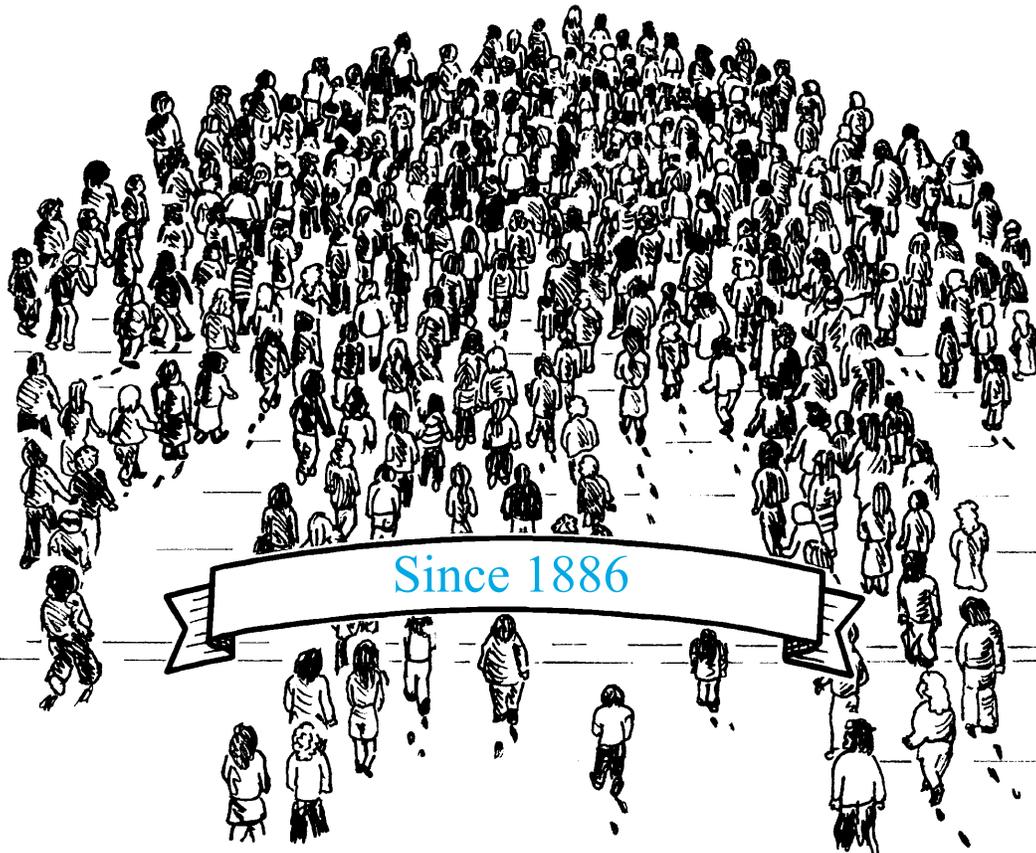


The Community of St. Matthew



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



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The Saint Matthew Rectory has been unoccupied since I moved in July of 2005. During these two years we have been looking for a suitable use for this building.

The Saint Matthew Parish Pastoral Council put down a series of criteria for the use of the rectory:

The building was **not** to be sold, thus remaining a parish asset. The use of the building must be in keeping with the parish mission. A long term lease be negotiated (a minimum of five years). The rectory rent bring to the parish a modest income.

A committee was appointed to undertake the challenge of finding a suitable renter. The committee is Joe Wenker, Bob DeNardo, and Dave Haley. This committee has worked hard and long. After almost two years of investigation, negotiation and reflection we are now in serious discussion with the Casa Guadalupana.

The Casa is a Catholic Worker House, modeled on the work and spirituality of Dorothy Day. Casa is located on State Street, but needs a larger space to accommodate its work. Casa provides housing for women and children. These families stay for a relatively long time – six to nine months. During this time the family is assisted to achieve some degree of self-sufficiency. The house could be occupied by eight to ten people and would have a full time, live-in director. Saint Matthew's would welcome the children into our school.

A Catholic Worker House is more than a housing program; it is a center for spiritual development and an opportunity for volunteers to form a community in the spirit of Dorothy Day. Gatherings for prayer and an evening pot luck meal take place periodically as well as opportunities for discussion and learning among volunteers and guests.

The Catholic Worker Movement, founded by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933, is grounded in a firm belief in the God-given dignity of every human person.

Today over 185 Catholic Worker communities remain committed to nonviolence, voluntary poverty, prayer, and hospitality for the homeless, exiled, hungry, and forsaken. Catholic Workers continue to protest injustice, war, racism, and violence of all forms.

