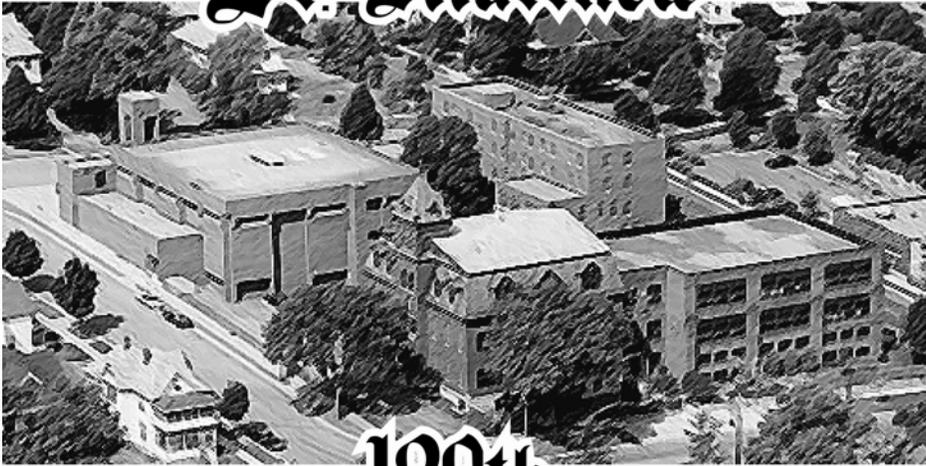


The Parish Community of

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:

Thursday is Thanksgiving, that least pretentious of all holidays – no gifts, no greeting cards, no fire works, no mid-night parties. This is a domestic holiday; family gathers around a common table and gives thanks for all they have received. The groaning board is piled high with the fruit of the earth, the gift of the soil, the produce of the land, the generous harvest of a year's work.

This is the Feast of Abundance. It is about the abundance of God's blessings, the abundance of Mother Earth, the abundance of good will among family and friends and neighbors.

It is the "secular Eucharist". The Greek word Eucharist means "thanksgiving". In the Eucharist God's family gathers around a common table and gives thanks for the greatest gift of all – the gift of Jesus, who by his death and resurrection brings all of creation to the fullness of life.

The common table is the place of intimacy and peace. The family dining room table is the site of family togetherness and celebration. The common table of the

Eucharist is the statement of the inclusiveness of God's family and the diversity of God's family – a diversity that finds its unity rooted in the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ.

While the family thanksgiving table and the Eucharistic table are places of unity and gratitude – they are also the places where we remember others not present, others not so richly blessed, others with whom we are not yet in unity.

At both tables we celebrate both what is now and what is yet to be.

This Thanksgiving I encourage you to celebrate at both tables – your family thanksgiving table and your parish Eucharistic table. Mass at Saint Matthew on Thanksgiving Day is at 9:00 AM. Invite your family and friends. Come, let us worship.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Boy Scout Troop 107 will be selling wreaths at all Masses this weekend. 25" wreaths (\$15.00) and swags (\$13.00) will be available for sale. Unless you have previously pre-ordered a wreath from a Boy Scout, this will be your last opportunity to purchase a wreath from Troop 107. If you have already ordered a wreath from a Boy Scout, they will be delivering them personally to you. They will not be available for pick up at these Masses. Thank you again for your continued support.

ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY AUCTION

On Wednesday, December 13, the Annual Men's Club Holiday Auction will take place in the social hall. Everyone is invited to attend, the auction will begin at 8:00 PM. Proceeds will go to the St. Matthew's Holiday Giving Tree. Donations are needed and pick-up is available. Contact Brian Osborne at 651-230-1518 or at mensclub@st-matts.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/ ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE

Boys Scout Troop 107 Santa Breakfast will be held on December 10 from 8:30 AM-12:00 noon in the Social Hall. Please mark your calendars. The Christmas Bake Sale will be held Saturday, December 9, and Sunday, December 10, at Breakfast with Santa. The date was listed incorrectly in last week's bulletin. This is the Rosary Society's major fundraiser. We encourage all parishioners to contribute their favorite Christmas treat of cookies, breads, candies, and snacks. Boys Scout Troop 107 Santa Breakfast will be held on December 10 from 8:30-12:00 in the Social Hall. Please mark your calendars.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO FITS THIS PICTURE AND WOULD LIKE A VISIT FROM A PARISH VISITOR?

