

The Community of St. Matthew

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

Ecumenical Multicultural Thanksgiving Worship Service



Thanksgiving
Service

**Wednesday, November 21, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

**Wellstone Center
(Home of Neighborhood House)
179 E. Robie St., St. Paul**

**An offering will be received for the Neighborhood House Food
Shelf (Food donations are welcome)**

**6 p.m. rehearsal for those interested in singing in Community Choir
Treats & Fellowship Following Service**



Participants:

St. Mathew's Catholic Church
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
Hmong Community United Methodist Church
St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship
Cherokee Park United Church
Pueblo de Fe Lutheran Church

For more information please call: (651) 227-4275

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Thursday is Thanksgiving – the closest thing we have to a civic religious festival, and certainly the least commercialized annual civic holiday. I would like to draw your attention to three events which mark our observance of Thanksgiving.

West Side Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service:

This event takes place on Wednesday evening, November 21st at 7 pm at Neighborhood House (Wellstone Center), 179 E Robie Street. This ecumenical, multicultural worship reflects the diversity of our community and allows us to honor and celebrate in thanksgiving the gifts that our diverse community bring to each of us. This year the celebration takes place at Neighborhood House – an effort to see this place as a center for community gathering and activity. Please come and invite your neighbors and friends, also please bring a desert item with you to help provide some fellowship following the prayer.

Saint Matthew Thanksgiving Mass and food collection: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd, we celebrate our parish Eucharist at 9:00 am. As part of our worship that day we will bring forward food offerings at the time of the preparation of the gifts. These offerings will be delivered to the local food shelf. The collection on that morning will go to the Community Thanksgiving Meal at the Cherokee Sirloin Room. It is important that worship be a part of our Thanksgiving celebration, and the perfect act of thanksgiving is the celebration of the Eucharist.

25th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal at the Cherokee Sirloin Room: For the past twenty-five years the Casper family, owners of the Cherokee Sirloin Room (Annapolis & Smith Avenue) and their employees and many, many community volunteers have provided a community Thanksgiving meal for those who would find preparing their own family meal difficult or impossible. Twenty-five years ago this tradition began amid a giant snow fall that impeded many guests and volunteers from getting to the restaurant. That baptism by fire did not discourage. Since that inauspicious beginning the numbers of meals served has grown every year. Last year more than 3000 meals were prepared and served – more than 700 meals were eaten in the restaurant and more than 2300 were delivered to homes in the community. Community churches and social agencies partner with the Cherokee to provide what is necessary to advertise and assist in preparing and delivering the meals. This is truly a remarkable annual community celebration.

Thanksgiving is far more than a football extravaganza or the kick-off of the annual holiday shopping spree – this is a national opportunity to stop and give thanks. We are greatly blessed – this is the time to remember again from whom the blessing come and our responsibility to share those gifts and blessing with others.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CAN YOU HELP A NEIGHBOR?

St. Matthew's team needs help delivering Meals on Wheels. An hour of your time, once a month, could make life easier for a shut-in. Please consider helping! Call Jan at 651-457-4766.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Suzanne and Ted Snyder – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up

ST. MATTHEW BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 WREATH SALE

This weekend at all Masses, the Boy Scouts will again be selling Holiday Wreaths. They will be selling 25" wreaths for \$15.00 and Swags for \$13.00. If you have not already ordered a wreath directly from a Boy Scout from Troop 107, this will be the last opportunity for you to purchase a wreath. Any wreaths previously ordered from a Scout will be delivered directly to you.

HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDERS

Order your scrip for the holidays now and beat the rush. There is a gift card out there available for everyone, moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, students or teachers. Stop by the scrip table and get an order form today.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

A MOVIE ABOUT JULIAN OF NORWICH

The Loyola Spirituality Center is sponsoring the premier of "Julian", a movie featuring this 14th century mystic Thomas Merton calls "the greatest theologian of our time." It will be held on the first Sunday of Advent: December 2, 3:00 PM at the Minnesota History Theater in St. Paul. It was filmed in Norwich, England, and stars Rev. Linda Loving. A panel discussion on mystics follows. Tickets are \$20 (group discounts are available). Call 651-641-0008 (or www.loyolaspiritualitycenter.org) for more information.

SUNDAY MISSALS

These are available at the back of church; the suggestion donation is \$5.00. These are printed in Canada and have the same translation of the readings that 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.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

St. John Vianney, 19th Ave. North & Bromley, So. St. Paul, will hold it's annual Unique Boutique on Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Sunday, December 2, from 9:00 AM 'til Noon. Santa's Workshop will be a new event this year. We will have crafts, collectibles/antiques, re-gifted new items, and a Christmas bake sale. A soup lunch is available for sit down or take out on December 1.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2007

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
 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: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 18
Boy Scout Wreath Sales	
Monday	November 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, CH	First Communion Class
Wednesday	November 21
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
No Religious Ed., No Choir	
Thursday	November 22
Thanksgiving Day	
Parish Office Closed	
No School, No KLT, No Child Care	
Friday	November 23
Parish Office Closed	
No School, No KLT, No Child Care	
Saturday	November 24
Sunday	November 25

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

Prayer: Last week some of the witness was to the regularity of prayer—a wonderful habit to have: daily Mass; daily rosary; prayers at all mealtimes; thirty minutes of prayer each day; two hours of prayer each day. Where does each of us “fit” as far as regular time in prayer? Thank you to all who have used their weekly stewardship envelope to witness [and invite] all in the community “to imitate” [as St. Paul tells the young Christian Church of Thessalonica].

Service: Volunteered with Meals on Wheels; practiced Eucharistic ministry to those who are homebound; worked at a funeral lunch, both calling and serving; visited with a senior neighbor; helped son’s family as they prepared to move; helped a blind woman and her baby twice in the past week. Thanks, too, for the witness and invitation to steward our talents in these ways.

Sharing Last weekend: \$9937 was given through the usual methods. Thank you for the witness and invitation to steward in this way as well as time and talent. Year to date giving: \$176,092. that is \$9,308 behind the budget. [The budget was adjusted monthly—amounts expected in the summer are lower and those in the winter months are higher--\$9700 each week.]

Stewardship Renewal—follow-up: next Sunday and Monday [25 & 26] members of the pastoral council, the finance council and the education advisory council will be following up with a phone call to each household from which no pledge form has been received. Help them have fewer calls to make; return a pledge form [they are in the back of church] regardless of the amount.

All the callers thank you in advance.

Rectory leasing An ad-hoc committee has been working with members of the board of Casa Guadalupana to discover language agreeable to both groups that clearly defines all the issues that are involved in such an agreement.

After there is agreement then it will be reviewed by an attorney whose expertise is in such matters. Finally the approval of the Archbishop and Vicar General will be sought so that the lease can be signed.

The committee continues with the four resolutions of the pastoral council as guidance: leasing—not selling; a long-term lease; there be some flow of money to the parish; the goals and work of the lessee be in concert with the policies and practices of this parish.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
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 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
Michael Linn	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....