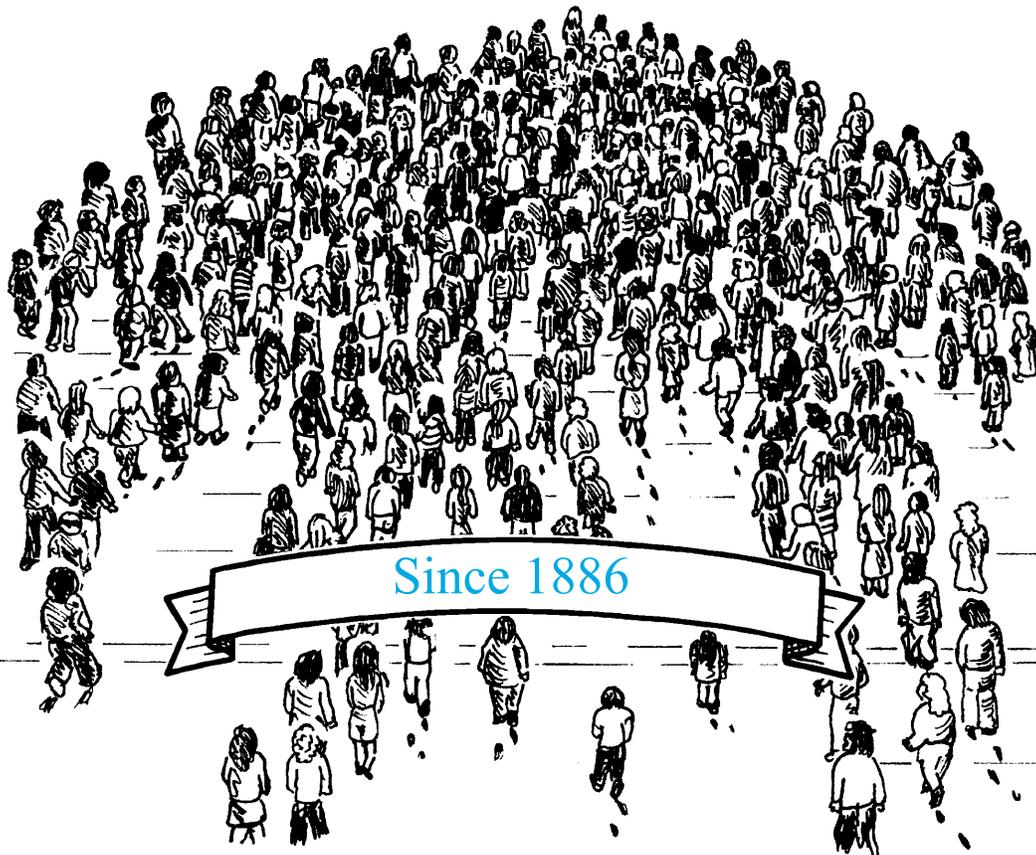


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For thirty years members of Saint Matthew's have brought newly purchased gifts for adults and children and placed them in church before Christmas. These gifts were then distributed to individuals and families facing financial difficulties.

This year I ask that you limit your purchases to:

Hats / caps for adults and children  
Mittens / gloves for adults and children  
Scarves / mufflers for adults and children  
Boots / over shoes / winter socks for adults and children  
Food gift cards for Rainbow, Cub  
Gas gift cards for Super America, Holiday

Gift cards can be purchased from Tim Nowak at the Scrip table in the back of Church. You can leave the gift card with Tim and he will deliver it to the Church office.

Winter apparel is to be new.

The winter apparel and gift cards will be made available to the guests at Saint Matthew's Loaves and Fishes. Between 150 and 200 adults and children come to Saint Matthew's Social Hall each evening – Monday thru Thursday – for their evening meal.

Neighborhood House is providing other kinds of gifts – if you wish to donate a gift, not winter apparel, you can make those donations at Neighborhood House.

I invite you to be generous in this effort. We can provide new, warm, winter clothes for families in need this Christmas Season.

