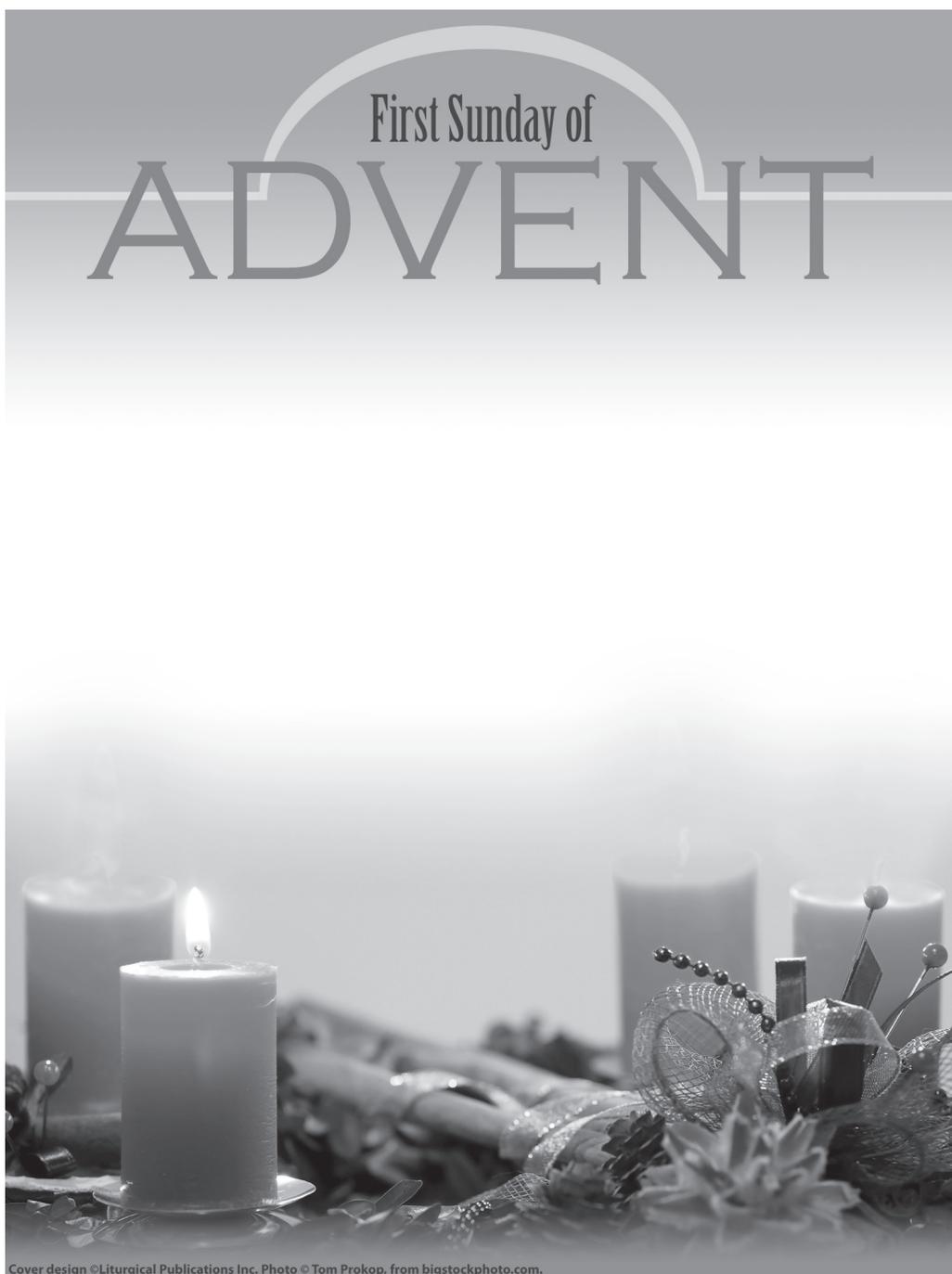


# The Community of St. Matthew

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

**Christmas Giving:**

This weekend the Church draws us into the period of preparation for the Christmas Feast and Season. The Season of Advent is four weeks of preparation – preparation to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Savior.

Part of the preparation for the Feast is to remember to share our gifts and blessings with others. We do this by making gifts to others and using some of our resource to enhance the lives of others.

Most of us have no need of Christmas gifts – we have what we need.

Yet many individuals and families in need approach the Church during this season looking for help. I encourage you to take the time to purchase gift cards at the Scrip table in the back of church and then make those gift cards available to the church office to help assist those who come to us in need.

Gift cards for groceries, gasoline and clothing are cards that would be of most value.

