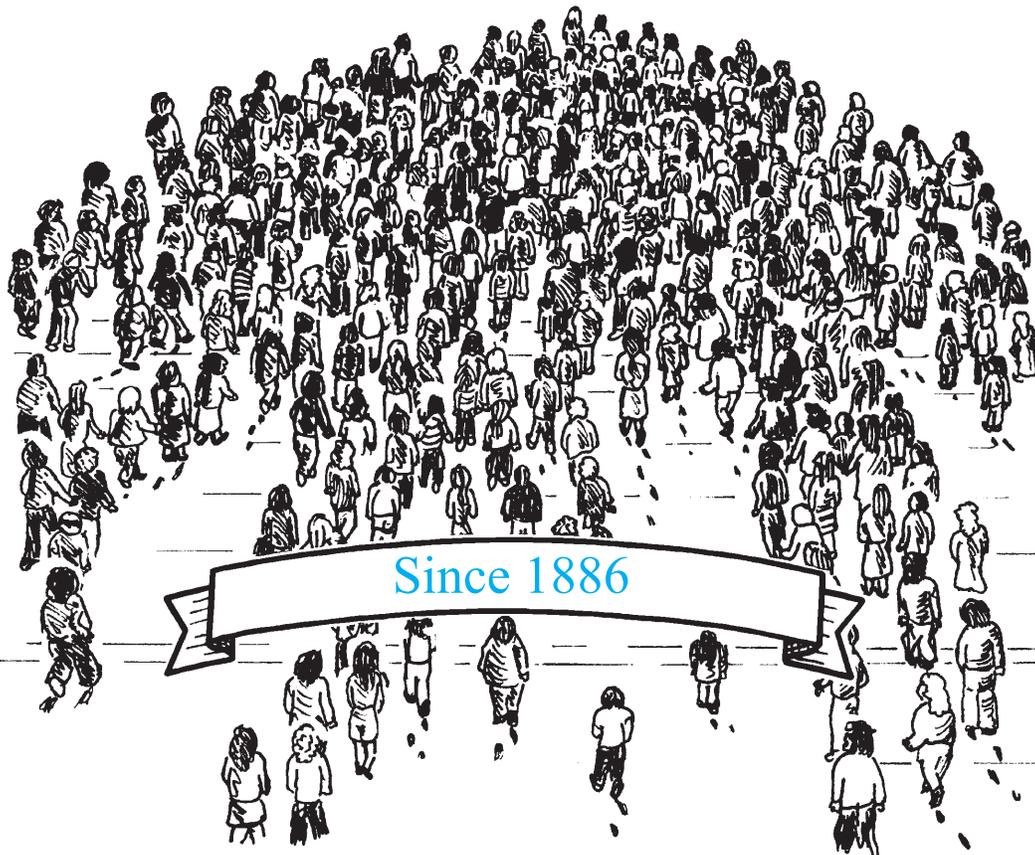


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Sister Maureen Sullivan, O.P. wrote *The Road to Vatican II* in 2007. She draws out the events, persons, ideas and movements which laid the ground work for what took place in the Vatican Council (1962-1965). She discusses the main themes that emerged from the Council.

Catholicism's "long history of hostility to the modern world" provides the tension at Vatican II. A "defensive mentality" is understandable, given the secularism of the Enlightenment and the anti-religious outcomes of the French Revolution (1789). In fact, Sullivan explains, the "fortress mentality began even earlier, in reaction to the Protestant Reformation." Thus Vatican II marks "a major transition" in the church's self-understanding. Sullivan quotes Archbishop Eugene D'Souza, speaking a few days after the Council's conclusion: "The church's whole approach to the world is [now] one of sincere admiration, not of dominating it, but of serving it, not of despising it but of appreciating it, not of condemning it but of strengthening it and saving it."

Vatican II overcame a longstanding dualism that pitted nature or the world (bad) against grace or faith (good). This dualism leads Catholics to think that they experience God, if at all, away from their

jobs and involvements. "This separation," says Sullivan, had serious repercussions in the years between Vatican I (1869-1870) and Vatican II. "We could simply never be good enough, we could never *be perfect as our heavenly Father was perfect*. This great gap between God and us (as we perceived it) led to great deal of guilt and frustration."

Implementation of Vatican II, Sullivan concludes, means "providing the world with opportunities to meet the living Christ." The responsibility is too big for clergy alone. It is well-formed and reflective lay people who must "by virtue of their baptism" carry the gospel into all the nooks and crannies of modern life.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ROSARY SOCIETY/CCW

Meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. All women are invited.

BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale at the Fall Festival is one week away. Now is the time to do some cooking and baking. A variety of goods are needed and include bars, breads, cakes, candy, cookies, fudge, and pies—just to name a few. If you would package items for selling it would be appreciated. All proceeds go to the Festival. Bring items to the Social Hall after 1:00 p.m. on Saturday 8/18/10.

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Next weekend we will all be enjoying our Fall Festival. Some things we still need are for the bottle lotto we could use more pre-filled bottles such as ketchup, mustard, chocolate syrup, salad dressing, shampoo, etc. Plastic bottles you fill yourself could include kids' small toys, matchbox cars, hair clips, cash, candy, etc. We are also in need of the 2 liter bottles of soda and A & W root beer. Keep looking for your vintage jewelry and accessories, and we do need more stuffed animals for our "animal rescue". Next weekend we will need bakery items and candies for the bakery booth, pies for the pie and ice cream booth. The next meeting for the Fall Festival is Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FREE COPIES OF CATHOLIC DIGEST

The feast of our patron, Saint Matthew, is September 21. One of the ingredients of sainthood is the 'making holy' the life we live. Next weekend there will be copies of the Catholic Digest available. There are two articles and several short examples of ordinary folks who strive to make their work holy. These people might be an inspiration.

SAINT PAUL DEANERY

On Thursday, 9/16/10, the first Quarterly Meeting of the Saint Paul Deaneries Council of Catholic Women will be held at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. The speaker will be Bonnie Blanchette, who will speak on 'Leading a Blessed Life'. RSVP by Monday 9/13/10, by calling 651 488 3351. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Registration starts at 8:15 a.m., the entire program is over by 2:00 p.m. The second quarterly meeting will be 11/18/10 at the Church of St. Odilia in Shoreview.

FESTIVAL PIE BOOTH

You are invited to bring pies (homemade or otherwise) to the festival pie booth. To help us plan, please take a pink form and/or pie plate from church, and tell us if, how many and whether you can bring them on Saturday, September 18th or Sunday, September 19th. Thanks. Sister Anne and the Pie Boothers.

SCRIP ECONOMIC STIMULUS SALE

Order any gift card that has a discount of 8% or more and receive 5% off. A \$10 card for \$9.50 or a \$25 card for \$23.75. Stop by the Scrip table or contact Tim Nowak (612-269-9471) for details. Orders accepted until October 17. Examples - Applebee's, Cherokee Tavern, Joseph's Grill, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Herberger's, Macy's and many more.



THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday | September 12 |
| Monday 3:00 PM, SH | September 13 Loaves and Fishes |
| Tuesday 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH | September 14 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes |
| Wednesday 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC | September 15 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Adult Choir |
| Thursday 3:00 PM, SH | September 16 Loaves and Fishes |
| Friday | September 17 |
| Saturday | September 18 |
| Sunday | September 19 |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
It is time to sign up for religious education classes. Registration will take place after mass on Saturday September 11 and Sunday September 12. Students in grades 1-10 are welcome to take part in the Wednesday evening classes. Classes are 6:30-7:45 and run from September 15th to April 6th.

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

STEWARDSHIP

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

Sharing Last weekend [was first Sunday of the month, but a holiday weekend]: \$9,521 was given [4 normal avenues]. Thank you. The total for the first ten weeks of the fiscal year: \$86,579; that is about \$292 behind for each of those weeks.

Other money: \$1,055 for the school, \$115 for food shelf. Thanks for both of these.

Service: As we move to one week before the festival, it is important to note—again—the wonderful service that the silver haired sassy seniors have given to this event for two years. Much energy, time, enthusiasm, persuasion, persistence and patience has been given and shown by Joan Lannon, Jan Steinbrenner, Elaine Goldberg, and Joanne Smith. Thank you.

Prayer: Daily mass, rosary, prayer, spiritual reading.

Youth: \$7.98, Thank you! They wrote: Cleaned garage... cleaned basement.

2009—2010 Annual report. Ministry groups as well as the finance and pastoral councils are assembling the report now. It will be available on the first weekend of October; there will be a 'between the Masses' gathering on October 10 to discuss the contents of the report. Plan now to read and attend.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2010

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

PARISH DIRECTORY

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 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation..... *Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care and KLT..... *Shar Lavelle*
 Bookkeeper..... *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant..... *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service..... *Donna Jenniges*
 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Parish School.....651-224-6912
 KLT Kids..... 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Prayer line..... 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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| Karen Thompson | Georgann Henjum |
| Mark Thomford | Joyce Osborne |
| Jason Delmont | Anthony Minus |
| Dean Steinbrenner | Chris Stevens |
| Stephen Adrian | Becky Montgomery |