

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

Next weekend, October 11th, is the Feast of Blessed John XXIII and 46 anniversary of the opening of the First Session of the Second Vatican Council – October 11, 1962. At the end of this month we will observe the 50th anniversary of his election as Pope – October 28, 1958.

For Catholics of my generation John XXIII was and is a pivotal influence on how we understand and live our faith; and unable to be separated from Blessed John XXIII is the Second Vatican Council.

I was beginning my junior year in high school the year Angelo Roncalli was elected pope and four years later I was beginning my junior year in college as the Second Vatican Council began.

Less than 100 days after being elected Pope John XXIII announced his intention to convene an ecumenical council – January 25th, 1959. The last time a council had been called was almost 100 years earlier in 1870. John's council would be only the 21st time in the 2000 year history of the church that such an event took place.

From the end of the 19th century movements within the church were developing which called for the reform and renewal of Catholic Church life. The liturgical movement opened up greater opportunities to understand and participate in the public worship of the church. Movements such as Christian Family Movement (CFM), Young Christian Workers (YCW) and Young Christian Students (YCS) created an awakening to the power of the sacrament of Baptism and the call of all the baptized to be

“apostles” and witnesses to Christ in daily life. This was the rebirth of the Lay Apostolate. The contemporary social teaching of the church inaugurated by Pope Leo XIII in 1891 thrust Catholics into their public, political and social mission in contemporary society.

The devastation of two world wars, the international financial collapse and depression of the late 20's and 30's, the gradual dismantling of colonial empires, the 20th century urbanizing of the western world, the development of an industrialized and mechanized western society and the efficiency and speed of communication and travel and so much more contributed to the birth of a “new society”.

John XXIII saw his responsibility as drawing the Church into a serious engagement with the contemporary world. He said, “Our sacred obligation is not only to take care of this precious treasure of our Catholic faith as if we had only to worry about the past, but we must also devote ourselves with joy and without fear to the work of giving this ancient and eternal faith a relevancy corresponding to the conditions of our own time.”

Next weekend we celebrate Blessed John XXIII and gift of the Second Vatican Council.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

BENEFIT DINNER FOR CHILDREN OF ROMANIA

An authentic Romanian dinner will be served at St Matthew's Catholic Church Social Hall at 490 Hall Ave., St Paul, on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008. Social hour is 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., dinner served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a 1:00 presentation by the Izvorasul Dance Ensemble. **Tickets must be purchased by Oct 19.** Adult \$15, child (5-13 yrs) - \$10, under 5yrs- free will offering. Proceeds will help support children living in church sponsored churches and foster homes. Call Rick at 651-455-2174 to purchase tickets.

Parish Annual Meeting Sunday, October 12th 9:00 – 10:15 am Saint Matthew Social Hall

Each registered parish family received both the booklet Faithful Citizenship and the parish annual report in the mail. The parish meeting will take place on October 12th in the Social Hall between Sunday Masses to allow any parish member to make comments, ask questions, make suggestions and/or express opinions. Please read the report before coming to the meeting.

Fr. Stephen Adrian

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ST. MATTHEW'S LEISURE CLUB

St. Matthew's Leisure Club is now a fun social group!! NO MORE BUSINESS MEETINGS, NO OFFICERS, NO DUES, NO WORK!!! Instead we will go out to different restaurants on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM. We invite anyone from St. Matthew's or any other parish or community to join us. Our first luncheon will be at the Country Buffet in the party room at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, October 8th. Please come, bring your friends, and meet new friends. Let's have FUN!!!!

COFFEE SUNDAY

All are invited to the Social Hall after both Sunday masses for coffee and treats provided by the Rosary Society. Thanks to women who serve. Volunteers are needed to staff future Coffee Sundays as well. This year marks the beginning of "Coffee For a Cause" where any parish organization/person can host both Sunday coffee hours, bring the treats, promote a cause in keeping with the mission of St. Matthew's and apply the proceeds accordingly. It's a great way to raise awareness and support for your group or a cause. Call John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871 to set it up or sign up on the "Coffee Sunday" clipboard at the main entrance of the church. Dates are open from November 23 and onward.

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME CRAFT FAIR

As in other years, SSND's will have a craft fair in Mankato on Saturday, October 11, 2008, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. Proceeds benefit health care and retirement. Besides wonderful craft items, delicious breads, jams, salsa, there is also a garage sale. This year a bus from St. Matthew's will not be provided. It's a great opportunity to find friends and ride down together for a great day of fun!

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Thank you to everyone that participated in the cribbage tournament at our Fall Festival this year! The results were: 1st Place, Amanda Jenniges; 2nd Place, John Schwartz; 3rd Place, Leigh Peterson; High Score, Justin Anderson. Thank you to the sponsors who provided the prizes: El Bravo, DiGidio's and Shirley and Larry Smith.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain. The information that you give to us will be treated confidentially.

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?' Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."
- Mt. 21:42-43
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 5
Monday	October 6
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	EAC meeting
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 7
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	October 8
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
2:45 PM, MC	Children's Choir
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club mtg.
Thursday	October 9
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 10
Saturday	October 11
Sunday	October 12

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner; we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

Prayer: Praying for strength to cope with the death of my husband; did spiritual reading every day; prayed the rosary for the safety of travelers; prayed the rosary each day this week; spent time reading the bible for four days this week.

Service: Volunteered at Neighborhood house; visited with some who is sick and near death; gave rides to church and to shopping; visited a nursing home every other week; taught religious ed classes at St. Matt's.

Sharing Last weekend [last of the month, don't know what other characteristics] \$5,978 was given in stewardship. Thanks to all. It is the smallest amount in a number of years. We are now \$1,645 behind the budget [it has risen to \$9,650 each Sunday]; regardless that amount is \$3,175 ahead of last year; \$5,097 ahead of two years ago.

As well: \$25 was given in school envelopes; \$8 in the food shelf; \$165 for the Cathedral renovation. Thank you.

Young People's Stewardship: \$1.75 Thank you! They wrote: Helped a kid at school.

Festival News: Still waiting for the numbers. The full report will be inserted into next weekend's bulletin. Congrats to some of the winners: the quilt: **Denise Felitto** [4th grade teacher in school]; the "box": **JP Melendez** [1st grader in school]; Halloween wreathes: **Marge Blenkush**; the big "chick": **Christine Nehring** [young adult parishioner]; money tree [\$100]: **Ken Gilberg** [parishioner].

Upcoming parish meetings: Next Sunday 10/12 at 9:00AM: a discussion of the parish annual report [it was mailed this past Friday] Sunday 10/19 at 9:00AM: a discussion of "Faithful Citizenship" and its implication for the upcoming election.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 5, 2008
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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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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