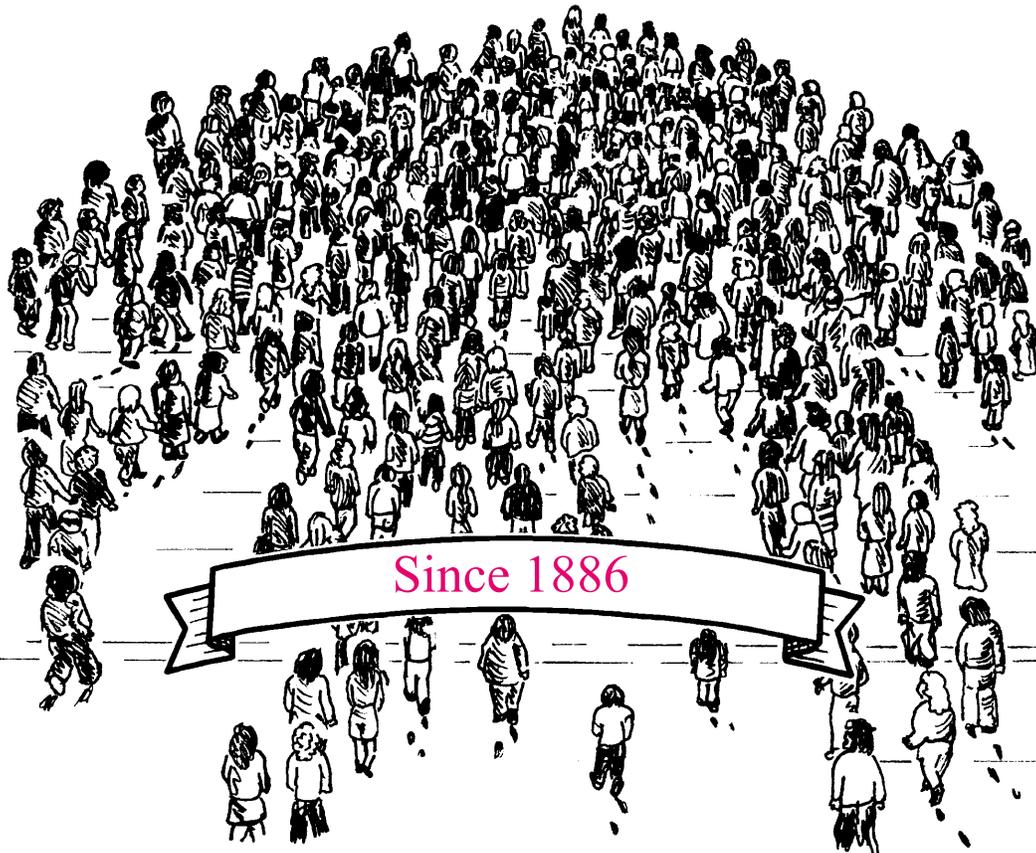


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Beginning October 15th and for six weeks – the weeks before Thanksgiving – we have undertaken a series of reflections on the meaning of discipleship. Each Sunday we will explore a bit more of what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus.

On October 15th we reflected on the “Call to Discipleship”, the invitation to “come follow me”. Discipleship is a response to an invitation, and the invitation comes from God, and come daily. The invitation is to place God at the center of life and to see all of life in relationship to God. It is the invitation to view the world from a “God’s eye view”. It is the invitation to put the Great Commandment into lived practice. Sometimes our possessions – material possessions as well as psychological possessions – can cause us to focus on them rather than God. We can “make a god” out of what we own. So, Jesus asks us to step back from any reliance on things and place our trust in God.

On October 22nd we reflected on the practical way in which we love God. Jesus has identified the service of others as the manner in which we demonstrate our love for God. To identify with Jesus is to identify with the Servant of God. Jesus says, “I come not to be served but to serve”. Jesus comes to give his life for the ransom of all. You and I are disciples of Jesus to the degree that we can step back from our own personal and private good and focus our energy and attention on the common good. A disciple is a servant in the image of Jesus, the Servant of God.

This Sunday, October 28th we reflect on the ways we have been blessed and the generosity of God in each of our lives. We reflect on the way a disciple shows gratitude to God and how this gratitude arises spontaneously once we truly realize that God loves us and is always gracious to us. The gratitude of a disciple is called **stewardship**. Stewardship is discipleship in action! Stewardship embraces the time I spend with the Lord in prayer and public worship, the use of my talents in the service of others and the generous sharing of my money for the good of others and the good of the Gospel.

Prayer, service and sharing are the marks of discipleship.

During the time of Lent we will focus on deepening our life of prayer. How do I prioritize my time so as to give time to the Lord in daily prayer and in weekly public worship? How do I grow as a person of prayer? How do I grow comfortable to just be in the presence of the Lord and allow the Lord to speak to me?

During the time of Pentecost we will focus on a life of service. How do I organize my life so as to bring my talents to serve the needs of others? How do I identify my talents or gifts? How do I grow as a person for whom service to others is a hallmark of my life?

During the pre-Thanksgiving time we focus on a life of sharing. How do I move beyond grudging giving and dutiful giving to gracious and joyful giving? How do I see my resources as a gift of God and so give back a portion of what I have received? How do I grow in focusing less on the dollars I give and more on the percent of my resource that I give – thus the gift of all is a gift proportionate to one’s ability?

