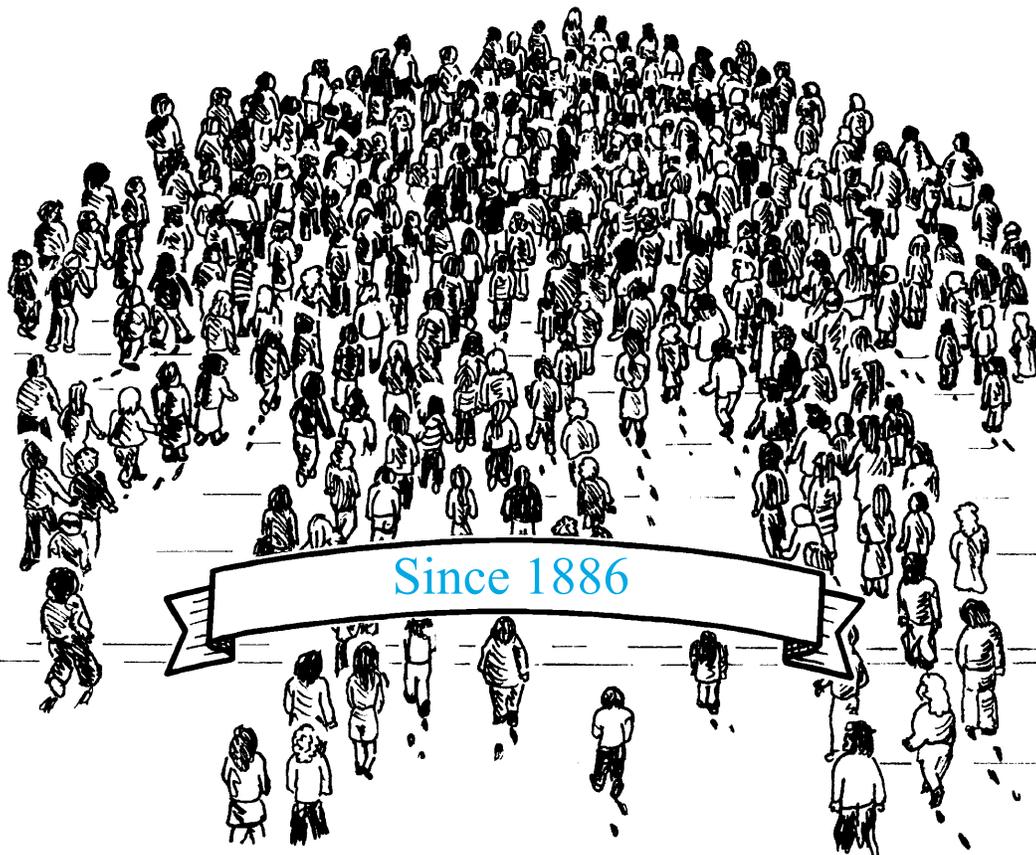


The Community of St. Matthew



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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Sunday between the two morning Masses the parish annual meeting will take place in the Social Hall – 9:00-10:15 am.

Last Sunday the 8 page annual report was available at the doors of the Church after Masses. The annual report seeks in summary form to indicate the activities which have taken place during the past fiscal year as well as the annual financial report – June 30th 2006-July 1st 2007. The full detail for all the activities and finance can be reviewed at the Church office.

The strength of any community is found in its members – the commitment and dedication of individuals and families are the heart of Saint Matthew's parish – this has been true from the very beginning – 1886.

The summary report indicates are areas in which hundreds of parish members – adults and youth – bring their talent, time and treasure to the building up of the kingdom on the West Side of Saint Paul.

The report also indicates the many ways our buildings and grounds are used for the benefit of our parish community and the larger civic community. No person is an island and no institution exists apart from its surroundings, its culture, and its economic and political realities. Thus we are connected to each other and our success in many ways depends on the success of our neighbors. For this reason Saint Matthew's truly sees itself as part of a neighborhood community – we have thrown our lot in with our neighbors and we strive with our neighbors to create a good society, a good community – a society in which individuals and families thrive, a community in which those in need are cared for and supported, a society in which the lives of our children are the focus of our work and commitment.

Our mission statement says boldly: **Saint Matthew's exists in**

the world as a visible expression of God's love. These words are important. They describe who we are and what we wish to become. Central to the mission statement is the conviction and commitment to live “in the world” – not apart from, but within. We do this because as a result of the Incarnation we can do no other. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.....” (John 3:16), “He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him.....” (John 1:10). God is embraced by the world and the world embraces Him “...He did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death...” (Phil 2:6b-8a). The Second Vatican Council says of the Church universal, and for that matter each local church community – “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or any way afflicted, these are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the followers of Christ” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World #1).

