

# The Community of St. Matthew

## JOIN US FOR ST. MATTHEW'S TROOP 107 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We're having Breakfast with Santa  
On Sunday, December 9, 2007  
8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.  
Breakfast includes: sausage, eggs,  
beverages,  
And all-you-can eat pancakes!



\$6.00 for ages 12 and up  
\$3.50 for ages 11 and under

Have your photo taken with Santa for only \$3.00!



## Rosary Society Bake Sale in the Social Hall

Saturday, December 8, 2007  
selling from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 9, 2007  
selling during the Santa Breakfast

Christmas cookies, fruitcake, breads,  
caramels and other holiday treats!

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors

In the months following VE Day, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945, the Church in Europe struggled to find manner and means to rebuild not only a physically devastated continent, but more importantly, a spiritually wounded society. The war had demoralized individuals and institutions – fear and hopelessness became a way of life. In France, the Archbishop of Paris, Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, sought to mobilize the French Church to recapture the life of faith so shredded by the war. Similar efforts were made in Britain, Poland, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria and Germany.

The bishops of Europe believed that the revitalization of liturgy would be the vehicle by which the Church could be gathered and healed. This devastating effect of the war on the Church prompted Pius XII to issue his encyclical on the liturgy – *Mediator Dei* – 60 years ago this month, November 20, 1947.

This encyclical called for a deep, conscious and active participation of the laity in the sacramental life of the Church, and to that end congregational participation in the singing of the common parts of the Mass, the *Missa Rescitata*, the introduction and encouragement of vernacular hymns in the devotional life of the Church, the introduction and use of the “hand missal” for conscious and understanding participation – all this and so much more emerged. The groundwork laid for almost sixty years by the Liturgical Movement in Europe bore fruit in a time of crisis.

These enhancements to participation were widely received in the United States. As a grade school child – 1947-1956 – I experienced all of them. Each Friday the “school Mass” employed vernacular hymns – entrance, communion and dismissal. The Sunday morning “children’s Mass” was a “recited Mass – we answered the prayers that normally were prayed by the altar servers. Mass was celebrated at an altar facing the congregation, both English hymns and Latin chants were sung by the congregation.

In 1951 Pius XII restored the ancient Holy Saturday

Liturgy – the Easter Vigil – as we know to today, and four years later, 1955 the renewed rites of Holy Week which we celebrate today were introduced to the Catholic world. The restoration of Holy Week and the deepened participation of the laity were the catalyst for a growing church renewal and rejuvenation of faith.

The natural outgrowth of the emphasis on liturgy was found in the reawakening of participation in the Church’s Social Action mission. The spread of Young Christian Workers (YCW), Young Christian Students (YCS) and the Christian Family Movement (CFM), the Catholic Rural Life Conferences, Catholic Labor Relations Councils and Catholic Inter-racial Councils all were rooted in the liturgy and seen as a “living out” of our liturgical life. The principals enunciated by Canon Joseph Cardijn – Observe, Judge and Act – became the mantra of Catholic Social Action. The work of Virgil Michal, William Busch, John Sweeney, the popularity of *Orate Fratres* (later *Worship*), the growth of the Catholic Worker Movement, the union organizing of Msgr. Francis Gilligan and the development of the local Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and Study Clubs by Fr. Raymond Lucker (later Bishop of New Ulm) and Msgr. Richard Doherty all brought the word of *Mediator Dei* alive in our local Church.

Fifteen years following *Mediator Dei*, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1962 the bishops of the world in Ecumenical Council overwhelmingly voted to accept the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy – 2,162 for, 46 against, 7 abstentions. The previous 15 years – following *Mediator Dei* – had provided the opportunity for the Church to grow in her understanding of the Liturgy and to thirst more deeply for opportunities to enter into the liturgy with full, active and conscious participation. After all, the Liturgy of the Church is the work of the People of God.

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.

