to the social hall after next Sunday's Masses to honor and thank both Joyce Marxer [31 years as teacher and principal] and Alice Schletty [19 years in the kitchen and leading food service].

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 31, 2009

- 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 Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15
- Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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