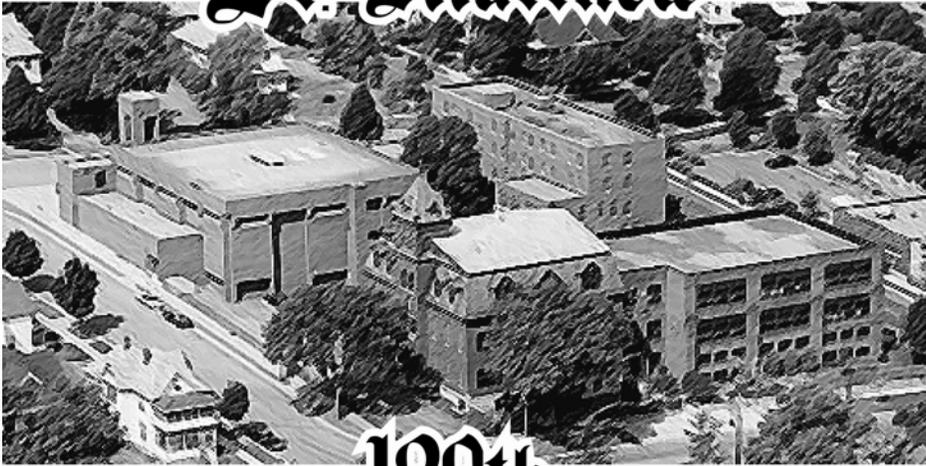


The Parish Community of

St. Matthew



120th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, November 25
1886-2006

Honor the Past
Celebrate the Present
Dream the Future

Mass 5:00 PM
Social 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:45 PM

DVD Presentation and A Look to the Future

Tickets (\$35) available after all Masses
or at the Church Office
Reservations must be made by
Monday, November 20, 2006

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

In 10 days we will celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. This holiday is the one civic observance that comes closest to being a national "holy day". There is a spirit about the holiday that encourages us to recognize God as the source of the bounty with which we are blessed.

Thanksgiving is a holiday which calls us to share our gifts with others. For 23 years the owners of the Cherokee Sirloin Room – the Casper Family – have provided a community Thanksgiving dinner.

This dinner is meant for those who find it difficult or impossible to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving dinner in their home, it is meant for those who work or travel on the holiday and are unable to be with their family.

Each year more than 2500 meals are served. 1700 meals are delivered by volunteers to homes in the community. More than 800 individuals and families dine in the restaurant.

The preparations have already begun. The cost of the turkeys is more than \$5000. Hundreds of pounds of

mashed potatoes and dressing are prepared, along with hundreds of pumpkin pie.

If you wish to have a meal delivered to your home, or if you wish to bring your family to the restaurant for Thanksgiving dinner call the Church Office and make reservations. Call 651-224-9793. Please call and make reservations by Wednesday afternoon.

If you wish to help deliver meals to homes in the community on Thanksgiving please call the church office 651-224-9793.

On Thanksgiving Day meals at the restaurant are served at 12:00 and 1:30 pm. Deliveries to homes take place in the late morning.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

MEN'S CLUB BORDER BATTLE PARTY

First 2006 Vikings/Packers showdown is at HIGH NOON on Sunday November 12. Watch it on the big screen in the Social Hall. Adult admission \$10 and it includes refreshments, snacks, and food at half time. All Viking and Packer fans, adults and children, are welcome!! Doors open at 11:30 AM.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—NOVEMBER 12

The Parish Council will meet on November 12 at 6:45 PM for prayer and reflection with the meeting immediately following at 7:00 PM. The agenda is posted in back of church or may be found on the church website.

SEEKING PICTURES OF THE CHURCH

The 120th Gala Committee is seeking pictures of the church as it was being rebuilt. Please bring to the parish office and we will make copies of them and return them to you. Any questions call Kathy Goldenstein at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEK

Coffee hour today after both Sunday masses is served by Joe and Flora Stevens - Thanks. Everyone is invited to come on down to the social hall for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and fellowship. Volunteers are need to staff future coffee hours. Call John at 651-221-0871

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING—THIS TUESDAY

The Rosary Society will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 6:45 in the Social Hall. There is NO mass as shown on the church calendar. We will discuss plans for our bake sale on December 16 and 17. Doug Lieser, principal, will talk about the school and its programs.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The Boy Scouts are again selling Christmas wreaths this year and many of you probably have already ordered your wreaths from individual Scouts. They are now done taking orders, but you will have one last opportunity to purchase a wreath at all Masses next weekend, November 18 & 19. Standard wreath sizes and swags will be available to bring home that day.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—TONIGHT, NOVEMBER 12

The Parish Council will meet on November 12 at 6:45 PM for prayer and reflection with the meeting immediately following at 7:00 PM. The agenda is posted in back of church or may be found on the church website.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



THE BAKE SALE'S TODAY!

Be sure to stop by the Social Hall after the 8:00 and 10:30 AM masses to pick up some tasty, home-made treats. Proceeds from the bake sale will be used for a special project the school is planning with the Science Museum of Minnesota. After the 10:30 a.m. mass, some St. Matt. students will provide a little science fun by demonstrating a mystery substance. See if you can guess what it is. And remember, when you buy those baked goods, you're doing it for science!