This week you will receive in the mail an invitation to make a stewardship pledge, a discipleship pledge to the support of your parish for the year 2007. I ask that you prayerfully ask the Lord, “What percent of my resource are you asking from me at this time? Is it 1%, 2%, 4%, 5%, 7%, or 10%?”

The call to discipleship is serious. There is a “cost to discipleship”. The cost is paid in my prayer, my service and my sharing. The reward I reap is life in Christ!

Please, pray about your life and the invitation the Lord gives you. Then respond with a generous and joyful spirit.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, November 1, 2006
Mass at the Church of St. Matthew’s
6:45 AM, 9:00 AM
5:30 PM and 7:00 PM

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scouts from Troop 107 will be collecting aluminum cans on November 4 & 5 at all Masses. Please bring aluminum cans only to the Scout trailer in the parking lot. Scouts will be there to accept your cans. Thank you again for your continued support

COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEKEND

Coffee hour is being served by the Frank Rivera-Prescott Family and Irene Martinez ; 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.

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.

OUR ANNUAL LITURGICAL MINISTRY MORNING

If you are active in Liturgical Ministry or in activity that supports our worship (like linen maintenance or plant / candle care, etc.) you should have received an invitation this week from the Liturgy Committee. Our Prayer-at-Table Brunch & In-Service will be held in the Social Hall 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 11th. We have sign-up sheets in the back of church for "RSVP-ing" (family & friends are welcome) & for noting your pot-luck culinary contribution to this morning. (This helps us plan a successful event.) If you haven't received your invitation yet, or would like to RSVP over the phone, please leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0830. (Be sure to tell us how many places to set.)

STUDENT CANTOR FIELD TRIP

Our Student Cantors spent a busy two days on the campuses of St. Benedict's & St. John's during MEA break. In addition to praying the Liturgy of the Hours in the monastic setting, they also attended Mass and explored the campuses -- including a fun time in the Artisan's Studio at St. Ben's. Check our pictures on the "Visible Expression" board in the back of church. The girls are Becca Goldenstein & Anne Schletty (grade 8), Samantha Casillas & Maya Hunt (grade 9) & Rachel Goldenstein & Theresa Schletty (grade 11). Thanks to Pat Schletty for helping get the girls up north.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The Boy Scouts are again selling Christmas wreaths this year and many of you probably have already ordered your wreaths from individual Scouts. They are now done taking orders, but you will have one last opportunity to purchase a wreath at all Masses the weekend of November 18 & 19. Standard wreath sizes and swags will be available to bring home that day.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

For 23 years the Casper Family and the employees of the Cherokee Sirloin Room have offered a free community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Individuals and families have taken advantage of this opportunity each year. More than 2500 meals are served every Thanksgiving. More than 1700 meals are delivered to people's homes and more than 800 people choose to eat their dinner at the restaurant.

Dinner at the Restaurant is served at 12:00 noon and 1:30 pm. If you wish to participate by having a meal in the restaurant you must call the church office to make a reservation - the reservation allows the restaurant to prepare the appropriate amount of food.

Call Nicole at the Church Office - 651-224-9793.

If you are willing to help deliver meals, please call Nicole and indicate your willingness.

ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB FALL WINE TASTING

This Friday, November 3, 2006 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM the Men's Club will hold its annual Fall Wine Tasting Event. Admission \$15 per person. Large selection of wines to sample. Discounted pricing at Ik's Liquor

NOVEMBER—A TIME TO REMEMBER THE HARVEST OF SOULS

Throughout the month of November the parish Book of Dead will be enthroned next to the Paschal Candle. We invite everyone to fill out a prayer card for remembrance of deceased loved ones (who may not have been buried from St. Matthew's). Place the card in the basket next to the Paschal Candle and they will be included in our community prayer.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	October 29
8:00 AM, MC	Celebration of the
10:30 AM, MC	Anointing of the Sick
Monday	October 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 31
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	November 1
	All Saints Day
	Masses at 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM
	12:00-7:00 PM, PC St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	November 2
	All Souls Day
	Masses at 6:45 AM and 5:30 PM
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	November 3
Saturday	November 4
	Boy Scout Aluminum Can Recycling before and after 5:00 PM Mass
Sunday	November 5
	Boy Scout Aluminum Can Recycling before and after masses
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism

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.

Prayer: All Saints' Day is this week. Who are the Saints we try to emulate? which saints do we ask to intercede for us? who have been the saints in our family? do we ask them to intercede for us? who are the saints in our family? do we emulate them?

Service: Who serves us? The young, the elderly, the rich, the poor, neighbor, immigrant? Do we see and accept that it may be Christ who is serving us? Might we act differently? Might it be Christ who is inviting us to serve?

Sharing: Last weekend \$7026 was donated [of which \$520 was electronic]. Thank you to each "faithful steward." There probably were some "regulars" who were gone for MEA. Please remember that our expenses do not take a vacation. We have completed about 1/3 of the fiscal year. Sunday giving is \$146,245; that is 77% of the budget.

Stewardship Renewal: Each parish family/household will receive a letter this week asking for a response. Please respond, regardless of the amount of the "pledge." Please note #7 and #8 on the sheet—you may join those who are already giving electronically; and you will have an opportunity to join a e-mail list to receive information about the parish

MASS INTENTIONS

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 29, 2006

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52
 Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/ Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33/ Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/ Jn 6:37-40
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11/ Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/ Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/ Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34

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 Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
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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

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