

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

October 13th was the date of Yom Kippur, “The Day of Atonement”, “The Sabbath of Sabbaths”. This day is the most important holiday in the Jewish year. On Yom

Kippur one is expected to undertake a complete fast -- no food or drink (even water) from sunset on the evening

before Yom Kippur until nightfall on the day of Yom Kippur. This is a day of prayer, repentance and giving of charity. This is a day in which the mercy and compassion and forgiveness of God stands at the center of one’s consciousness.

Yom Kippur carries many of the same images as does our observance of Ash Wednesday. Yom Kippur ends with a strong blast on the shofar -- the ram’s horn. Our observance of Ash Wednesday begins with the reading from the Prophet Joel in which we are told, “Blow the horn, declare a fast.....”

We can learn much about our ritual and practices by being acquainted with the holidays, prayers and celebrations of the Jewish community. For after all, our Christian faith is birthed from Jewish faith and tradition. Jesus and his disciples were Jews, and the earliest

Christian communities were communities which grew up in Jerusalem and its neighborhoods -- communities of Jewish Christians. Daily temple prayer was the rule for that early Christian community as is witness in the Acts of the Apostles.

Pope Pius XII reminded the Catholic world that “we are all spiritually Semites”.

This month more than one billion Muslims observe Ramadan, the most sacred month of the Islamic year. It is a time for inner reflection, devotion to God and practices of self control; it is a time of intensive worship, reading the Qur’an, giving to works of charity, purifying one’s behavior and doing good deeds. During Ramadan fasting becomes obligatory. The daily period of fasting starts at the break of dawn and continues until

the setting of the sun. During the daylight hours Muslims totally abstain from food and drink. The usual practice is to have a pre-fast meal (*suhoor*) before dawn and a post fast meal (*iftar*) after sunset.

The last days of Ramadan are a time of special spiritual power; everyone tries to draw closer to God through devotion and good works. During the month Muslims try to read as much of the Qur’an as they can. Most try to read the whole book at least once. Some spend part of their day listen to the recitation of the Qur’an in a mosque.

The month of Ramadan ends with a great celebration and the breaking of the fast with a great banquet in which all family members participate.

This sounds a lot like our practice of Lent to me. Lent is a time of fast and prayer and good works; Lent is a time when we are encouraged to read and reflect on the Gospels -- especially the events of the Passion and Death of the Lord; the final week of Lent is particularly powerful in that we so solemnly commemorate the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Our observance of Lent ends with the celebration of Easter, the breaking of the Lenten fast, a time of celebration with community and family.

We truly can learn much by investigating what we have in common, as well as what differs between us!

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian,
Pastor

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join us for dinner at Arby's on Robert Street this Thursday, October 20 from 4:00-8:00 PM. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total order. St. Matthew's sponsors Arby's/S'Barro night on the third Thursday of the month.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

There will be no religious education classes this Wednesday, October 19 due to parent-teacher conferences at the day school. Religious education classes will resume next Wednesday, October 26 for grades 1-9, 10th graders are reminded to meet at Doris' house for their service project at Feed My Starving Children.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND AGENDA

Minutes from the October 2nd meeting and the agenda for our next meeting on November 2 are available on the website or by calling the parish office at 224-9793. The next meeting will be at 7PM at the Parish Center on Wednesday November 2. If you have any items you want the council to discuss please contact a council member directly or e-mail to the council. (See bulletin flap for current Council member and e-mail address).

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Have you saved the morning of November 12th for our annual "Liturgical Ministry Morning" with Fr. Steve??? Details will follow in the mail.

OUR PARISH YOUTH CHOIR HAS STARTED ITS NEW YEAR.

Members from grades 3 through 8 in both public and private schools gather on Thursday evenings in the church to ring hand bells (at 5:00 PM), and sing (5:30-6:15). During the year they will have numerous opportunities to serve St. Matt's community through music ministry in worship. **There's still time to join!** Call Dana @ the Parish Center or leave her a message at 651-310-0830 to "sign-on" or for more information. The youth choir will not meet this Thursday, October 20 but be sure and join us next week, Thursday, October 27.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us on Sunday, October 16, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for an "All you can eat" breakfast of pancakes, sausage and beverage. Adult plate—\$5.00, Kids plate—\$3.) Sponsored by the Men's Association of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 16
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	October 17
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 18
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	October 19
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	October 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	October 21
Saturday	October 22
Sunday	October 23
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-October 9: \$7,469.19
 Needed per week: \$9,457.00

Plate & envelope to date: \$120,430.00
 Need to date: \$141,855.00

Children's Envelopes \$0.40
 School Collection \$227.00
 Holy Day \$25.00

Over the past 15 weeks the weekly parish collection is down at average \$1428 per week. The summer months are notoriously low times for collection, yet the weekly and monthly expenses remain pretty much the same. Salaries are paid every two weeks—twelve months out of the year, utilities come due as well as all the other expenses. Now is the time to catch up on contributions missed during the summer months. Stephen Adrian, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 16 8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr.
 Dorene George
 10:30 AM Agnes DeFoe
 John Meyers, Parishioners
 Monday, October 17 Ray Johnson
 Tuesday, October 18 Parishioners
 Wednesday, October 19 Parishioners
 Thursday, October 20 Ray Mosberger
 Friday, October 21
 Saturday, October 22 Tim Jack, Mabel Nadeau
 Harriet & Russell Ames
 Sunday, October 23 8:00 AM Alfred Bauman, Sr.
 Alfred, Bauman, Jr.
 Leonard Rosenberger
 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2005
 Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/ Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/ Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/ Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/ Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/ Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/
 Mt 22:34-40

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator *Cindy Hoffman*
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Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 Extended Day..... 651-228-1535
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery Larry Sachi
 Marty Olson John Sekevitch
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