### 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.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Rosary Society will hold its annual Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of December 8 and 9. The funds raised allow us to support many programs. Last year we donated over \$6,000 including purchasing three windows for the Parish Center, giving \$2,500 to purchase Communion hosts here at St. Matthew's, and giving Christmas gifts to the staff. Would you consider baking or making a batch or two of one of your favorite holiday treats. We will gladly accept craft items too starting on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4:45 a.m. and Sunday morning. We appreciate all our customers, particularly shoppers who tell us that they let us do all their Christmas baking for them.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?

Do you enjoy singing, but cannot make a long term commitment to rehearsals? Consider joining the choir for Christmas! We will begin rehearsing the music for Christmas on Wednesday evenings in the church. Consider rehearsing with us from now until Christmas! Rehearsals are from 7-8:15 PM. The Choir will be singing at the Midnight liturgy on Christmas Eve, with caroling starting at 11:30 PM. All are welcome. Questions? Call Bonnie Faber, Director of Music and Liturgy, at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!

We are looking for instruments to play for our Christmas liturgies. The psalms tell us to make a joyful noise "with timbrel and harp." If you play the timbrel or harp, or violin or trumpet or guitar or.....please call Bonnie Faber, Director of Music and Liturgy, at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

WOMEN'S 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

October: 1st- 3470 Arlene Kempe and Mary Price, 2nd-3440 Charlotte St. Martin and Gayle Stelter. November: 1st- 4450 Jean St. Martin and Arlene Kempe, 2nd- 3010 Lois Schiller and Marge Lorch.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS

Hello. My name is Michelle Jacobson, a 22 year old college graduate from the College of St. Catherine and granddaughter of Red and Mary Ellen Stanger. I will be going overseas for a year long service trip with Friends of the Orphans. This has been a decision a year in the making and I am glad that God has planted this desire in my heart. I hope to share with you about my journey and about the work I will be doing. Please join me for an informal session about how you can help support this calling on Sunday Dec 16th. Hope to see you there.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 25</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	<b>November 26</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, SC	<b>November 27</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Comm. Mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 6:00 PM, SC  6:30 PM, SC  7:00 PM, MC	<b>November 28</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes HummDingers Cub Scout Comm. Mtg. Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>November 29</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 1</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 2</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King; we are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?*

Prayer: As we “hunker down” for the dark, short, cold days of winter, will we have our prayer book, our rosary, our copy of the Sacred Scriptures with us? All we have and even the fact that we are gifts from God. Two questions: is “thanks” a common theme of our prayer; are we using all within our power and influence in service of others and in thanks to God?

Service: Volunteered about 30 minutes each day last week; helped in the school library; worked on the candles for Mass; exercised the ministry of greeter at 8:00AM Mass; helped some elderly folks clean their residence; transported some goods for those in need.

Sharing Last weekend: \$6556; thank you. Also, during the past two weeks monies have been given: fuel collection: \$795; food shelf: \$18; CCHD: \$83; school fund: \$215. Thanks to each faithful steward. The money given will be used for the designated purpose or forwarded to appropriate office.

End-of-the-year giving. Some parishioners will donate toward the end of the year for the tax benefit; if you wish to do that, please make certain that we receive the donation by December 31. If you wish to donate stock or other assets, it may be to your further advantage: you will receive credit—and a tax benefit—for the entire amount on the day it is received, you will not have to pay capital gains and the parish will absorb the transaction costs. Please call John Riehle at the parish center.

Stewardship of treasure—follow-up. Sunday and Monday evening, members of the pastoral council, finance council and education advisory group will be calling homes from whom no response has been received. Please receive this call with hospitality and be prepared with an appropriate answer. Thank you in advance.

“Good News” mailing. If you receive a copy of the newsletter [published and mailed bi-monthly] for one of your children who no longer resides at your house, please call the parish center to update their address. We will make changes and they’ll receive this great parish publication in their home

**Readings for the Week of November 25, 2007**

- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
- Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*  
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*  
 Dir. KLT Kids .....*Cherri Trapp*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *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  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830  
 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  
 Joyce Osborne Stephen Adrian

**Committee Chairs**

Finance.....