

The Community of St. Matthew

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

St. Matt's Community Family Fun Night

Free!!

Leave the cooking and cleaning to us!
Join us for free hot dogs, games, cards and
a screening of
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!



Bring nothing but your
family and friends for a
fabulous
night out of the house.

**Friday, Nov. 6
6:30pm
in the social hall**

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Next weekend is Halloween and the Feast of All Saints.

These two events have been linked for centuries since the Middle Ages.

The word "Halloween" is a contraction which means "All Hallows Eve" or the Eve of All Saints.

In popular Catholicism Halloween is a day to make fun of Satan and "evil spirits". It is the opportunity for Christians to acknowledge their faith in the transcendent grace of Christ and the power of the cross over all forces of evil. The celebration is a popular expression of the teaching of Saint Paul in the eighth chapter of the Letter to the Romans:

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The two days following Halloween – The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls – mark the remembrance of heroes and heroines of faith who are that great company of witnesses to the grace of Christ. We also remember our family members and friends who have gone before us in faith.

On Saturday evening, October 31st, at the 5 pm Mass children are invited to come in Halloween costume. At the end of Mass children will be blessed with a prayer for safety as they embark on their evening of trick n treat.

At all the Masses next weekend we will remember by name the women and men of this parish who have died during the past year.

Those who have gone before us give testimony to our destiny. They are witnesses to the fullness of life to which we have all been called in baptism.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31ST

Children are invited to come to the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, October 31st with their parents. They are invited to wear their Halloween costumes. There will be a blessing for the safety of the little ghosts and goblins at the end of Mass as they begin their evening of trick n treat.

BELL ON THE BLINK!

The electronics for the Church bell has died. [It lived for 40 years!] The electronics will be replaced and the bell will sound again--but it'll take a couple of weeks. Remember to pray as suggested in the worship aid--we'll just have to guess when to begin!

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Coffee hours after both Sunday masses are hosted and served by St. Matthew's Loaves and Fishes program. All are invited to the Social Hall after the for hot coffee, treats and community time St. Matthew's School 4th graders thanks all who supported last weekend's C4aC. \$318 was raised to support their field trip to the Science Museum. Thanks to your generosity the trip will be free for all the 4th graders!

SERVICE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Service Ministry Volunteers are invited to a social gathering 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. If you are interested in starting to volunteer, please come and to find out more information.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next scheduling period will run from the first Sunday of Advent, November 28 through the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please get your scheduling requests in by no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday November 4th. If you want or do not want to be scheduled for a particular mass for Christmas please let us know. Any one wanting to join one of the ministries should also contact us by Wednesday November 4th. We really do need Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for all masses times. Please give it serious consideration. Contact info GBD1252@comcast.net or Ginny at 651-222-2867. Thanks your schedulers Mary Ann, Joanne and Ginny.

VIKINGS VS. PACKERS ON SUNDAY FOOTBALL

November 1! The border battle has a new twist this year! Watch the game with us in the social hall. Admission is \$5 over 16 and free for 16 and under with an adult. The St. Matthew's Men's Club will provide the hot dogs, snacks and refreshments. All football fans are welcome and the doors open at 2:30 pm. Questions, Tim 612-269-9471.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to everyone for collecting Box Tops for Education Labels for St. Matthew's School. The turn in date for Box Tops is the end of this month. Please bring Box Tops labels to the school office or drop in the bins at the main door of the church by Monday, October 26. Thanks for your continued support of the programs at St. Matthew's School.

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.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR IN NEED

Every weekend, food is collected at St. Matthew's to help those who are struggling to put food on their table. Some of the groceries are taken by, or to parish members on the weekend. The remaining food is taken to the Neighborhood House Food Shelf. We depend on contributions from YOU. Please help us by bringing a non-perishable food item with you as part of your weekly Eucharistic celebration, or make a monetary offering in the yellow envelopes provided in the back of church. A few extra grocery bags along with your donations would also be much appreciated. St Matthew's Food Ministry thanks you.

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 25
Monday	October 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 27
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, XC	Boy Scout Troop Committee Mtg.
Wednesday	October 28
9:15 AM, MC	School Mass
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	Sacrament Prep.
	Parent Info Night
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	October 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 30
Saturday	October 31
Sunday	November 1

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today's Psalm says: "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

Sharing Last weekend: \$6,189 was below the need. Thank you to all faithful stewards. The total to date: \$142,869 is \$3,537 behind budget; yet it is till \$896 greater than last year at this same week.

Thank you, as well: \$28 in school envelopes; \$12 for food shelf; \$30 in Mission Sunday envelopes. Also, the 4th grade students and families thank everyone for the money given for the Science Museum field trip--\$318!

Service: Two hours volunteering; working three hours at a funeral luncheon.

Prayer: Daily spiritual reading; prayer; rosary; Mass; two hours of prayer this week.

Stewardship Renewal. The mailing for the renewal process will be on November 2. Please take some time for prayer, reflection and conversation before filling in the information. All are asked to return the form by November 15. There will be follow-up phoning. Each form returned will be one fewer calls to be made.

Annual Meeting. Thanks to the parishioners who took time to gather last Sunday and share ideas, ask questions, and present challenges.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2009
 Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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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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