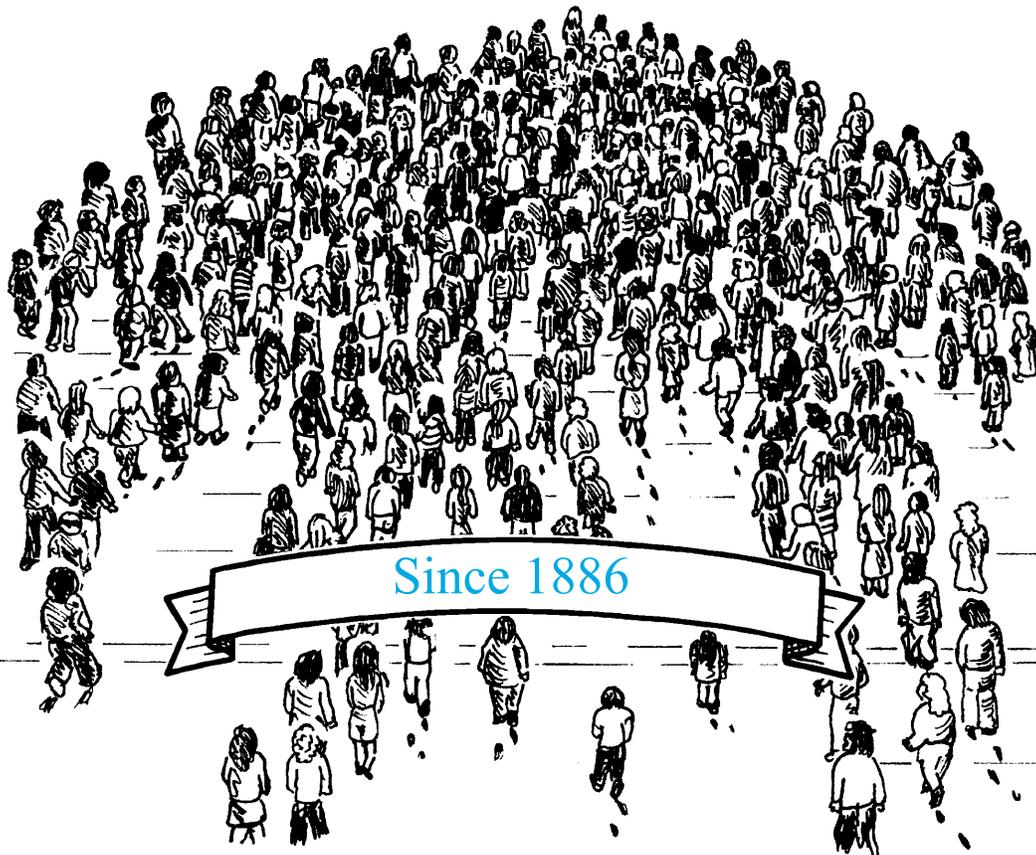


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I am sure you have heard the phrase “a budget is a moral document”; I would suggest a companion phrase – “a calendar is a moral document”.

In a few weeks I will invite you to look at your budget as the annual financial stewardship renewal takes place at Saint Matthew.

Today I invite you to look at your calendar as a moral document.

Time is merely an arbitrary measure we have devised to mark off discrete moments of a day, and thus to mark off the moments of life.

Time is limited. All have been given 24 hours, 1440 minutes, 86,400 seconds in the course of each day.

These units of measure are the containers into which I pour life, my life.

Just as the way I spend my money tells me something about the values I hold; so the way I spend my time tells me a great deal about what I value.

A contemporary philosopher suggests that a balanced life demands a balance of time. He suggests that “three kinds of time” come together to make for a balanced life: some time, any time, and no time.

Some time is for most of us the largest amount of time we

spend. This is the time that is demanded because of my occupation, my religious and civic participation, my family relationships, my commitments to others. This is the time that is marked by duty.

Any time is that time I give to personal pursuits that are voluntary and of my own choosing – my hobbies, my interests. This time is personally enriching and satisfying and is totally “my call”.

