

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Next weekend we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at each of the weekend Masses.

The Sacrament of Anointing is meant for all who have serious illness, life threatening illness and/or are of advanced age.

In the prayer of the Sacrament we pray for healing – bodily healing, but perhaps more importantly spiritual healing.

Illness can be so destructive to the human spirit. As the body weakens the spirit is tested. Often sick people suffer just as much and perhaps more from spiritual and emotional trials associated with physical illness as they do with the physical illness itself.

And so the prayer of anointing addresses healing of body and soul, physical and spiritual.

Persons who are chemically dependant, even those in recovery, are worthy recipients of the Sacrament. We know that chemical dependency is a “sickness unto death” and that unless a person is in recovery he/she will die from the addiction.

Children can also be appropriate recipients of the Sacrament. Sometimes children have serious and life threatening illnesses.

We celebrate the Sacrament at Sunday Mass for two reasons:

1. The public celebration acknowledges that prayer for the healing of persons is the work of the community of faith.
2. The public celebration reminds all that a sick or struggling person has a right to the concern and support of a community of faith.

I invite you to bring family or friends who are seriously ill. I invite you to come to church ready to celebrate the healing power of God in Jesus Christ – a healing that is made tangible and real only through the hands of others.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEKEND

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Stella Lundquist and helpers – thanks. 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.

OCTOBER 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st place—3140—Rose Stohlberg and Helen Tako. 2nd place—3100—Arlene Kempe, and Mary Price

HOUSEKEEPING IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

We're still looking for someone who can give an hour (or less) a week to helping keep our worship space perimeter dusted & orderly, and our Community Slat Board up to date. We also need someone who can help keep our Altar Cloths crisp & wrinkle-free. If you can help or have questions call Dana at the Parish Center or leave her a message -- 651-310-0830.

120TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AND DINNER

Honor the Past
Celebrate the Present
Dream the Future

On November 25th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we will have a dinner to celebrate the 120 years of Saint Matthew. The event will begin with Mass at 5:00 pm. At 6:00 we will gather in the Social Hall for social hour. At 6:45 a magnificent German Supper will be served. Following the meal there will be presented a new DVD featuring the history of Saint Matthew's Community and the life of Saint Matthew's as we live today. Following the DVD presentation we will look to the future of this community and the hopes and promise of tomorrow on the West Side of Saint Paul. Remember, if you can dream it – it will happen. Invitations have been sent to every parish household. If you know of a former parish member who would like to celebrate with us, please let them know about this special event. Seating is limited to 200, so get your tickets early. Mail your RSVP back to the parish center, or drop it in the collection plate, or stop by the SCRIP table after mass and a member of the committee will take your reservation.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS WEEK

There will be class for all grades 1-10 this Wednesday, October 25. Class begins at 6:30 PM and ends promptly at 7:45 PM. If you have a child in grades 1-10 attending public school you can still register them from Religious Education class, please come to the school office on Wednesday to fill out a registration form and your child can begin class that night.

REMEMBERING MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES IN THIS TIME OF WAR

When the Iraq war began in 2003, we provided a book for remembering in prayer, family & friends who are serving in the armed forces. It has recently been brought to our attention that not everybody knows where to find this book. It is located next to the vigil candles in our Worship Space. Feel free to visit it to add names or update the status of your loved ones. A 7 day candle burns next to the book -- a symbol of constant prayer.

IT'S SCHEDULING TIME AGAIN!

If you are an Altar Server, Gift Bearer, Communion Minister, Usher/Greeter or Lector, please let the schedulers know your requests and date conflicts. The new schedule will cover December 3 thru February 18 and includes the 4 masses of Christmas (4:00 PM Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Christmas Day). If you want to serve at any of these special masses, please let the schedulers know. Leave a message for Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com. Please make your requests **BEFORE** 8:00 AM on November 4th. Thanks.

BENEFIT DANCE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church is having a benefit dance for replating the Altar and Bell repair on Saturday, October 28 from 6:00 PM to 12:00 (midnight). Live music featuring Sangre del Alma and DJ Music with Suave DJ Tito Jaques. Food, Beer, Fun! Adults: \$10.00, Children (5-12) \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at Church or at the door. Sponsored by Club Navideno. For more information please call 651-228-0506.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 22, 2006

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/ Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 Monday: Eph 2:1-10/ Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/ Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/ Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/ Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/ Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 22
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
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4:00 PM, SC	Cub Scout Pack Meeting
Monday	October 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 24
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting
Wednesday	October 25
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
Thursday	October 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
6:30 PM, SC	Cub Scout Committee Meeting
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	October 27
Saturday	October 28
Sunday	October 29

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

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.

Time [Remember that the chapel is open for visits and prayer each weekday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM]. In light of the 300 millionth person in the U.S., and the fact that October is Respect Life Month, focus of prayer can be the fragileness of life, whether that be in the womb, as a newborn, as a person struggling for dignity for themselves and their family, in the hospital or nursing home, in prison, or on the battlefield. Can we hold each up to the Lord? what can we do to ensure their well-being?

Talent: Thanks to the members of the social groups in the parish. Not only do they address their own social needs, but most of them offer themselves in service to the parish. Thanks to members of the Men's Club [congrats on 50th anniversary], Rosary Society, Liesure Club, Scouts of all kinds, 500 club. More members are encouraged to come!

Treasure: Last weekend \$8634 was given in envelopes, the plate and electronically. Thanks to each person and household who is able to practice constant, consistent stewardship. Everyone is encouraged to participate weekly, regardless of the amount.

Stewardship renewal: Next weekend Father Steve will invite each of us to renew our stewardship of treasure [our sharing]. On Monday, October 30, a letter will be sent to each household; there will be a pledge form to return. We hope to receive all the forms [regardless of amount] by November 12. Please pray and discuss and return the form. Thank you in advance.

Envelopes: In January there will be a new look to the envelopes. Everyone will be encouraged to bring an envelope each Sunday—as a sign of our participation [our offering of self]—in worship. If you do not have a monetary gift on a Sunday, there will be a place to indicate that, as well as a place to indicate other kinds of stewardship response to the good of the Lord. More in coming weeks.

Parish Center Windows are in need of major work. The entire cost is about \$94,000. There is enough money earmarked for windows in the capital fund to replace all the windows on the West side of the building. [That is the front door side of the building.] As more money becomes available we will be able to complete the work on all sides.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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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*

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
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Committee Chairs

Finance.....
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