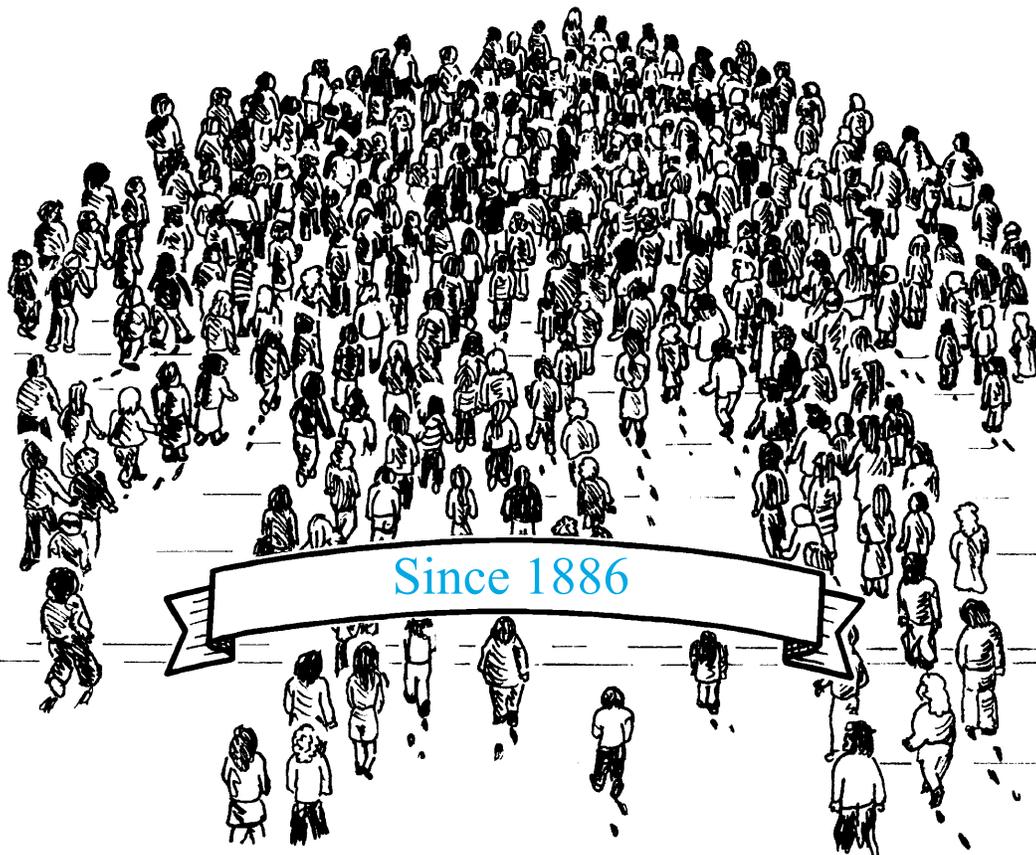


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

During the month of November the Church calls us to remember those who have gone before us – family members, neighbors, friends and parishioners.

The older we get the more of our friends have preceded us and joined that great army of witnesses who in their lives have given testimony to the gracious love of God.

In many ways we are an amalgam of the lives of those who have preceded us – their influence, their love, their challenges, their faith, their values – these are the ingredients which have been mixed with our God-given talents and gifts to make up what we call “our lives”.

No person stands alone. No one is an island. We are connected – for better or worse – with so many human beings and human events.

Maybe this is the month to walk through the family picture albums. Maybe this is the month to allow those snap shots we carry within our memory to play out. Maybe this is the month to reconnect with all that has gone before.

While we are certainly not determined by yesterday and the events and persons of yesterday – we can't ignore the power and influence of yesterday on today.

It may be a time to give thanks, time to forgive, time to let go or time to cherish.

This weekend we will remember by name the members of our parish community who have died this year. This “litany of saints” can be a powerful way to recall the faces and lives of those who have ended their journey and who have passed through the doors of physical death and come face to face with the Living God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FOOD SHELF

Every day some of our neighbors struggle to put food on their table. Helping them is as easy as bringing food or paper products to weekend worship. Every week food is collected here and brought to Neighborhood House. You'll find wish lists or envelopes for cash donations on the bulletin board in back of church. The food shelf is always in need of grocery bags too. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 13. The November Rosary Society meeting will be held in the social hall beginning at 6:45 pm. CBL decorating center will be sharing Holiday home decorating ideas with us. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain.