No time are those minutes in which I “do nothing” and just am. Those minutes in which I waste time and in that time wasting enter a contemplative life. This is the time in which I can be quiet and listen for the thin, whispering voice of God.

With the beginning of a new season of the year, there is always the opportunity to re-examine how I spend my time.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

All are invited to the Social Hall after the both Sunday masses for hot coffee and delicious treats provided and served by St. Matthew’s School 4th graders in support of their upcoming field trip to the Minnesota Science Museum Thanks to all the children who are helping out and to their teacher Ms. Christy Melich. Cookies, cakes, brownies and other baked goods will also available for sale. The Feed my Starving Children program thanks all who supported last weekend’s C4aC. \$108 was raised to support their work.

MINI-RETREAT FOR HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

All who do homebound ministry, or who would like to check it out, are invited to a mini-retreat on Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Parish Center. We will have time for prayer, input and discussion. Please register by calling the Parish Center, 651-224-9793, by Wednesday, October 21st.

SERVICE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

There will be a social gathering of Service Ministry Volunteers on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Sign up in the back of Church to 1) let us know you are coming and 2) to bring a dish to share. The Service Ministry Volunteers included are: Altar Server, Collection Counter, Communion Distributor, Flower and Plant, Funeral Luncheon Server, Garden Keeper, Gift Bearer, Greeter, Homebound, Lector, Linen, Music, Votive Candles, Wilder/Cerenity, and Usher. Pass the word and ask another volunteer to join you.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE!

My name is Nick Benish, I am a Boy Scout of Troop 107 and a parishioner. I am raising money for my Eagle Project, which is building a cedar grape arbor and swing at the Carpenter Nature Center, in Hastings. My goal is \$600. Cans will be collected after all masses on 10/31/09 & 11/01/09. Thanks for your support.

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals are beginning and are on going. So far we are groups of approximately 20-25 singers and instrumentalists who are willing to make a commitment to the work of liturgy and music at St. Matthew's 3 weekend liturgies (plus other special celebrations.) This is your invitation to join us as we continue to grow in faith, have fun and become part of a small community within this faith community. No auditions! Just come to the rehearsals!

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on **Wednesdays from 7-8:15** in the Church. Fall rehearsals begin on Sept. 9.

Children's Choir (Grades 4-8) Rehearsals start on **Wednesday October 7 from 2:45-3:30.**

The **Guitar Group** practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between the 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie at the parish office if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome.

Questions? Call Bonnie at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2009

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
 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: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 18
Monday	October 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 20
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	October 21
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, SC	Home & School
No Religious Ed. This Week	Adult Choir
7:00 PM, MC	
Thursday	October 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 23
Saturday	October 24
Sunday	October 25

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

29th Sunday and Mission Sunday.

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Sharing Last weekend, through the four usual 'stewardship channels' \$10,095 was given. Thank you. The year-to-date total: \$136,680 is but \$120 short of the budget; it is also \$1,588 ahead of last year; \$3,552 greater than 2 years ago; \$6,740 greater than 2006.

Too: \$195 was given in school envelopes; \$10 for the food shelf; \$639 for Crop Walk; \$155 for Cathedral renovation. Thank to each donor for the gifts.

Prayer: Witness this past week was most to regular/daily kinds of prayer: Mass, 15 minutes each day, rosary, spiritual reading. Also 20 hours of prayer during the week. Thank you for your witness and challenge—both to imitate regularly and imitate daring, Christian witness to/in our lives.

Service: Thanks to those who walked for Crop Walk, who witnessed during the Ministry Fair, who ministered at Coffee for a cause; who most recently packed meals at Feed My Starving Children.

2010 Stewardship Renewal will begin in two weeks. Plan to take a some time to reflect, pray, and discuss how the blessings of God have come to me and my family. What return should be made? What return will be made?

A response from every 'family' is hoped for... regardless of the amount of the 'pledge.' Every response will be one fewer phone calls to be made.

Thanks in advance.

The Feast of All Saints, a holyday day of obligation is celebrated on November 1. That feast takes precedence over Ordinary Sunday #31.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Remember to vote.

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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

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

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