

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This is the 27th consecutive year that the Casper Family, owners of the Cherokee Tavern, formerly known as the Cherokee Sirloin Room, provides a Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Over the years this event has grown. Last year more than 3000 traditional Thanksgiving dinners were provided – 2000 of those dinners were delivered to individuals and families in their homes and 1000 of the meals were eaten by families and individuals in the restaurant.

Sometimes it is inconvenient for a family to prepare a meal in their own home, sometimes it is impractical for an older couple to provide a Thanksgiving meal for just themselves and sometimes individuals are alone on Thanksgiving Day and have no place to go for dinner.

For all of these situations and so many more the Cherokee Thanksgiving Dinner is a true gift to our community.

27 years ago Dorothy Casper, wife of Bob Casper, Sirloin Room owner, suggested to her husband and family that providing this annual meal would be a good way for their family to give back to the community which has supported them in their business for so many years.

The Cherokee staff and more than 100 volunteers make this event work. Volunteer help is need in the preparation of the meals, delivery drivers are needed, people to pack the meals for delivery, wait staff and servers in the restaurant, dishwashers, cleaners, etc. If you wish to

volunteer in this effort, please call Sara at the Cherokee – 651-457-2729.

If you wish to receive a meal; or if you wish to dine in the restaurant on Thanksgiving Day, please call the Church office to make reservations – 651-224-9793. The meals at the restaurant are served at 12:00 noon and 1:30 pm. If you wish to deliver meals to home-bound people on Thanksgiving Day, please call the Church office –651-224-9793. Reservations must be made by Thursday, November 19th so that adequate preparation can be made of all.

The collection on Thanksgiving Day at Saint Matthew's will be given to help underwrite the cost of this Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This year the cost of turkeys alone is well over \$5000.00.

Thank you to the Casper Family, the employees of the Cherokee Tavern, the many volunteers who give of their time on Thanksgiving and all those who contribute funds to help play for this dinner.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Visits to Neighborhood House Food Shelf increased by 24% from 2008 to 2009? St Matthew's Food Shelf Ministry depends on contributions from YOU. 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. A few extra grocery bags along with your donations would also be much appreciated.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee hours after both Sunday masses are hosted and served in support of Habitat for Humanity by members of the congregations of St. Matthews, St Thomas Beckett and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Collectively these faith communities have, over the recent years, donated \$69,000 and more than 10,000 of in-kind labor hours to help build housing for families in need. Come and meet our neighbors and see pictures of the good work past Habitat projects accomplished. PlayPumps International thanks all who supported last weeks C4aC. \$96.00 was raised. Loves and Fishes thanks all who supported the 10/25/09 C4aC. \$77.00 will go towards helping their ongoing work.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

At the church of St. Matthew on All Souls Day, and throughout the month of November, the Book of Remembrance is placed near the font. The blank pages are available for people to inscribe the names of deceased friends and relatives for whom they wish the parish to pray.

NECROLOGY

The necrology is the historical record of those who were buried from the Church of St. Matthew from All Saints Day (November 1) of last year to All Saints Day this year. Take a moment to look at this Litany of Saints who have entered eternal life this past year and pray for them and their families.

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.

THANKSGIVING

Ecumenical Service for this year is being suspended. Planning for a re-vitalized service in 2010 will begin in February with parishioners from each of the Churches helping to plan. Do you have interest and energy for this? Please contact the parish office. **Thanksgiving Mass** will again be at 9:00AM on Thursday morning.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET EVENT

You are invited to "A Taste of Thanksgiving" on Friday, November 13 from 7 - 10 p.m. Sample 20 wines, and enjoy appetizers, artisan cheeses, pastas, salads, decadent desserts created by 8 local chefs. Enjoy a silent auction. All proceeds fund the St. Joseph Worker Program, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. This year, 12 Workers are volunteering in 14 non-profit organizations bringing hope and help to 3,000 children, women and men in need. Tickets are \$40/person (\$25 tax deductible); \$75 for two people (\$45 tax deductible); \$320 for table for 8 people (\$200 tax deductible). Call Kate Brady at 651-690-7058.

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 8
Monday	November 9
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 10
9:00 AM, PC	Alums & Friends
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SH	Rosary Society
Wednesday	November 11
9:15 AM, AM	School Mass
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Meeting
Thursday	November 12
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, XC	Cub Scout Committee
Friday	November 13
Saturday	November 14
Sunday	November 15

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

STEWARDSHIP

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

Sharing Last weekend was one of great stewardship with donations not only to the regular parish fund, but to many other causes. Thanks to every faithful steward.

- 13,380 in regular stewardship—operating fund
- 1,002 in school envelopes and plate
- 668 for All Saints
- 269 for Campaign for Human Development
- 25 for Mission Sunday
- 20 for food shelf
- 2 in fuel envelope

Regular stewardship is a bit behind budget [\$1,147 in 18 weeks] but ahead of the previous by \$2,848, \$9,440, and \$10,358 respectfully. Again: thank you!

Service: Eucharistic minister... funeral luncheon... volunteer to answer phones in parish center.

Prayer: daily... morning mass... daily rosary... morning, evening & meal prayers...spiritual reading

2010 Stewardship renewal Each parish 'family' should have received a letter and response sheet. The deadline is NEXT Sunday—November 15. Thank you in advance.

If you did not receive materials, there are response sheets at the doors; please take one. Pledges, though not binding, are important as we prepare the budget for next year.

WEEKLY READINGS

- Readings for the Week of November 8, 2009
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
 - Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 - Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10
 - Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
 - Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25
 - Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
 - Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
 - Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Web site: st-matts.org
 Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

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

- Fax..... 651-228-9448
- Parish School..... 651-224-6912
- 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*

- Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum
- Connie Aligada Joyce Osborne
- Jason Delmont Anthony Minus
- Dean Steinbrenner Chris Stevens
- Stephen Adrian David Burrows