

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Stewardship, a reflection by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw Michigan:

The word stewardship is not a “church” word. It is an English word used to translate a Greek word that means “to administer what belongs to someone else.”

Today we might use a term like “money-manager.” When a person gives their savings over to a money-manager, it is clear who owns what. The money doesn’t belong to the money-manager, it is entrusted to them. They may get some of it – their fee- but the money belongs to the person who gave them the money.

Imagine how off base it would be if a money-manager took all the money and acted as though it belong to them to spend as they wished to spend it.

That is the key: a steward is the “ward” of what belongs to someone else.

Stewardship is not about occasional acts of generosity, or now and then making contributions to good causes. It is

not even about money – it goes deeper than that. The core of stewardship is seeing things differently – seeing everything with new eyes.

It is not complicated. We simply realize that everything we have – our existence, our life, our goods no matter how we got them – all come from God and belong to God, and we are stewards of all this. Once we see it that way, we live it that way – we try to administer well God’s goods on behalf of God. That’s what stewardship is.

When we die, God will ask us, “Well, how did you do in administering everything I gave you?” Imagine how off-base it would be if it turns out we spent our whole life thinking all these things belong to us.

Stewardship is a different way of looking at things and when we see the world this way, a certain peace of mind comes over us, a great sigh of relief, a deep down happiness that is more than money could buy. “The earth is the Lord’s and all that it in it.” What a great way to live.

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Wayne Gilbertson and Cheryl Clemens – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday November 3rd at 9 AM is the annual Liturgy Breakfast to celebrate your service to the community. Please mark your calendars. There is a sign-up sheet on the Scrip Table to indicate what kind of dish you can bring to the communal table.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

November 1st, All Saints Day

Mass: 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

November 2nd, All Souls Day

Mass: 6:45 AM and 5:15 PM

ALTAR SREVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, USHERS, GREETERS AND GIFT BEARERS

It is time to prepare the next schedule which will run from 12/1/2007, the first Sunday of Advent, through 2/3/2008 the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Scheduling requests are due by Wednesday 11/14 at 5:00 PM. Contact Ginny by e-mail at GBD1252@comcast.net or phone at 651-222-2867. If you would like to join one of these ministries please use the above contact information and we'll get back to you with more information.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793 for more information.

SCRIP UPDATE

Subway, Noodles & Co gift cards in \$10 denominations are now available from the Scrip program. Crafters – JoAnn Fabrics & Michael’s gift cards in \$25 denominations are available via order. The purchase and use of gift cards from the Scrip program currently provides \$250 per month to the school at no cost to the purchasers. A big thank you goes out to those of you that have participated in this no cost fundraising effort. Selling only 12 more \$25 cards per week will allow us to increase the monthly school donation to \$300 per month.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY ADMISSIONS RECEPTION

Saint Thomas Academy will host an Admissions Reception *Sunday, November 4, at 1:00 p.m.* Families interested in enrolling students for *FALL 2008* are invited to attend. Entrance exams will be held on January 19th for perspective 9th and 10th graders. If you have any questions about Saint Thomas Academy or the program, please call the admissions office at 651-683-1515.

CORRECTION

We missed someone when welcoming our new members last week. We would like to welcome Tina Valdez, her son Roberto Perez *and* her daughter Diamante Jorge Salgado.

25TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER AT CHEROKEE SIRLOIN ROOM

Each Thanksgiving Day since 1982 the Casper family and employees of the Cherokee Sirloin Room have provided a community Thanksgiving dinner. Last year 3000 dinners were prepared and served in the restaurant or delivered to families of the community.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, dinner at the restaurant will be served at **12:00 noon and 1:30 PM**. Meals will also be delivered. If you wish to take part in the community dinner, please call the church office to make reservations – for either in restaurant dinners or deliveries. Call 651-224-9793. Reservations must be made by November 15th so proper preparations can be made. If you wish to help deliver meals, please call the Church office 651-224-9793.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the preparation, serving and clean up at the restaurant. If you wish to volunteer, please call the Cherokee Sirloin Room, 651-457-2729 and ask for Carrie.

**Community of St. Matthew
Parish Pastoral Council
Agenda
November 1, 2007**

Facilitator: Sheila Brunelle

6:45 - 7:00 pm

Reflections

7:00 – 9:00 pm

- I. Consensus on Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Strategic Planning – Bob Burke
- IV. Update on Parish Annual Meeting
- V. Other
- VI. Items for next meeting (Thursday December 6, 2007)

Adjournment

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 28
Monday	October 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Troop Committee mtg.
Wednesday	October 31
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	November 1
6:45 AM, MC	Mass
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
5:30 PM, MC	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	November 2
6:45 AM, MC	Mass
5:15 PM, MC	Mass
Saturday	November 3
Sunday	November 4

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts—of time, or money, or abilities—to be the means by which God answers the need of the poor?

Prayer: During this season of harvest and thanksgiving it can be easier to set aside time and place for prayer. This time of year is a great time to be more aware of the goodness of God every day; and to begin the habit of daily prayers of thanks.

Service: My apologies to one of the important “plant care-takers.” Marguerite Sandbeck is an integral member of the “green team.” Thank you. [And I know that vacation replacements, or regular help, is always welcome. Please call the parish office to offer.]

Sharing: Electronic givers, envelope and plate users contributed \$7,460 to weekly stewardship last weekend. The total year-to-date—\$148,387—is about \$150 per Sunday behind last year. [It is difficult walking the line between being a parish walking closer to stewardship of treasure—giving in thankfulness to God—and within a budget that relies on predictable contributions each week. Thanks to each parishioner who walks that same path.]

Stewardship of treasure—renewal. After prayer reflection, and discussion, please return the “commitment page” via the Sunday collection, the USPS, or hand delivery to the parish center. Also, please remember that a response is hoped for from each parish household; receiving that response will reduce the number of follow-up phone calls that need to be made.

Members of the Finance Council will be available after weekend Masses if there are questions about electronic giving, or to receive the information. [Forms and a voided check are necessary for all who are choosing this manner the first time.]

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 28, 2007

- Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 Prayerline 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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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