Gift items can be brought to the Church from the First Sunday of Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup> to the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### DID YOU KNOW ---

Neighborhood House Food Shelf served over 8000 families last year? Each week donations are brought from St Matt's to Neighborhood House. Please help us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. Thanks from St Matthew's Food Shelf Ministry.

### 500 WINNERS

1st Place: Rita Marquardt and Gayle Stelter.  
2nd Place: Arlene Kempe and Jean St. Martin.

### SUNDAY MISSALS

The St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available at the back of church; the suggested donation is \$5.00. These are printed in Canada and have the same translation of the of the readings 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.

*"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:26-28*

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EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Rosary Society is holding its annual Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of December 12 and 13. Rosary members are busy making Christmas cookies, candy, sweet breads, snacks, and crafts. But we could use a little help. If you are making some Christmas delicacies, could you please make an extra batch and donate it to the sale. We prefer that you bring your items to the Social Hall on Saturday, December 12, after 10 a.m. so we have a big variety of items when our sale starts, but we will accept donations Sunday morning. The sale on Saturday is from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. On Sunday December 13 Breakfast with Santa and the Bake Sale is from 9 to noon. Come to the sale and purchase your Christmas party bakery, snacks, and gifts.

KINGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST AT APPLEBEE'S

The Knights of Columbus, West St. Paul Council, is having a fundraiser breakfast on December 19th at Applebee's in West St. Paul. Breakfast will be served from 8 until 10 am on Saturday for \$5. Breakfast includes Pancakes, sausages, eggs, coffee, juice, and milk. Buy your tickets by the Scrip table from Joe Stevens after mass.

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

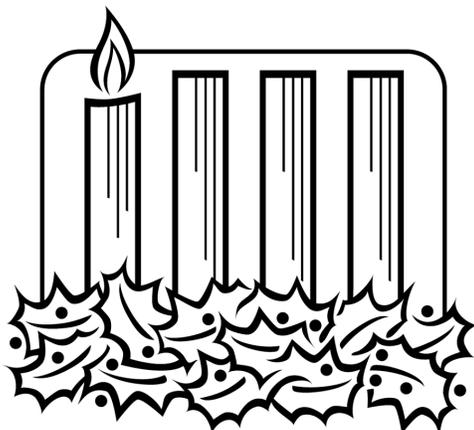
On Sunday, December 20, at both 2 and 4PM the community will gather and pray for forgiveness. This non-sacramental prayer will include time for Scripture, preaching, examination of conscience, song and prayer.

THE FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This holyday of obligation celebrates Mary under the title in which she is the Patroness of the United States. Masses will be celebrated at 6:45AM; 9:00AM and 5:00PM.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Thanks in advance to Sister Carolyn Fasnacht, SSND, for presenting 'the case' next weekend. There will be flyers and envelopes in the bulletin. Please return them on December 12/13—there will be a second collection.



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THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 29</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 30</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 1</b>
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 2</b>
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
3:30 PM, PC	Finance Committee
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of Saint Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another. In fact, Saint Paul both the young Christian Church in Thessalonica, but in the same breath, challenges them to do even more and more. [How would we respond?]

Sharing Last weekend: \$8,350 was given in the usual four ways. Thank you. The year-to-date: \$192,172 is an average of \$9,151 per weekend.

Other money: \$155 for food shelf; \$45 for holydays; \$35 in fuel envelope; \$27 in school envelope; \$5 for the missions. Thank you.

Service: Helped make dinner

Prayer: Daily mass, prayer, rosary... mealtime prayers... spiritual reading

Children: \$2.35, Thank you! They wrote: Cleaned... raked leaves.

Stewardship Renewal: Follow-up calling will take place Sunday from 6-8 and Monday from 7-9. Thanks in advance for members of the pastoral council, the finance council and the education advisory committee for this ministry.

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 29, 2009  
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
 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: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
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 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... Shar LaVelle  
 Bookkeeper ..... Cindy Hoffman  
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 Parish Engineer..... David Rosas

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 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayer line ..... 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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

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