

The Community of St. Matthew

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

St. Matt's Community Family Fun Night

Free!!

Leave the cooking and cleaning to us!
Join us for free hot dogs, games, cards and
a screening of
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!



Bring nothing but your
family and friends for a
fabulous
night out of the house.

**Friday, Nov. 6
6:30pm
in the social hall**

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Most of us have learned to live a bit differently, a bit more simply, a bit more intentionally over the past year as a result of the national and international financial crisis.

Some of us have had to radically change our lives because of the loss of job or the significant reduction of hours we work.

These changes – simple or profound – have demanded a reassessment of life style, financial expectations and our attitudes about money and possessions.

The circumstances of our lives are not neutral. Circumstances are an essential and not secondary factor of our Christian vocation. Circumstances are not things that happen without any meaning. The circumstances of life are part of the relationship of each of us with the Mystery who is God present in human life. The meaning of life is found in that dynamic relationship between ourselves and God.

In the circumstances of life we discover who we really are and who God really is. In the reality of our life we learn that all is gift and God is the source of the gift.

Stewardship is nothing more than an approach to life that recognizes that all I have and am is the gift of God, that I am called to use these gifts wisely and prudently for my good and the good of others, and that I am called to return to God a portion of what I have received as a witness to my belief that God is the source of all.

I write you today, in the midst of challenging economic times, to encourage your generous gift of money to the work of your parish as a part of your stewardship. I ask you to take time in prayer and reflection as a family to determine what percent of your weekly/monthly income you choose to give back in 2010 in thanksgiving for all you have received from the Lord.

Thank you for your generosity – cheerful giving is a profound act of faith.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ALL SOULS' DAY

Monday, November 2, there will be one Mass—at 6:45AM.

VIKINGS VS. PACKERS ON SUNDAY FOOTBALL

November 1! The border battle has a new twist this year! Watch the game with us in the social hall. Admission is \$5 over 16 and free for 16 and under with an adult. The St. Matthew's Men's Club will provide the hot dogs, snacks and refreshments. All football fans are welcome and the doors open at 2:30 pm. Questions, Tim 612-269-9471.

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee hours after both Sunday masses are hosted and served by David, Mooreen and Laura Sondag in support of the PlayPumps International, a non profit program that to date has helped install over 1200 local water pumps in small African villages that would otherwise not have immediate access to clean drinking water. The Sondas are teaming up with students from the Kaposia Education Center. All are invited to the Social Hall after the for hot coffee, treats, community time and a chance to support the good work of PlayPumps in the name of St. Matthew's. The Loaves and Fishes Program of St. Matthews thanks all who supported last weekend's C4aC.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next scheduling period will run from the first Sunday of Advent, November 28 through the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please get your scheduling requests in by no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday November 4th. If you want or do not want to be scheduled for a particular mass for Christmas please let us know. Any one wanting to join one of the ministries should also contact us by Wednesday November 4th. We really do need Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for all masses times. Please give it serious consideration. Contact info GBD1252@comcast.net or Ginny at 651-222-2867. Thanks, your schedulers Mary Ann, Joanne and Ginny.

SERVICE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Service Ministry Volunteers are invited to a social gathering on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Sign up in the back of Church to 1) let us know you are coming and 2) to bring a dish to share. The Service Ministry Volunteers included are: Altar Server, Collection Counter, Communion Distributor, Flower and Plant, Funeral Luncheon Server, Garden Keeper, Gift Bearer, Greeter, Homebound, Lector, Linen, Music, Votive Candles, Wilder/Cerenity, and Usher. Pass the word and ask another volunteer to join you. If you are interested in starting to volunteer, please come and to find out more information.

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 us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. A few extra grocery bags along with your donations would also be much appreciated. St Matthew's Food Ministry thanks you.

500 CARD WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

1st Place: Rita Marquardt and Gayle Stelter; 2nd Place: Arlene Kempe and Mary Price.

BOOYA AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

St. John Vianney Church, at the corner of 19th Ave. and Bromley St., So. St. Paul, will hold its annual booya on Saturday, November 7. Sit down meals and take out will be available from noon to 7:00 PM. Menu items include booya, crackers, hot dogs, chips, homemade cookies, and beverages. All are welcome. For more information, please call 651-451-1863.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 1
Monday	November 2
All Souls' Day	
6:45 AM, MC	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
7:00 PM, PC	Liturgy Committee
Tuesday	November 3
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	November 4
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
3:30 PM, PC	Finance Committee
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	November 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, PC	Parish Council
Friday	November 6
7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH	Adoration
Saturday	November 7
Sunday	November 8

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today's Psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess.

Sharing Last weekend—4 usual methods of 'stewardship'—\$8,204 was given. Thank you. The total to date: \$151,073 is below the budget by about \$4,900. [The number has risen relatively quickly both because we are in the middle of the month as well as the fact that the budget number has increased to \$9,600 from \$9,000 during the months of summer and early fall.]

A few other dollars as well: \$410 for the Propagation of Faith; \$20 for All Saints' Day; \$60 for the food shelf [please remember that half given stays at St. Matt's for those who come to our door; the other half is given to the food shelf at Neighborhood House]. Thank you for all of these.

Service: helped someone with their shopping needs... volunteered 4 hours at W. 7th Community Center spaghetti dinner... served funeral luncheon

Prayer: daily mass... daily rosary... daily prayers... spiritual reading... prayers for those without jobs, world peace.

2010 Stewardship Renewal Calendar

- Individual letters from Father Steve will be mailed on Monday.
- Responses are asked by Sunday, November 15.
- A reminder postcard will be sent to those who have not responded.
- Follow-up phoning will occur later in the month.

Prompt and complete responses will eliminate the last two of the above-mentioned events. Thanks to each parish member who is able to respond promptly.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2009

- Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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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*

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