Thus we keep one eye firmly fixed on a life to come, and the other eye just a keenly fixed on the life of here-and-now. We seek the new city, the heavenly Jerusalem, while all the time we are commitment to building up the city in which we live today. Our lives are a mystery, we live the life of the integrated schizophrenic – we live fully in both the City of God and the City of human beings. We look forward to the Kingdom of God and yet we know that the Kingdom is already here and within.

The annual report says in so many ways how we struggle to truly be “a visible expression of God's love” in the world that is our own.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH RECTORY

All are invited to one of two parish gatherings to learn more about the ministry of Casa Guadalupana and the plans for leasing the rectory. Thursday, October 25 in the church beginning at 11:00AM; Sunday, October 28, in the social hall between the Sunday Masses: 9:00AM to 10:15AM.

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday November 3rd at 9 AM is the annual Liturgy Breakfast to celebrate your service to the community. Please mark your calendars. There is a sign-up sheet on the Scrip Table to indicate what kind of dish you can bring to the communal table.

FALL FESTIVAL

Those who led the effort last month had a good evaluation session last week. New faces and bodies are welcomed and encouraged—please call the parish office to inquire or volunteer. The dates for next year: September 20 and 21. Planning meetings will begin in April. One idea discussed: resurrecting the raffle.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no religious education class this week for grades 1-10. Classes will resume on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation candidates will have class this Sunday, October 14 at 4:00 PM in the main church. Parents and families are invited to mass at 5:00 PM in the chapel, there will be a light supper following mass.

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL BAND FUNDRAISER

The Cretin-Derham Hall Band is holding a Pancake Breakfast at the CDH Cafeteria on Sunday, October 14th, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, to raise funds for the spring trip to St. Louis. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children & seniors. In addition to tasty pancakes and sausage, you'll also enjoy live music and prize drawings. Please plan on attending to help support the Cretin-Derham Hall Band program.

SCRIP UPDATE

Subway, Noodles & Co gift cards in \$10 denominations are now available from the Scrip program. Crafters – JoAnn Fabrics & Michael's gift cards in \$25 denominations are available via order. The purchase and use of gift cards from the Scrip program currently provides \$250 per month to the school at no cost to the purchasers. A big thank you goes out to those of you that have participated in this no cost fundraising effort. Selling only 12 more \$25 cards per week will allow us to increase the monthly school donation to \$300 per month. Will you be one of the 12?

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

Join friends and family at Arby's/S'Barro this Thursday night. After you place your order tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. St. Matthew's School Arby's/S'Barro night is every third Thursday from September through May. Hope to see you there!

"PEACE AND VIOLENCE IN OUR RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS"

Presenters will discuss their tradition's teachings on non-violence, how violence appears in the traditions texts/history, and how the tradition practices peace-making and non-violence. Facilitated intra- and interreligious dialogue among participants will be part of each session. Clergy/Leaders from Jewish, Catholic, Mennonite, Muslim, Baha'i and Quaker traditions will be presenters. Oct. 16-Nov. 12, five Monday evenings, 7-9 PM. Free and open to the public.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION TURN IN DATE

Please turn in Box Tops to the church or school office by October 26th for our fall turn in date. Thanks for your continued support of this program.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 14
4:00-6:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
Monday	October 15
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	October 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
3:00-7:00 PM, SC	School Conferences
Wednesday	October 17
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	October 18
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 19
Saturday	October 20
Sunday	October 21

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one [10%] came back to say 'thank you.' I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed, all I am and all I have is God's gift to me! How and how often have I remembered to say 'thank you' to the Lord of all graciousness?

One of the marks of faithful stewards is consistency. Is that a mark of my prayer, my service and my sharing?

Prayer: Remember that the chapel in the church building is open on weekdays from 6:00AM to 6:00PM for visits, prayer, meditation and adoration. It is another way to help discover a regular place and time for personal prayer. On the first Friday of each month, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed between 7:15AM and 5:15PM.

Service volunteered: in my child's school...with the elderly...in a nursing home...with a friend who is sick...helping a friend move...as a greeter at weekend Mass...by reading to my grandchildren...by baking treats to cheer up a friend.

Sharing Last weekend: \$11,954. Thank you for your 'stewardship thank you!' That's a great start to the month of October and to the 2nd quarter of the year. That amount—about \$2,500 greater than the budget—reduces the lag this year and increases the amount compared to last year. Also: \$10 in holyday envelopes and \$1,061 in the second collection—specifically for the educational ministry of the parish.

Stewardship renewal or treasure will between on October 27 & 28. After Father Steve preaches that weekend, a letter will be sent to each parish 'family.' Included will be material to be filled out and returned. Please watch for the mailing. Thank you in advance.

WEEKLY READINGS

- Readings for the Week of October 14, 2007**
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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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

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