

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For forty years members of the Christian Churches of the West Side have gathered annually at Thanksgiving to pray – the west Side Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

During the early years the service took place at Saint Matthew's church on Thanksgiving morning. In recent years the service has moved from church to church, each year a different West Side Church hosting the Thanksgiving Service.

The service was the creation of the Riverview Ecumenical Council – the gathering of churches and social service organizations on the West Side. This group would meet monthly to share information and plan community projects.

Over the years many West Side Churches have moved to other communities and the number of participating churches has diminished. Currently Cherokee United, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Matthew are the three West Side Churches involved in the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Over recent years participation has diminished bit by bit, year by year.

It appears that it is time to re-invent the West Side Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service; it is time to invite new churches to participate, to invite other West Side institutions to participate and to ground the tradition in the members of the community and not the pastors of the

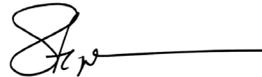
various churches.

This year there will be no West Side Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

In February a committee of representatives from the West Side Churches and West Side educational, social service and community organizations will convene to re-invent the West Side Thanksgiving Service.

Transitions are important and provide the opportunity for new beginnings and re-birthing. If you are willing to give some time and effort to this community effort, please call me. I am looking for a couple of committed Saint Matthew representatives to this community planning effort.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Visits to Neighborhood House Food Shelf increased by 24% from 2008 to 2009? St Matthew's Food Shelf Ministry depends 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.

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

All are invited to the Social Hall after both Sunday masses for community time, coffee, treats and a chance to support the School Sisters of Notre Dame who are hosting and serving. St. Matthew's school and parish has been the beneficiary of decades of service from the women who serve in the SSND. Habitat for Humanity thanks all who enjoyed last weeks C4aC. \$89.00 was raised and thanks to Barb and Rick Kraft for their work.

CULVER'S NIGHT - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Be sure to join us for Culver's Night on Tuesday, November 17th from 4:00-9:00 PM at the corner of Robert St. and Marie Ave. in W. St. Paul. 10% of all sales that evening will go to St. Matthew's School to help support events throughout the year. In September we raised over \$250, thank you for your continued support.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

At the church of St. Matthew on All Souls Day, and throughout the month of November, the Book of Remembrance is placed near the font. The blank pages are available for people to inscribe the names of deceased friends and relatives for whom they wish the parish to pray.

NECROLOGY

The necrology is the historical record of those who were buried from the Church of St. Matthew from All Saints Day (November 1) of last year to All Saints Day this year. Take a moment to look at this Litany of Saints who have entered eternal life this past year and pray for them and their families.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available at the back of church; the suggested donation is \$5.00. These are printed in Canada and have the same translation of the of the readings we use at weekend liturgy. [There are some small differences in the translation that encourage better proclamation and better listening and hearing.] Another great use for these missals is the ability to prepare the readings during the week at home. In that way, they will be more familiar when they are heard on Sunday.

THANKSGIVING

Ecumenical Service for this year is being suspended. Planning for a re-vitalized service in 2010 will begin in February with parishioners from each of the Churches helping to plan. Do you have interest and energy for this? Please contact the parish office. Thanksgiving Mass will again be at 9:00AM on Thursday morning.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

- Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 15
Monday	November 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 17
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	November 18
6:00 PM, SC	Home & School
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, PM	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	November 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Girl Scouts
Friday	November 20
Saturday	November 21
Sunday	November 22

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on that last day!

Sharing

Again, this past weekend, the generosity of the parish stewards is evident. The amount was \$12,927. Thanks!! That amount is \$2,180 greater than budget to-date; it is also ahead of 2008--\$5,761; 2007--\$11,225; 2006--\$12,342.

- As well, other money was given:
\$240 to the food shelf;
\$200 in school envelopes
\$130 for the fuel bills
\$65 for Campaign for Human Development
\$56 for All Saints' Day
\$25 for the Missions

Service: Helping clients declutter their homes... visiting the sick.

Prayer: Daily spiritual reading... daily prayer, rosary, prayer

Stewardship Renewal

Please return the pledge material soon—via mail, personal delivery, or in the collection. Thank you. Each one returned will lessen the number of phone calls to be made.

- Reminder postcards will be sent on Monday, Nov 16.
Follow-up phoning will be done in 2 weeks.
If you did not receive a mailing, please take a pledge sheet—at the doors.

Thank you very much.

Young peoples' contributions: \$1.10 Thank you! They wrote: Helped clean living room.

Thanksgiving Eve: there is no ecumenical service this year.
Day: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM.

Advent: Begins on Thanksgiving weekend: November 29.

Religious Retirement Collection

Sr. Carolyn Fasnacht, SSND, a resident at Saint Matthew's will preach about this important 'corporal work of mercy' on December 5 & 6. Envelopes will be available that weekend.

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

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