

The Community of St. Matthew



“**W**atch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

– Mk 13:35-36

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week registered households of the parish received a mailing and a pledge card for financial support of Saint Matthew's for the year 2006.

Additional pledge cards are available in the back of church or from the church office.

I urge each of you to seriously consider your pledge for this coming year; I encourage you to increase your giving from last year. If you are not presently a contributor to the mission of Saint Matthew, I urge you to take the step and commit to support of Saint Mathew in 2006.

The needs are great. We currently do not meet the weekly goal to support our budget, as the report in the weekly bulletin shows. Yet the need the parish has is not the only reason I ask you to seriously consider your pledge; in fact it is not the main reason.

I ask you to stretch in your generosity because God is and has been good to you. I ask you to return to the Lord a portion of what you have received; and to do this as an act of faith -- an act of faith in a gracious God. I encourage you to make a sacrifice; I encourage you to see your stewardship not as the use of disposable income, but as a significant commitment to the work of your Church in response to the goodness you have and do experience from a gracious God. That is the bedrock of Christian stewardship.

Please prayerfully consider your commitment and return your pledge card either to the Parish Center or in the Sunday collection basket.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday November 30 at the Parish Center 7:00 PM. Agenda and minutes of the last meeting are on the parish website or can be obtained by calling the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please e-mail the council or contact a member (information on bulletin flap).

ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY AUCTION

On Wednesday December 7, 6:30 pm the Men's Club annual holiday auction will take place in the Social Hall. All the proceeds go to the St. Matthew's Holiday Giving and the School Sisters of Notre Dame Retirement Fund. Donations are needed and pick-up is available. Call Wayne (651-451-9726) or Tim (651-450-4975).

GIFT GIVING WEEKEND

On the weekend of December 10th and 11th we invite you to make Christmas a joyous occasion for needy families by bringing NEW, unwrapped gifts to place under the Christmas tree in the church, Gifts for all ages are appreciated, don't forget the teenagers and adults! Your sharing will add to the happiness of the recipient's Christmas, as well as your own.

If you are a parish family who is in need or if you know of a family in need at this time, please call Nicole at the parish center, 651-224-9793. All names will be kept confidential.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS BEGIN

Stop down in the social hall after masses this Sunday, November 27 for a cup of coffee, a donut and a chance to visit with community members. Everyone is welcome. John Delvecchio has agreed to chair the Hospitality Committee that will coordinate these events, and he is interested in having a committee of people that would enjoy participating in this ministry. We anticipate 3-person teams working together to set up the food and beverages, facilitate people getting together, and light clean-up afterward. The more members on the committee, the more this ministry can be shared and the more fun it will be. If you would like to participate on the hospitality committee, please call the parish office at 651-224-9793. Again, everyone is welcome. See you after mass!

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Holiday season is approaching fast. SCRIP makes great holiday gifts for everyone on your gift giving list. We have recently added Arby's and Bucca di Beppo to our on hand inventory. Special orders and large holiday orders should be placed as soon as possible to guarantee pre-holiday delivery. All proceeds from the SCRIP program go to St. Matthew's School and are used to meet a variety of needs. Happy Shopping!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY

There will be religious education class for all students in grades 1-10 this Wednesday, November 30. Class begins at 6:30 PM and ends promptly at 7:45 PM.

FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

This year's FESTIVAL CHOIR begins rehearsals on Thursday, Dec. 1st and YOU are INVITED! This choir sings for our Christmas Midnight Mass but festival members are also invited to sing for any other Adult Choir masses during the seasons of Advent and Christmas -- as few or as many as you wish. Our rehearsals are from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday nights -- in the CHURCH. Call Dana to "sign-on" or to ask questions -- leave a message at 651-310-0830 -- or stop by the music corner in church after any mass. Also, if you have an instrumental skill you would like to add to any of our Advent/Christmas liturgies -- let Dana know.

CUB SCOUT PACK 107 THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated to the Cub Scout Pack 107 service project. The Cub Scouts collected \$650 and hundreds of individual hygiene items. The Cub Scouts assembled a total of 225 kits for the men, women and children who attend Loaves and Fishes here at St. Matthew's. These kits included personal hygiene items, as well as hats and mittens for each client. The Cub Scouts distributed these kits on Monday, November 21 at the evening meal of Loaves and Fishes.

CYCLE B" ST. JOSEPH'S MISSALS

Missals are available for purchase at the back of church. Our new liturgical year begins November 27th and this year's Cycle B will be significantly different from previous Cycle B missals you may have on your shelf at home. This year Christmas & New Years fall on Sunday. Purchase price is \$5.00.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Cycle B "Workbook for Lectors" has arrived. If you ordered one, there is an envelope with your name on it in the main sacristy. Put your payment in the envelope & pick up your book. If you did NOT order one, but wish you had, Dana has extra's. Check with her after any mass this weekend.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	November 27 Baptism
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	November 28 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC	November 29 Loaves and Fishes Guitar Group
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	November 30 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	December 1 Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Cub Scout Pack 107 Committee Meeting Adult Choir
Friday	December 2
Saturday	December 3
Sunday 10:30 AM, MC 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	December 4 Baptism Baptism Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-November 20: \$9,811.04
 Needed per week: \$9,457.00

Plate & envelope to date: \$170,281.00
 Need to date: \$198,597.00
 -28,316.00

Children's Envelopes \$3.55
 School Collection \$10.00
 Holy Day \$125.00

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished. s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 27 8:00 AM Charles Otte
 Ed Maher
 10:30 AM Parishioners
 Monday, November 28 Mae Gonsowski
 Tuesday, November 29 Mildred Lasch, Earl
 Cafilisch
 Joe & Tracy Palermo
 Wednesday, November 30 World Peace
 Thursday, December 1
 Friday, December 2 6:45 AM Orville Boyle
 Marian McNeely
 5:15 PM Parishioners
 Saturday, December 3 Tim Jack, Patricia Jack
 Erickson, Art Geis
 Sunday, December 4 8:00 AM Rose Garcia
 Larry Simmons, Living &
 deceased members of
 Rosary Society
 10:30 AM Elias Uribe
 Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2005
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/
 Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/
 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Web site: st-matts.org
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School 651-224-6912
 Extended Day 651-228-1535
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: parishcouncil@st-matts.org

Becky Montgomery Larry Sachi
 Marty Olson John Sekevitch
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
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Committee Chairs

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