I visit an older woman once a week or so. She was an active lifelong member of St. Matthew's, worked and owned a home. Due to advancing age and health issues, she has moved to senior living apartments where she participates in some activities. Her family is very involved with her. She gets out to her appointments and occasionally gets back to Mass at St. Matthew's. With her changing circumstances, she enjoys visits for prayer, the Eucharist, and seeing someone from St. Matthew's—Judy DeNardo, volunteer minister. If you know of someone who would like a visit please see the form in the back of church or call Sr. Anne Becker at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



HOME AND SCHOOL BAKE SALE THANK -YOU

Thank you to all those who contributed baked goods to the Bake Sale for Science last Sunday and to everyone who bought them. We raised nearly \$700 which will go towards some specials activities St. Matthew's school is planning with the Science Museum of Minnesota. Thanks for your support!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Every week generous St. Matthew's parishioners bring food items for our food shelf. This food is available to help our community before & after weekend masses & what is left on Monday is delivered to the Food Shelf at Neighborhood House. At this time of year, Neighborhood House's food shelf is in GREAT NEED and so we are asking for a SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE that will be collected at our 9:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Lists of "most needed" items are available on the picture board above our food collection basket at the main entrance. Feel free to take one home.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES READY FOR PICK-UP!

If you are a Communion Minister, Lector, Altar Server, Usher/Greeter, Gift Bearer or MC/Sac, your schedule for Dec. 2 thru Feb. 18, is at the back of church, next to the elevator lobby. Extra (unlabeled) copies are available in the sacristy.

CYCLE C ST. JOSEPH MISSALS & LECTOR WORK BOOKS ARE HERE

Lectors who ordered a work book can pick one up from the Sacristy (the cost is \$10.00). If you forgot to order one, check with Dana. Anyone interested in a St. Joseph Sunday Missal can purchase one for \$5.00. They are located under the Community Slat Board at the main entrance. Quantity is limited.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CHOIR

Rehearsals for Christmas begin Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 PM in the church. They last about an hour and are always alive with the great community that music ministry offers. If you are interested in joining us for our Christmas Midnight Mass and/or our Epiphany Mass @ 10:30 on January. 7th, leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830 so she can prepare a choir folder for you. Also, if you have an instrumental gift to share with the community (flute, violin, keyboard, etc.), let Dana know -- she'll get back to you!

REMEMBRANCE

The Flame of our Paschal Candle during the month of November reminds our community to pray for deceased loved ones. Their names appear in the Books of the Dead & on the remembrance cards displayed near the candle. May perpetual light shine upon them in their eternal rest.

THANK YOU TO JOHN LIND (CLASS OF 1982)

Once again our alumni comes through for us. John Lind spent last Saturday moving rock from under the playgrounds and redistributing it. Thanks for remembering your donating your time and talent and bobcat!

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 19
8:30 AM, PC	Finance Council
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	November 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	November 22
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	November 23
9:00 AM, MC	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Friday	November 24
	Parish office, KLT and Child Care Closed
Saturday	November 25
5:00 PM, MC	120th Anniversary Mass
6:00 PM, SH	120th Anniversary Gala and Dinner
Sunday	November 26

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 the last day!

Prayer: [The chapel is open for prayer each weekday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM.] Think about the kinds of praying we do. Years ago a Catholic school teacher suggested they could be captured by the acronym: ACTS. Prayers of Adoration and praise; of Contrition and sorrow; of Thanksgiving; and of Supplication or asking. Is our praying balanced? should it be?

Service: Thanks to the men and women in our parish community who have made a habit of visiting the residents of Wilder...not just the ones who can engage in meaningful conversation, but also those whose mental capacities have lessened. What a beautiful ministry—one of the ways we can for the least, the last, and the lost. Thank you.

Sharing: Thanks to all who were faithful stewards last weekend: \$16,533. Thanks for a large annual gift. Since our weekly budget is \$11,100, our financial situation improved slightly. Thanks to each person and each family who uses envelopes, the plate, or the electronic system. As these gifts are the result of prayerful stewardship; so they will be used to advance the parish mission with equal care.

Stewardship Renewal. Thank you to more than 200 "families" who have returned the green sheet with the information. The total weekly pledged is an increase of about 11% from the first nine months of giving this year. Thank you very much. As well, members of the parish council—leaders of our parish—have increased their pledges by an average of 12%. Thank you, too. Follow-up phoning begins next Sunday—Nov 26. Please return a green sheet, regardless of the amount you are able or willing to pledge. Thanks in advance.

Envelopes of children and youth for 2007. These will be available in later December. Each child or youth is invited to take a box and begin a habit of weekly use—with monetary contributions and/or with declarations of time in prayer and kinds of service.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2006

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/ Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/ Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/ Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/ Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/ Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

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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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