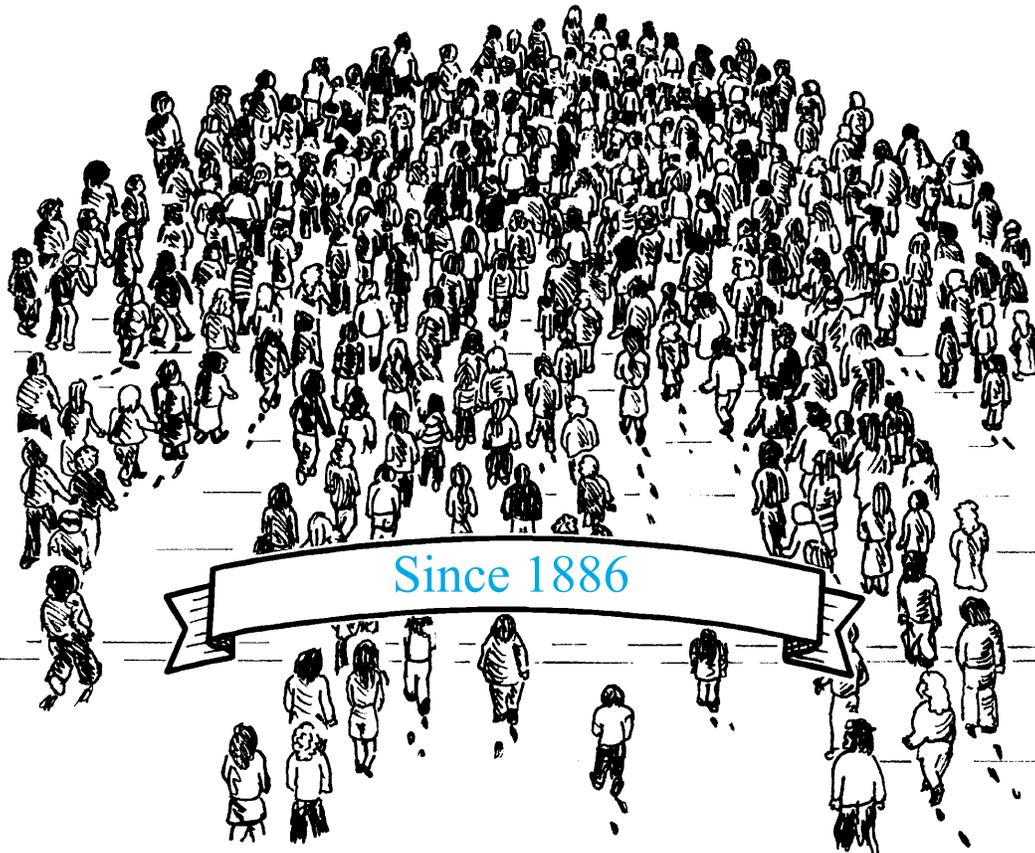


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the years the growing need for before and after school care has become more and more acute as the growing number of two-working-parent-households has multiplied. Also the need to provide supervised, safe, quality opportunities for children on non-school days and vacation times is growing.

Parish and West Side families repeatedly asked Saint Matthew to consider offering this opportunity. The rationale is that Saint Matthew has a century long tradition and experience in quality education and care for children; it is the most obvious institution in the community to undertake this work.

The Parish Pastoral council and School Board undertook a study of existing programs, costs, space needs and staffing needs. The task seemed a bit overwhelming.

Seven years ago Saint Matthew's entered into a partnership with the West Saint Paul YMCA. For generations the Y has had the experience of providing such services and their willingness to establish a satellite service on our campus to serve Saint Matthew as well as other West Side families seemed to be the answer.

The Y program took over the lower level of the parish center and began a successful before and after school program as well as a vacation and non-school day program for young people K-4th grade.

Two years ago we terminated our relationship with the Y for a number of reasons and hired a former Y director to operate our own program. We call the program KLT - Kids Learning Together.

This summer more than 50 children participated in the program from the second week of June through Labor Day. The before and after school program sees more than 20 students in the morning and more than 30 students in the afternoon. These students come from Saint Matthew's School, local public elementary schools and a few suburban schools.

This summer we began the practice of serving a breakfast to all participants and after Labor Day we will serve a daily breakfast to all KLT and Saint Matthew School students.

KLT is another example of community partnerships, initially with the Y and currently with the school district that allows Saint Matthew to be "the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi".