**Annual Stewardship Drive:**

Soon you will receive a mailing inviting you to make a pledge of stewardship to your parish for the coming year. The ministries of our parish are funded in large part by the generous support of parish members. This week I ask that you take the time to reflect on the many ways you have been blest and the graciousness of God which is

shown in your life. I ask that you make a decision of what part of those material blessings you will return to the Lord in the form of your annual stewardship. What percentage of your income will you commit to your stewardship this year? If you have not taken the opportunity to pledge before now, I ask that you seriously consider making a pledge for the coming year.

**Public Meeting on the State of Saint Matthew's School:**

All are invited to the community meeting on the sustainability of Saint Matthew's School.

Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Saint Matthew Social Hall

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.



ST JOSEPH'S MISSALS

Are available for purchase at the back corner of the church, near the Script Table. The new liturgical year begins on November 28, with the Cycle A readings. Envelopes are there for the \$5.00 purchase price.

THE WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS 2011

Lectors: The workbooks are available in the church sacristy. Please pick your book up during this month. Envelopes are there for the \$12.00 book. Be sure to check whether you picked up a book or not. Thank you.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ANNUAL ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Rosary Society will hold its annual Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of December 11 and 12. Please consider making a batch or two of one of your favorite holiday treats or donating a craft item. We will gladly accept donations on Saturday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 3:45 in the Social Hall (preferred) and Sunday December 12 at Breakfast with Santa. We appreciate all our customers, particularly shoppers who tell us that they let us do all their Christmas baking for them. Funds raised from the Bake Sale and other activities allow us to support many programs. Last year the Rosary Society donated more than \$6,200 to help our church and the community.

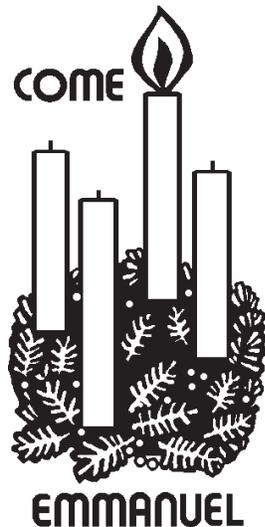
ADVENT AND THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

We begin the church year anew with the Gospel of Matthew. Matt 1:1 “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.....”

We invite you to read the opening chapter of Matthew, beautifully scribed by the artist of the St. John’s Bible, and now prominently displayed at the entrance of the Church next to the Statue of St. Matthew. The season of Advent, which is all about the coming of the Lord, appearing in human history, coming at the end of time, and coming, not in the past, nor in the future, but in the here and now, as Christ comes to us in grace, in the sacraments. For just as Christ was born of Mary, so by our Baptism, we receive the call to prepare the way of the Lord. As the gospel continues and reminds us, our God is the God of the poor and the lowly. May we be reminded that our cause is God’s cause during this blessed and holy season.

THE GIFTING AREA

Please make your way to the gifting area of the church. This area is marked by the slat-board Care-notes, Scrip, collection of eye glasses, milk bottle caps and cereal labels for the school, and much more.



THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 28</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>November 29</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b> 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	<b>November 30</b> St. Mary’s Clinic Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 2:45 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC	<b>December 1</b> St. Mary’s Clinic Children’s Choir Loaves and Fishes Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>December 2</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 5</b>

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

We read: "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," in today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are; they strive to live in readiness for His coming. [How am I doing in this regard?]

Sharing 'Not bad for an icy Sunday...' \$7,218 was given in the four usual ways. Thanks, especially, to the hardy souls who ventured, slipped and slid! That's below the budget; hopefully some folks can 'make it up' this coming weekend.

Thanks too for: \$78 in school envelopes [we budget about \$1,000 monthly, with most being given on the first weekend of the month]; \$712 in fuel envelopes [we've budgeted about \$90,000 for natural gas for this year]; \$10 for the food shelf; and \$35 for All Saints. \$310 Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Service: Helped a person with housework... choir.

Prayer: Daily mass, rosary, meal prayers, spiritual reading.

Youth: \$5.00, Thank you! They wrote: Cleaned.

Coffee Sunday: Thanks to the extended Creamer family for delicious goodies last Sunday; this Sunday—no hospitality; next Sunday: thanks in advance to the school community for providing the hospitality.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2010  
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
 Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
 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 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Fax.....651-228-9448  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
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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 and KLT..... *Shar LaVelle*  
 Bookkeeper..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant..... *Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service..... *Donna Jenniges*  
 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Parish School.....651-224-6912  
 KLT Kids..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Prayer line..... 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM (Mar-Oct)  
 4:00 PM (Nov-Feb)  
 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 (Mar-Oct), 3:00 PM (Nov-Feb)

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*  
 Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum  
 Mark Thomford Joyce Osborne  
 Jason Delmont Anthony Minus  
 Dean Steinbrenner Chris Stevens  
 Stephen Adrian Becky Montgomery  
 Judy DeNardo, at large