In addition to Casa there are three Catholic Worker Houses in Stillwater, two in Duluth and one each in Rochester, Morehead, Little Canada and Winona.

In October meetings for parish members to discuss this new ministry will take place. It seems to me that the use of our property to advance the Catholic Worker Movement is a marvelous opportunity for Saint Matthew. Through this partnership Saint Matthew's is able to once again live out being the "Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi".

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

There will be no coffee hour after both Sunday masses. All are invited to join in on the Fall Festival and Coffee Hour will return on Sunday 9/23/07.

INTERFAITH PROGRAM & TEA

Come and bring your family and friends to the 50th annual Interfaith Program & Tea. It takes place on Sunday, September 30, 2007 at 2:00 PM at Temple of Aaron, 616 Mississippi River Boulevard. Please bring non-perishable donations for the Food Shelf.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Save the date! The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

St. Matthew's Parish Council realizes the importance of welcoming new members to the parish community. While it is true that many parishioners have done this on an individual basis, it is likely that some new parishioners, for whatever reason, have not had a welcoming experience. Consequently the Parish Council has approved the formation of a Committee whose main objective will be "to be the visible expression of God's love" by helping new parishioners feel welcome at St. Matthew's. Present parishioners can help in this endeavor: if you know of someone who is new to the parish, please phone the parish office and give their name and phone number. The Welcoming Committee will be informed and the new parishioner will be contacted.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHOIR REHEARSAL

St. Matthew's Choir will meet **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM** for rehearsal.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education has begun for the year. If you have a child in grades 1-10 and have not registered them yet and would like to, just bring them to class at 6:30 PM Wednesday. You will be able to register at that time.

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME CRAFT FAIR

Please join us for our annual bus trip to the SSND Craft Fair! A bus from St. Matthew's will leave on Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 AM and return by 3:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00. Please register by **Monday, October 8th**. For more information or to register, call Nicole at 651-224-9793.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT THIS THURSDAY

Join friends and family at Arby's/S'Barro this Thursday night for our first Arby's/S'Barro night of the new school year. After you place your order tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. St. Matthew's School Arby's/S'Barro night is every third Thursday from September through May. Hope to see you there!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. MARK

St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women will sponsor their 2007 "Fall Rummage Sale" on Friday, September 28th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, September 30th 9:00 AM to Noon. The sale will be held in Carolyn Hall at the corner of Dayton and Moore Streets. There will be clothing, furniture, plants, toys books, and many other collectible items. There will be coffee and doughnuts for sale in the coffee shop.

ST. MARON'S CHURCH "A TOUCH OF LEBANON FESTIVAL"

The festival will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday, September 30th from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There will be Lebanese food, games, raffle, gifts, a silent auction and music and dancing. Fun for all ages! St. Maron's is located at 602 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis, 612-379-2758, www.stmaron.com

BENEFIT CONCERT

The American Chesterton Society presents in a benefit concert award winning pianist Andrew Staupe on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The concert takes place at the Church of St. Olaf, 215 South 8th Street, downtown Minneapolis. Tickets are \$45.00 reserved seating (\$15.00 Students with valid ID) or \$55.00 at the door (\$25.00 students). There will be a reception after the concerts. For more information and tickets, call Suzanne Clarke, parishioner at 651-227-0575.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 16 Fall Festival
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	September 17 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	September 18 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	September 19 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 4:00-8:00 PM	September 20 Loaves and Fishes Arby's/S'Barro night
Friday	September 21
Saturday	September 22
Sunday	September 23

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Saint Matthew. He clearly lived a life of a steward—one called by Jesus to leave all—even his comfortable life as a tax collector—and follow him. How eager are we to listen to the call of the Master? How willingly will we leave all and follow? We have been promised a hundredfold!

Prayer: Thank you to everyone who uses the weekly envelope to record time spent in prayer on a regular or periodic basis. The life of stewardship to which all are called invites regularity in prayer, as well in service and sharing.

Service: Special thanks and recognition to the folks who have led the festival from “behind the scenes.” Sheila and Tom Brunelle, Pat and Ken Kasheimer, Shirley and Larry Smith, Joyce and Brian Osborne, and Chris Erickson. Joyce has taken leadership of the group after the departure of the previous chair. Thanks to each and all.

Sharing: Last weekend \$11,307 was given electronically, in the plate and in envelopes. Thank you. The total given this fiscal year [since July 1] is \$98,606—about \$3,740 ahead of last year.

Another \$75 was given to the festival fund and \$1,700 was given to alumni and friends. Thank you.

The estate sale banked more than \$4,300. The full report will be included with the festival. Another thanks to the hard workers before, during and after the sale.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2007

- Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/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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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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 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
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