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LABOR DAY MASS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2007
9:00 AM
IN THE MAIN CHURCH
THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 6:45 AM

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING & AGENDA

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, September 6 at 6:45 PM in the Parish Center. Agenda items include: 2007-2008 Parish Council Goal & Priorities; Annual Meeting Committee Report; Committee Reports.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will begin again on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Main Church.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This year's Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities will be celebrated by Archbishop Flynn at St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul Seminary, on Sunday, September 9 at 3:00 PM.

THE BLUE MASS

Sunday, September 9th at 10:30 we will celebrate our Sunday liturgy as a Mass of Thanksgiving for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Personnel. Often, in our every day life, we take for granted the safety and support that law enforcement and emergency personnel provide for us. Then, a time of crisis arises - such as the collapse of the 35W Bridge. I invite all parish members who serve in—or are retired from— law enforcement, fire and emergency response and their families to join in the parish celebration of Mass on September 9th at 10:30 am. If you have friends or neighbors who serve in these capacities - invite them to join you. I also invite you to come to Mass in uniform so that you can be recognized for the service you provide to all of us.

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education Class for grades 1-10 will take place this weekend after Masses. Families who were enrolled in last year's program received forms in the mail, these may be sent back to the school or dropped off at the registration table. If you are a new family to our program please stop by the table and fill out a form.

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Thank you to the 115 parishioners who voted on the constitution language question. 95.7% of the votes were in favor of the change. A new member will be seated for the September 6 meeting.

FALL FESTIVAL

It's not too late to think about how to be involved—in anticipation, right before, during and immediately after. There is a large need for set-up and take-down help. Folks are needed on Friday about 1:00PM for social hall set up; others are needed at 11:00AM on Saturday—for outdoor set-up; there will be a great need for clean-up on Sunday afternoon beginning about 4:00PM. Can you make a contribution [or two] to the bottle blast? To the bakery booth? To the Silent auction? Bring your contributions to church next weekend or to the parish center during the week. Thanks in advance. Note the events on the insert in the bulletin. Plan on being involved in more than one!

THEOLOGICAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

The Sisters of St. Joseph are offering a new series of seminars, entitled Hedgerow Initiative. Gather together with other adult learners to enhance your understanding of theology, learn through discussion, prayer, and ritual, as well as renew your faith and spirit. Each course includes class presentations, ongoing reading & share discussion, written reflection, and advocacy action. **It's not just a workshop.** It is an inspiring, innovative learning experience! **Sept 10-Dec. 3** *Elemental Theologies: Living in Communion with "All That Is"* Cost: \$390 per 13 week seminar (plus books) **Sept. 11-Nov. 27** *Two Centuries of Women's Theological Creativity* Cost: \$360 per 12 week seminar (plus books) Contact 651-696-2788 or 651-690-7010 with questions or for more information.

INREACH: A PARISH VISITATION

St. Matthew's ISAIAH Core Team is organizing an autumn parish visitation called InReach. InReach means setting up intentional 1-1 conversations with our fellow parishioners. The purpose is simply to get to know who each other is and to build our parish community. These conversations will allow the visitors to learn about the lives, hopes and concerns of fellow parishioners. *It is not a survey and nothing is asked of anyone.* InReach continues the renewal of the Church of St. Matthew by building relationships. Total time commitment: 12 hours. We want to recruit at least 35 parishioners to visit 175 people. If you would like to be a visitor, or you would like to be visited, call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 2
Monday	September 3
3:00 PM, SH	Labor Day Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	September 4
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	September 5
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	R. E. teacher work-shop
7:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Brd. Mtg
Thursday	September 6
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Mtg.
Friday	September 7
Saturday	September 8
After Mass	Rel. Ed. Registration Rectory Estate Sale
Sunday	September 9
After Mass	Rel. Ed. Registration

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, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

Prayer: some parishioners have recorded the amount and regularity of prayer and prayerful experiences; how much happens throughout the entire parish? Other parishioners are invited to record—on the weekly envelope—the “usual” amount of prayer each day/week.

Service: Helped a friend move; volunteered with Loaves and Fishes; baked treats to cheer up a friend; read to my grandchildren; worked at Meals on Wheels; helped sort labels for school.

Sharing \$9260 last weekend [4th weekend of the month]. Thanks to all. For the fiscal year-to-date, the amount is about \$1000 greater than last year. Of that amount \$2240 was given electronically. Would you like to contribute that way? It’s easy to arrange—please call the parish office.

As well, \$175 was given to the festival, \$53 in holiday envelopes, and \$10 was given in the “education” envelope.

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 2, 2007

- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Jennifer Slaten*
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
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 Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830

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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 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
 Jason Delmont Mark Thomford
 Tony Palmer Sheila Brunelle
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