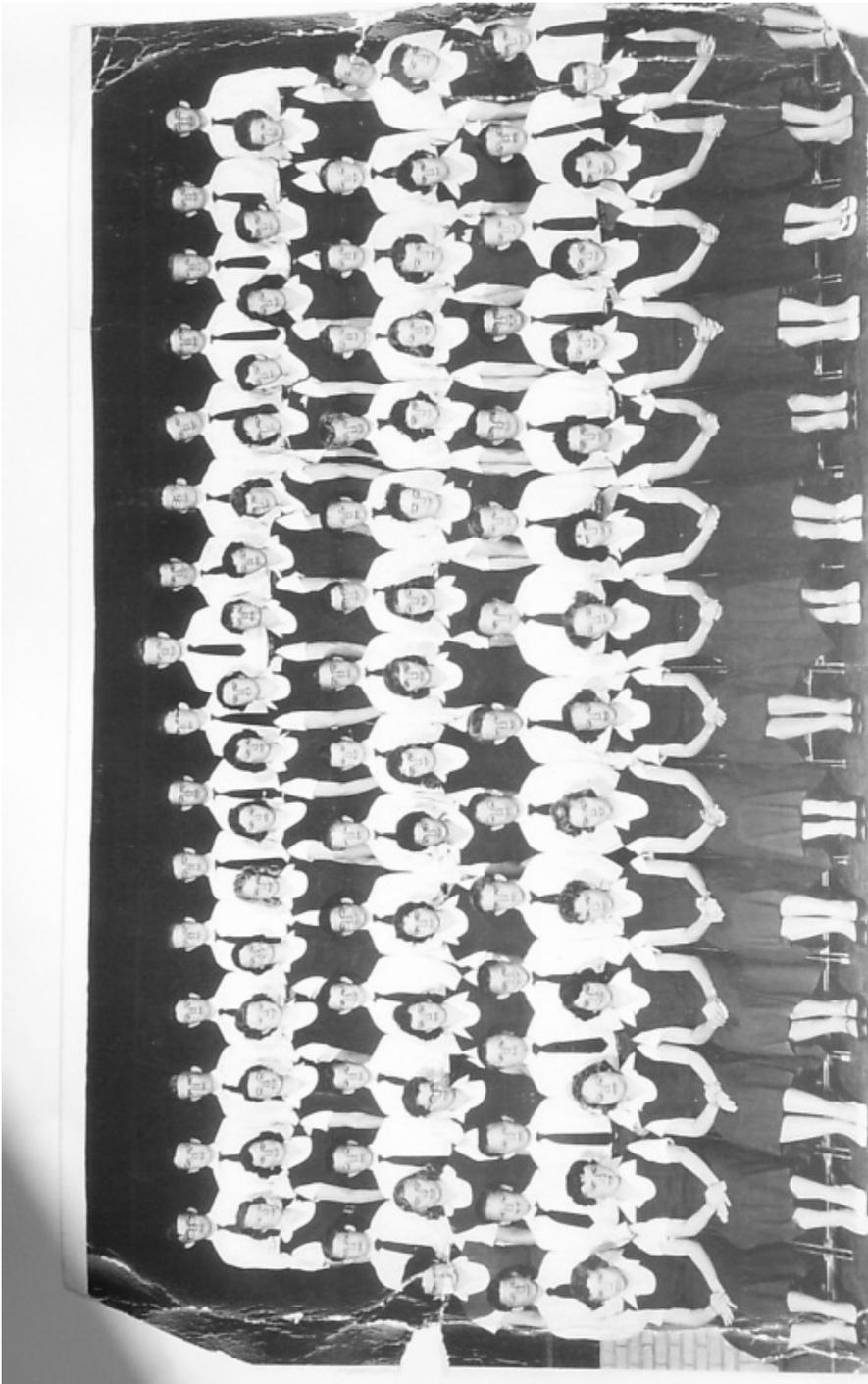


The Community of St. Matthew

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



50th Anniversary Class of 1957
St. Matthew's School

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The teaching on limbo has been a difficult teaching for most Catholics and a stumbling block in ecumenical efforts.

While the teaching was not a formal dogma of the Catholic Church, it was a theological construct which theologians used for centuries to explain the condition of infants and others who die without baptism.

The word Limbo comes from the Latin word for “boarder” or “edge”.

Before his election as Pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger made it clear that he believed the concept of limbo should be abandoned because it was “never a defined truth of faith”.

Most Catholics had in practice rejected the concept of limbo long ago – reflecting that a just and merciful God would not exclude an innocent unbaptized child from the fullness of the joys of heaven.

On April 20th Pope Benedict authorized the publication of the findings of an International Theological Commission. The conclusion of the Commission is: “The conclusion of this study is that there are theological and liturgical reasons that infants who die without baptism

are saved and brought into eternal happiness even if there is not an explicit teaching on this question found in revelation.”

Benedict is trying to balance his teaching that Jesus is central as the savior of the world, but at the same time not saying what the Evangelicals say, that anyone who does not accept Jesus is going to hell.

