

The Community of St. Matthew



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Fall Festival
Saturday and Sunday
September 19 and 20, 2009

Saturday's events

5:00 pm Mass

5:00-10:00 pm Tacos & Refreshments/Card Tournament/
Cribbage/Texas Hold'em/Team Puzzle Tournament/Deejay
Music

Both Days

Bingo/Brats, burgers, fries/Jewelry & Vintage accessories/Baked
Goods/Pie & Ice Cream/Root Beer Floats/"Animal Rescue"/Silent
Auction/Theme Baskets/Bottle Lotto/Books/Plants

Sunday only events

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

11:30 am-3:00 pm Home Style Chicken Dinner

11:30 am-5:00 PM Children's Activities/Raffle Drawing at 4:30
pm/Vintage Cars

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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For 123 years – since 1886 – the Saint Matthew Community has been a vital part of the West Side of Saint Paul. We were “planted” on the square block Robie on the north, Winifred on the south, Hall on the west and Humboldt on the east – and we have remained!

The West Side of Saint Paul, always an immigrant community, has experienced a series of reincarnations and with the rebirths of the community the parish has been reborn anew and yet ever the same.

The mission of Saint Matthew’s from the very beginning is “to exist in the world as a visible expression of God’s love”.

This mission embraces the lives of 17,000 West Side residents as we strive to collaborate with business and commercial, educational and recreational, public safety and health care efforts in this community to enhance the lives of families and be a loving and just human face of the Living God.

We invite and encourage others to gather under the Saint Matthew umbrella and partner with us in this mission – Hispanic Outreach, Loaves and Fishes, Saint Mary’s Clinic, Casa Guadalupana and the East Side Learning Center.

Saint Matthew’s ministries – child care, pre-school, day school, religious education, RCIA, sacramental preparation, KLT, pastoral care, boy scouts, girl scouts,

cub scouts, Men’s Club, Rosary Society, etc. – each seek in their own way to embrace the larger community.

At the center of the life of the Saint Matthew Community is our Sunday worship. We are people of the book and people of the cup. We are grounded in the mystery of Christ made present in the Eucharist. All ministries lead to the Table of the Lord and all ministries flow from the Table of the Lord.

We are a strong, vibrant, engaging, effective load bearing member of our community.

Two years from now we celebrate our Quasquicentennial (125th anniversary). As we prepare for that celebration of life and service, worship and learning let us embrace more solidly our mission: *Saint Matthew exists in the world as a visible expression of God’s love.*

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Our countdown to the Festival is over! Now come and join the fun. Look around, shop, buy, eat, and enjoy. Plan on a Sunday Chicken dinner from 11:30 to 3:30. If you haven't already taken a chance you still have time to get raffle tickets We can use last minute 2 liter bottles of soda and bottle lotto items. Look around, if you have time check to see if anyone needs help in their booth. Thank you for all your donations over the last several weeks. Your Festival committee.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM--following the 5:00 PM Mass--the annual Saint Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals will take place in the front of St. Matthew’s Church. People are invited to bring their pets, to give thanks to God for the wonder of creation and to ask God’s blessing on all creatures--for the created universe is a reflection of the goodness of God.

Blessing of Animals
Saturday, October 3rd
6:00 PM
Saint Matthew’s Church

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

VIKING VS PACKERS ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL OCTOBER 5!

The border battle has a new twist this year! Watch the game with us in the social hall. Admission is \$5 over 16 and free for 16 and under with an adult. The St. Matthew's Men's Club will provide the hot dogs, snacks and refreshments. All football fans are welcome and the doors open at 7pm. Questions, Tim 612-269-9471.

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

All day fun for everyone! Saturday, September 26th, 5:00 PM: Outdoor Mass, 4:00-7:00 PM: Lasagna Dinner. Sunday, September 27th: Pig Roast, International Foods, Children's Games, Cold Beverages, American Grill, Silent Auction, Bingo, Bake Sale, Entertainment, Raffle for Cash & Prizes, Golf Contest, 125 Years of St. Michael's School Alumni Display. 337 Hurley Street East, West St. Paul (Corner of East Annapolis and Wallner), 651-457-2334.

CULVER'S NIGHT - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Be sure to join us for Culver's Night next Tuesday, September 22nd, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the corner of Robert Street and Marie Avenue in West St. Paul. 10% of the sales for the evening will go to St. Matthew's School to help support events throughout the school year.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Bring your family and join in the 7th Annual Candlelight Rosary Procession - Friday, October 2, 2009. Bishop Lee Piché will lead the Rosary Procession from the Minnesota State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. We will entrust our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Gathering time is 6:30 at the Minnesota State Capitol and procession begins at 7:00 PM. Please visit us @ our website: www.familyrosaryprocession.org

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals are beginning and are on going. So far we are groups of approximately 20-25 singers and instrumentalists who are willing to make a commitment to the work of liturgy and music at St. Matthew's 3 weekend liturgies (plus other special celebrations.) This is your invitation to join us as we continue to grow in faith, have fun and become part of a small community within this faith community. No auditions! Just come to the rehearsals!

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on **Wednesdays from 7-8:15** in the Church. Fall rehearsals begin on Sept. 9.

Children's Choir (Grades 4-8) Rehearsals start on **Wednesday October 7 from 2:45-3:30.**

The **Guitar Group** practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between the 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie at the parish office if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome.

Questions? Call Bonnie at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 20
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	September 21 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 9:00 AM, PC 2:00-6:00 PM,PC 3:00 PM, SH	September 22 Alums & Friends St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 1:00-6:00 PM,PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	September 23 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	September 24 Loaves and Fishes Girl Scouts
Friday	September 25
Saturday	September 26
Sunday	September 27

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today, as we celebrate the feast of our patron—Matthew—there is wonderful counsel in the letter to the young Christian church of Ephesus: each of us has been given our own share of grace...so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. If it were only that simple!

Sharing Last weekend, via usual four channels, \$9,285 was given. Thank you. The total yearly amount is \$2,086 behind budget and \$1,430 behind last year's amount. Both of those numbers are improvements from last week's report.

Other money: \$191 in school envelopes, and \$125 for food shelf.

Service: Made jewelry for the festival; helped a friend do extra cleaning; participated in parish music ministry; did Meals on Wheels; began teaching in the parish RE program.

Prayer: Prayed extra for the victims and families of 9/11; 2-1/2 hours of prayer during the week; 15 minutes daily; reflected on words of Joan Chittister; daily spiritual reading...prayer...rosary...Mass.

Upcoming events

Archdiocesan planning meeting: October 1, 7:00PM at Holy Spirit Church [next to Cretin-Derham Hall]. Parish leadership are preparing for that meeting—a gathering at the parish center on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00AM. All are welcomed at either—or both—meeting.

Parish ministry fair: in the social hall after each of the weekend Masses on October 10 & 11. Come discover some of the many ways of service and ministry within and beyond the parish.

Parish annual meeting: 9:00—10:15 on Sunday, October 18. The report which will be discussed should be available the previous weekend.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2009

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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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