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

Join friends and family at Arby's this Thursday night, October 19, after you place your order tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. St. Matthew's School Arby's Night is every third Thursday from September through May. Hope to see you there.

LITURGICAL YEAR CYCLE C STARTS DEC. 3RD & OUR ST. JOSEPH MISSALS & LECTOR WORK BOOKS ARE HERE!

Lectors who ordered a lector work book for the new year can pick up their purchase from the Sacristy this weekend (the cost is \$10.00). Any parishioners interested in a St. Joseph Sunday Missal for cycle C can purchase one from the back of church today. The cost is \$5.00. There is a limited number available this year so don't delay.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CHOIR

Rehearsals for Christmas begin Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 PM in the church. They last about an hour and they are always alive with the great community music ministry offers. If you would like to join the adult choir for our Christmas Midnight Mass and/or our Epiphany Mass @ 10:30 on Jan. 7th, leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830.

SPIRITUAL SPA

The Sisters of St Joseph offer a quiet day away at the Carondelet Center. The Spa offers you a day for optional meditation time and brief presentations on varied spiritual practices. Open to any interested person. Come and go as you wish and no reservations are necessary. There are generally three facilitated sessions beginning at 9:00 AM. The Spa is every 3rd Friday from 9-3:00 every month except December which goes only to 12:30 with no lunch offered. There is no charge but if you stay for lunch there is a \$5.00 charge. For more information call, 651-696-2836

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CRAFT, BAKE AND ENCHILADA SALE

Your are invited to OLG's "Gifts for All Seasons" sale, Saturday, November 18 (10:00 AM-4:00 PM) and Sunday, November 19(8:00 AM-3:00 PM) featuring wonderful Christmas treats and handmade crafts. We will also be selling baked goods and enchiladas "to go" on Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday

12:00 PM, SH

4:00 PM, MC

5:00 PM, CH

5:45 PM, SH

6:45 PM, PC

Monday

3:00 PM, SH

6:30 PM, SC

6:45 PM, SC

Tuesday

3:00 PM, SH

6:30 PM, SC

6:45 PM, SH

Wednesday

12:00-7:00 PM, PC

3:00 PM, SH

6:30 PM, SC

Thursday

3:00 PM, SH

4:00-8:00 PM

5:00 PM, MC

6:30 PM, SC

7:00 PM, MC

Friday

Saturday

9:00 AM, PC

Sunday

8:30 AM, PC

12:00 PM, CH

12:30 PM, CH

November 12

Men's Club Border
Battle Party

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Mass

Confirmation Dinner

Parish Council

November 13

Loaves and Fishes

EAC Meeting

Boy Scout Meeting

November 14

Loaves and Fishes

Home and School

Meeting

Rosary Society

Meeting

November 15

St. Mary's Clinic

Loaves and Fishes

Religious Education

Class, Grades 1-10

November 16

Loaves and Fishes

Arby's/S'Barro Night

Youth Choir

Girl Scout Troop 163

Meeting

Adult Choir

November 17

November 18

Centering Prayer

November 19

Finance Council

Baptism

Baptism

Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church

CH – Chapel

PC – Parish Center

SH – Social Hall

SC – School

CC – Child Care

XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

Prayer: [Remember that the chapel is open for visits and prayer each weekday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM. What keeps us from visiting?] This is the month when we remember All Saints and All Souls. Beside remember those in our individual families, let's remember all those in our parish family. The books "upfront" contain the names of all those who have died in our parish—since 1886; the basket contains the names of all who have been recommended to our prayer. May they be reminders of our membership in the Communion of Saints.

Service: Thanks to the parishioners [and others] who don't like messy, sloppy buildings and grounds. Thanks to those who pick up the stuff that takes away the beauty that is there. We appreciate the simple, yet important, service that you give.

Sharing: Thanks for stewardship giving: \$10,393 this past weekend—that's almost 94% of the weekly budget! That amount brings us to 78% of the budgeted income for the fiscal year-to-date: [budget of \$11,100 per Sunday--\$210,900; actual: \$165,433]. Thank you, as well, for \$1,966 given in envelopes and the plate for the holyday: All Saints. [The combined Holyday budget—including Christmas and Easter—is \$30,000.]

Stewardship Renewal. Thanks to the 100+ parishioners who have returned the green renewal sheet. It is important that each family/household return one—regardless of the amount—so that we will have less follow-up phoning, as well as a good basis for budgeting. Extra green sheets are available at the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2006

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44
or 12:41-44
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/ Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/ Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/ Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office 651-224-9793
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM –4:00 PM
Web site: st-matts.org
Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Deacon.....*Rev. John Murphy*
Parish Pastoral Administrator.....*John Riehle*
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator..... *Cindy Hoffman*
Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

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Parish School..... 651-224-6912
KLT Kids 651-665-0786
Liturgy and Music Voicemail651-310-0830

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
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....
Education Advisory Richard Dunn