There are other theological constructs which are “not defined truths of faith” – to use the words of Benedict – and pose an unnecessary challenge to the faith of Catholics and are a stumbling block to ecumenical efforts.

In the spirit of the prayer and work of the International Commission which dealt with the “limbo question”, some of the other questions might be prayerfully and reflectively considered.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

There will be no coffee hour after masses this Sunday. The St. Matthew's School Athletic Banquet is this Sunday. Coffee Hour will resume next Sunday.

LEISURE CLUB

The Leisure Club will meet this Wednesday, May 9 at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. Luncheon tickets for the June meeting will be available. Cost- \$11.00.

FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

The Annual Family Rosary Procession is today, Sunday, May 6. Assembly at 1:30 PM at the Capitol. The procession will travel down John Ireland Boulevard to the Cathedral. First Communicants are asked to wear their First Communion clothes.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, May 6, 10:30 AM —Margaret Cudihy and Victoria Wanna. Please welcome them to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

PARISH HOSPITALITY

There's a new changing station for babies in the bathroom off the Main Sacristy in church. It's another improvement in our ministry of hospitality. Worship experiences are enhanced at St. Matthew's by means of “Assisted Listening” for those who find they are “missing out” on the scripture readings & homily; chairs with arms for those who would find them helpful in sitting and standing; “fun bags” with quiet activities for young children to use during Mass; and a “community” room for nursing mothers or parents with children who may need a little quiet time. Ask any Usher. They will be happy to help.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All women are invited to find out more about the Rosary Society by attending any part of the meeting on Tuesday, May 8. Mass in the Small Chapel at 6:30; Father Steve will also install new officers: President, Diane Kammerer; Vice President, Mary Bejblik; Secretary, Judy DeNardo; Treasurer, Beth Geis; and Membership, Lavina Jack. At about 7:15 we will move to the Social Hall for the meeting and draw the names of the winners of the Mother's Day Raffle. Refreshments will follow.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets are available at the entrances to the church, at the Scrip Table, and at the Parish Center. Please turn in all tickets in the Sunday collection or mail/bring to the Parish Center. Tickets must be received by noon on Tuesday, May 8. Please support this raffle. Help fund the activities of the Rosary Society and their donations to St. Matthew's and other community groups.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE THANKS

The Tootsie Roll Drive yielded \$480 from the generosity of St. Matthew's parishioners. Thanks to all the Knights of Columbus who helped, including Joe Stevens, Ed Meyer, Richard Schletty, Ron O'Dalen, and Mark Thomford. The collection will go the Special Olympics for the Developmentally Disabled.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL

The "mother church" of the Archdiocese will host a series of celebratory events June 1-3 and invites the Catholic community to attend this marking of the 100th anniversary of laying the cornerstone. The occasion will be marked with a history hunt, choral festival, fireworks, a grand parade from the Capitol, festival of food, entertainment and dancing, ringing bells for peace, guided tours, and special liturgical celebrations. To view the full schedule, visit the website at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org or call 651-357-1354 for more information.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

All couples celebrating silver and golden anniversaries in the 2007 calendar year are invited to join Archbishop Flynn on Saturday, June 16 at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:00 AM for Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples married over 50 years will also be honored and are invited to attend. Families and friends of honored couples welcome! Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Family, Laity, Youth and Young Adults. For more information, call 651-291-4488 or visit the website: www.archspm.org/family

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 6
10:30 AM, MC	First Communions 50th Anniversary Celebration—St. Matthew's School Class of 1957
11:30 AM, SH	St. Matthew's School Athletic Banquet
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Meeting
Monday	May 7
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, SC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Home and School Association Meeting
6:45 PM, CH	Rosary Society Mass and Meeting
Wednesday	May 9
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club
Thursday	May 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	May 11
Saturday	May 12
9:30 PM, PC	Centering Prayer
5:00 PM, MC	First Communions
Sunday	May 13
10:30 AM, MC	First Communions

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Thanks to parishioners who are indicating on their "stewardship envelope" the prayer and service that is being returned to the Lord each week [as well as the financial sharing]. All are invited to participate in this act of witness and thanks.

Prayer: Night prayers with children; prayers for deceased parishioners; centering prayer daily; prayed for the sick; prayed the rosary; morning and evening prayers daily.

Service Helped at daughter's school; helped in parish music ministry; spent 6 hours volunteering for a new mothers' organization; visited the homebound; delivered Meals on Wheels; helped a family in need.

Sharing Last weekend: \$6424 was given in the three common ways—envelopes, plate and electronic. This total is—by a few dollars—the lowest total in this fiscal year. The average per weekend for this entire fiscal year is about \$9450. Remember that parish expenses continue week after week regardless of whether we are present in the worshipping assembly. Please call the parish office if you'd like to begin "electronic giving."

By the end of this week, statements of giving for the first four months of this calendar year will be sent to each contributing household.

Young People's Stewardship: \$5.86. Examples of service this week: cleaned up after dinner, helped brother, helped in Dad in the bakery

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2007

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 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 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
 Jn 14:23-29

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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

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