ST. MATTHEW BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 WREATH SALE

On November 17 & 18 at all Masses, the Boy Scouts will again be selling Holiday Wreaths. They will be selling 25" wreaths for \$15.00 and Swags for \$13.00. If you have not already ordered a wreath directly from a Boy Scout from Troop 107, this will be the last opportunity for you to purchase a wreath. Any wreaths previously ordered from a Scout will be delivered directly to you.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you've been thinking about become a visitor to the homebound, now is the perfect time to do it and we need you. A mini-retreat is planned for Saturday, November 10 from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m. Call Judy at 651-686-5463 to find out more about the Ministry or the retreat.

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 for more information.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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.

BORDER BATTLE

Vikings VS Packers, Sunday November 11, in the St. Matthew's Social Hall. Doors open at 11:30. Game at high noon. Admission \$5 includes food, snacks, and refreshments.

TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDS BY C.O.F. LOCAL COURT #367

The Catholic Order of Foresters Local Court #367 gave three \$200.00 awards randomly drawn from 17 applicants attending grades K-12 Catholic Schools. Bree Osborne, Alexandra Erickson and Peter Jacobs were the lucky recipients.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council 4184 will be held next Thursday evening, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Michael, 337 Hurley Ave. E., West St. Paul. The Mass will be said in memory of deceased brother Knights: William Harrison, Michael Rodriguez, Frank Rodriguez, Richard Hurley, Joseph Chapdelaine and Walter Baillon. Rev. Kenneth O'Hotto, the Council Chaplain, will celebrate the Memorial Mass. All are welcome to attend.

OLG WOMEN'S SOCIETY ANNUAL FALL ENCHILADA AND BAKE SALE

The Guadalupana Society from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church would like to invite you to our Enchilada and Bake Sale on Sunday, November 11th from 10 AM to 1 PM in the social hall. Featured will be delicious homemade breads and sweets, along Enchiladas "to go". OLG Church, 401 Concord Street, St. Paul (Hwy 52 and Concord Street) 651-228-0506.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2007

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 4
Monday	November 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 6
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
	Election Day
Wednesday	November 7
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	November 8
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	November 9
No School	Teacher Workshop
Saturday	November 10
Sunday	November 11
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. Saint Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too—"that our God may make us worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

One sentence from the Book of Wisdom is instructive for remembering who is the Lord and who is the steward: "You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord."

Prayer: During this season of "thanksgiving" it is good to remember that our life should be filled with prayers of thanks...when we arise...when we take sustenance...when we travel to school or work...when we labor in school or at our jobs...when we spend time with our family. All those opportunities are gifts given to us by the Lord. How often do we bow in humble thanksgiving?

Service: Special thanks to a number of women who helped prepare the stewardship mailing...Shirley, Mary Ann, Lu and Bernice. Before they did the simpler task of sealing and stamping all the envelopes, they matched names on letters and pledge cards—no small effort.

Sharing Last weekend: \$6,626 was given by the usual three methods. Thank you. [It was the lowest amount in exactly 6 months—a weekend also at the end of the month.] Also: \$382 was given to the Propagation of Faith—Missions; \$100 to the Campaign for Human Development; \$50 in School envelopes. Each of these programs will benefit from demonstrated generosity.

Annual Catholic Appeal refund: the first "half" was received this past week: \$3447. This is equivalent to 25% of all that has been contributed to date. Remember—next February—when that appeal is taken: that percentage is returned to the parish for its work in education and formation. Thank you in the past and in advance.

Stewardship renewal follow-up Now is the time to return the pledge form. The deadline is 11/11. Each form returned will save a follow-up phone call; please return the form, regardless of the amount of the pledge—and even if there is no ability to pledge for 2008. Thank you in advance.

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 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
Michael Linn	Stephen Adrian