

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

After the first of the year a number of conversations took place between the Vicar General, the Archbishop's Chief of Staff, and Jerry Sexton, then John Riehle and then with me.

In these conversations he encouraged us to seriously consider a campaign to build our parish educational endowment.

I invited a number of people – parish members and others – to consider this possibility.

A strong educational endowment would allow Saint Matthew's to have a further annual source of revenue to support the operating budgets of our educational programs—Religious Education, Child Care, Day School, Pre-school, KLT – before and after school programs.

Are there Catholic and non-Catholic donors in the Twin Cities for whom inner urban education is a passion, and who would see Saint Matt's and her mission as a place to invest? Are there foundations – corporate and family – Catholic and non-Catholic who would be our partners in being the Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi?

As a result of conversations, and with the help of the Catholic Community Foundation, I invited Advancement Partners, Inc to undertake a feasibility study.

Advancement Partners has done work for Visitation

Convent, Hill Murray; and is presently doing work for Totino Grace. Their specialty is development for Catholic schools.

From mid-May to early June a limited number of parish and community people will be invited to spend 30 to 45 minutes in a one-to-one meeting with Jeff Strine of Advancement Partners to share their thoughts about Saint Matthew's, our programs for children and our aspirations. Are there people you think should be included in these interviews? If so, please call me and let me know – 651-224-9793.

I truly believe that there are Catholic and non-Catholic individuals and foundations in the Twin Cities who share our vision and are willing to help us strengthen our ministries. I believe there are Twin Cities people who would be willing partners with us and share the joy of being the Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ROSARY SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Get your lucky tickets in now! You may win breakfast for Mother's Day. Tickets need to be in the Church office by Monday am May 5 for the afternoon drawing.

PARISH FESTIVAL

Festival dates are September 20/21 this year-a bit more than 4 months away. The first planning meeting will be Monday evening, May 12 in the parish center at 7:00 PM. Come, bring your ideas, suggestions and enthusiasm.

DISCERNMENT FOR NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

David Burrows, Anthony Minus, Joyce Osborne, John Sekevitch and Chris Stevens are in the final process of discernment for membership on the Parish Council. The selection will take place on the weekend of Pentecost, May 10-11. Kindly include these five persons in your prayers.

MINISTRY SCHEDULING

It's time to prepare the summer schedule. This schedule will cover from Saturday May 31 [the weekend after Memorial Day] through Sunday August 31 [the weekend before Labor Day]. All scheduling requests need to be in by 5:00 pm Wednesday May 7th. Please either call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail GBD1252@comcast.net. If you would like to become a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Gift Bearer or Sacristan please contact us using the information above and someone will get back to you.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 3, 5:00 PM - Diamante Jorge-Salgado. Sunday, May 4, 10:30 AM - Joseph Gimberlin. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

\$ 800 COLLECTED FROM TOOTSIE ROLL SUNDAY

Thank you St. Matthew's parishioners for your generosity last Sunday. We collected \$800 from all the masses. We will consolidate the funds that we have collected from St. Matthew's with the funds collected from St. Joseph's, St. Michael's, and Holy Family. Then we will present checks to Dakota's Children and the Special Olympics Committee. Dakota's Children has several group homes for intellectually challenged people. The Knights of Columbus sponsors a Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in the fall. Children and young adults come from all over the state to compete.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for another season. This year we know our work week early enough for everyone to work it into their summer schedule. We will be working July 14 through 18 at Van Cleve Court in Minneapolis. The only requirement is a willingness to be a good steward. Either catch me after church or call me at 651-222-2867. Ginny

THANK YOU!

The residents at 508 Humboldt would like to thank St. Matthew's parishioners for supporting their Garage Sale and Spring Festival. Many of our parishioners attended and it was greatly appreciated!

VESPERS-RECEPTION FOR BISHOP RICHARD PATES

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt and Archbishop Harry J. Flynn and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis extend an invitation to a Vespers service on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. 7:00 PM Vespers, 7:45 PM-9:15 PM Reception.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 4 Reunion Sunday
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	May 5 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, SC	May 6 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Troop mtg.
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	May 7 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes HummDingers Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, SC	May 8 Loaves and Fishes School Science Fair School Spring Concert
Friday	May 9
Saturday	May 10
Sunday	May 11 Pentecost

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The call to be a faithful steward asks for response in faith and action. It would be so much easier if we knew when the Lord was going to return; alas, we do not: "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father as set..." But with the eyes of our heart enlightened we may the hope to which we have been called and what are the riches of the inheritance we have with the saints. [A great reward for a life of faithful service.]

Prayer and Service [Time and talent] Will you include the time in prayer each week? Will you include the kind and amount of service that you've given? If you don't put money in each week, will you still use the envelope to record prayer and service?

At first blush that seems like bragging and so un-Christian; it isn't. Rather, it's one of the ways of being a member of the community: being honest in admitting how we use gifts of time and talent we have from God; and it is being a model—giving examples that others can follow.

Service Special thanks to Jan Casillas for cooking and to the middle-schoolers for serving the brunch for Reunion Sunday.

Sharing Last weekend: \$9816 was deposited from envelopes [both mailed and brought to church], the plate [both parishioners and visitors], and electronic [both weekly and monthly]. Thank you for each act of stewardship whichever the avenue of contribution. The actually amount is about \$13,000 behind the budget and about \$10,000 behind the actual last year.

Young People's Stewardship: \$5.45 Thank you! They wrote: Helped put away groceries, helped an elderly neighbor, set the table, helped in the kitchen, prayed at meals.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 4, 2008
 Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
 Next 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/Jn

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... Father Stephen Adrian
 Deacon..... Rev. John Murphy
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy Bonnie Faber
 Dir. Child Care..... Shar LaVelle
 Dir. KLT Kids Cherri Trapp
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... Maureen Gitlin
 Bookkeeper Cindy Hoffman
 Administrative Assistant Nicole Johnson
 Dir. Food Service Alice Schletty
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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 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

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Joyce Osborne	Stephen Adrian