

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Fifty years ago this past week one of the most loved and admired clergy of the city died, Archbishop John Gregory Murray.

John Gregory came to Saint Paul from the East Coast. He was a man of short stature with a leprechaun's twinkle in his eyes. He never learned to drive a car and so was a regular on Twin Cities street cars. He was also hit up by every panhandler in town and readily acceded to the request for money for a cup of coffee.

He lived in a time of little if any church bureaucracy. His home was the Cathedral rectory and there was his office as well. His office was filled with a very long "library table". At one end of the table was his typewriter. At the other end of the table were chairs for visitors and those "called in" for a meeting. He did his own typing and made his own telephone calls.

John Gregory encouraged priests to join the military chaplaincy during World War II and told the Catholics of the Archdiocese that even if all the priests in the Twin Cities became chaplains he would celebrate Mass for them each Sunday in both the Saint Paul and Minneapolis auditoriums and so accommodate the needs of all.

In the post war time new parishes were being established almost monthly and new schools were established as well. The population was growing and spreading. Most new parishes began by building a school and using the gym or auditorium as a "temporary church" until a "new church" could be built. Often the temporariness of the "auditorium-church" lasted for decades - witness our neighbors St Joseph and St Michael.

He was a "doer" and had little time for the "politics" of church. Each bishop is supposed to make a trip to Rome every five years and make a report on the status of the local diocese to the Pope. In all his years John Gregory never made the trip to Rome. He sent in his report by mail with the note that he wasn't feeling well enough to travel. The Pope would routinely ask other American bishops about the health of the poor Archbishop of Saint Paul, and sent his best wishes for his good health.

Most Sunday mornings he celebrated the early Mass at the Cathedral - 6:00 am. Neighborhood people and night workers were his Sunday congregation. He would look down from the pulpit of the cathedral and talk to the hamboner from Swifts.

On the day of his burial president Dwight Eisenhower was scheduled to make a campaign appearance in Saint Paul - three weeks before the presidential election. Eisenhower cancelled his trip to Saint Paul, saying that it would be a gross insult to the citizens of Saint Paul for him to interrupt the mourning of a city over the death of its most noble citizen.

Despite his short stature - he was a giant in the earth and a walking example of the eight beatitudes.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

120TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AND DINNER

Check your mail this week for your invitation to the 120th Anniversary Gala and Dinner. Enjoy a German dinner, relive the past through pictures and stories and hear our dreams for the next 120 years. Be one of the first to see the DVD of our history. Sitting is limited to 200 so get your tickets early so you don't miss out on this special celebration. Tickets may be purchased after masses beginning this weekend.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER BOTH SUNDAY MASSES

This weekend's coffee hour is being served by Judy and Bob DeNardo - thanks. KLT Kids staff covered last Sunday's Coffee Hour. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and fellowship. Treats are welcome and helpers are needed to staff future coffee hours too.

FR. CLAUDIO BARBUT'S PARISH VISIT

Thank you to Fr. Steve and all parishioners who contributed in any way to the \$7,100 through prayer, work and/or donations for poor children. Father Claudio.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS -- SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

It's time for our annual Morning Brunch / In-Service! Check your mail & this bulletin for more details in the coming weeks.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR

St. Matthew's Annual Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Sunday following the 8:00 AM mass. Books make fabulous gifts for the holidays and there are books available for all ages at the Book Fair! Come on over to the school and see what there is for your readers today! Or stop down stairs after all masses this weekend, to browse and purchase an assortment of books from the book fair. The Book Fair will be on campus until Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 PM. Proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase additional books for the St. Matthew's school library.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

There will be no Religious Education class this Wednesday, October 18 due to conferences for the day school students. Class will resume next Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 PM for all grades.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

Join friends and family at Arby's this Thursday night, October 19, 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 Night is every third Thursday from September through May. Hope to see you there.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK—DATE CORRECTION

At all Masses the weekend of October 28-29, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated (note the date was incorrectly stated on the monthly calendar as October 14-15). This sacrament is meant for all those who are facing serious illness, who are in recovery from drug or alcohol dependency or who because of advancing age experience debilitating conditions. Adults and children can be proper recipients of this sacrament. Mark your calendars and plan to participate.

ADULT HAND BELL CHOIR

We're still looking for one or two ringers -- in grades 6 up to "It's been awhile since I graduated." Dana might consider wringing her hands over this but -- despite the fact that she can be a bit of a ding-dong -- that wouldn't be too musical. She really needs someone from the assembly to step forward and lend us a couple hands for ringing bells. Don't know how? We'll teach you -- the group is very patient & helpful. All you need is the strength to lift the bell & the ability to count to 4 (or sometimes just a little higher.) We're having our first meeting at 9:00 AM in the church this Sunday to plot the year but it's not too late to join up. Leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830 OR corner her in the music corner after mass this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 15
9:00 AM –	St. Matthew's Book Fair
12:00 PM, SC	Baptism
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	
Monday	October 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	October 18
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	October 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
4:00-8:00 PM	Arby's/S'Barro Night
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	October 20
Saturday	October 21
9:00 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
Sunday	October 22
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
4:00 PM, SC	Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

Time: Having endured the first cold snap of the season, our prayer could be focused on "shelter." We can pray...in thanksgiving for the adequate shelter that we have;...in petition for all those who need adequate housing especially during these months of frigid weather;...for mercy for any actions we may have taken [or omitted to take] which have caused people to be without shelter;...in adoration to God who is our shelter and our strength!

Talent: How have I used my talent this fall to help another [or our parish community] with their house and property? Is there someone in my neighborhood who could use a hand or an hour? What keeps me from offering to help?

Treasure: Almost a round number...giving last weekend was \$9001 including \$645 electronically. Thanks to each family/household who acted on the call and invitation to be faithful stewards [giving out of thankfulness for all that we have been blessed with].

Renewal of stewardship of treasure. In two weeks we will begin a month of thanksgiving and renewal. Each parish family/household will be invited to make a pledge [not legally binding] for stewardship giving in 2007. This act—by each of us—will be a statement of faith; too, it will provide reliable data for future budgeting.

New envelopes. Beginning in 2007 we will use envelopes with a new look and some new functions. Each envelope will be "mail-able" so there will be no need to supply your own; each envelope will be places to indicate if contributions have been made in a rhythm other than weekly. And there will be a place to indicate how we have responded to the Lord with our time and talent. [At another time this year we'll renew our time [beginning of Lent] and talent [Pentecost].

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2006

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30
or 10:17-27
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/ Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/ Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/ Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/ Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/ Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/ Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45
or 10:42-45

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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.

Parish Council Members

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