



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Saint Matthew and the life of our parish community with prayer and fiesta.

Our parish mission statement proclaims: **Saint Matthew's exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love.**

We proclaim in our parish motto that we strive to be **The Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi.**

The work and life of this parish community for 122 years, since the founding of the parish in 1886, is summarized in three words: Prayer, Learning and Service.

Beginning with a handful of immigrant German farm families in 1886 until today as a West Side, multiracial and multiethnic urban community we have gathered at the Eucharistic table to proclaim "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again". We have done this for 122 years, 1,464 months, 6,344 weeks and 44,530 days. More than anything else this consistent, daily celebration of the Eucharist marks us as Church.

Beginning in 1887 Saint Matthew's parish community committed itself to the education of our children. With the dedicated commitment of hundreds of religious sisters the School Sisters of Notre Dame saw to the education of tens of thousands of parish and community students. A strong religious education program served the religious education of students attending a local public day school. In the past generation, at the urging of the West Side community, Saint Matthew's undertook early childhood education and before and after school opportunities for students.

The West Side of Saint Paul has always boasted a strong multicultural, multiracial and multiethnic, diversely religious citizenry and the face of Saint Matthew has changed with each wave of immigration. Protestant, Catholic, Jews and Muslims; Germans, Austrians, Poles, Hungarians, Lebanese, Syrians, Mexicans, Latin Americans, Pacific Islanders, Southeast Asians

and Somalis have and continue to enrich our civil and religious community and Saint Matthew is a part of that. Individuals and church societies have assisted thousands of families with the necessities of life – food clothing and shelter. Parish members and parish groups have played key roles in community organizing efforts, local labor unions, economic development projects and community development projects – residential and commercial. Members of our parish community are local business leaders and for more than a century have not only provided goods and services for our neighborhood, but jobs as well. Since 1886 young women and men of our parish have served and do serve our nation in military service; some of them even to the ultimate sacrifice of life. Hundreds of parish women and men have served and are serving our civic community – protecting and serving as law enforcement officers, fire fighters and emergency medical personnel.

The parish has and does make space available for community service – Saint Mary's Clinic, Loaves and Fishes, Hispanic Outreach and the Casa Guadalupana.

The conviction that all are called to contribute to the betterment of community life is bred deep in the bone at Saint Matthew's.

From the very beginning the parish community has been inexorably tied to the wider civic community and mirrors in its life the challenges, changes, successes, hopes and dreams of the West Side community.

In these ways we strive to give **visibility** to God's love. In these ways we stand as **The Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi.**

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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## SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY

At the Masses on October 4-5, a second collection will be taken up for the Saint Paul Seminary. We will hear about the many good things happening at our seminary and it's work to form more good priests for the Church. All funds collected that weekend will directly benefit our seminarians through the seminary's I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. Watch for a special section on SPS in the September 25th edition of The Catholic Spirit. For more information or to make a gift online, visit [www.saintpaulseminary.org](http://www.saintpaulseminary.org).

## 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.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals have begun 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. 10.

**Humm-Dingers! (Grades 4-8)** Rehearsals start on **Wednesday October 8 from 5:00-6:15.**

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.

ASSOCIATES OF ST. MARY'S CLINICS' CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Bring your friends, relatives, and neighbors to our Christmas card sale! There will be hundreds of selections from several national printers: Sympathy Cards, Note Cards, Get Well Cards, Thanksgiving Cards, and 2009 Calendars are also available. The sale will take place on Thursday, October 9 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Dorothy Bade's house, 668 Ohio Street, St. Paul. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Health Clinics, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph. For more information or to schedule a private showing, call: Jan Driscoll 651-747-8090 or Mary K. Ryan 651-224-2772. Your purchase will help St. Mary's Health Clinics provide free medical care to the uninsured of the Twin Cities.

WAFFLE BREAKFAST, CRAFT & BAKE SALE

The Thompson Park Activity Center invites you to a Waffle Breakfast, Craft & Bake sale on Sunday, October 19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They will be serving waffles, sausages, toppings & beverages. Carry out plates are available. Prices are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 4-10 (Children under 3 free).

FOOD SHELF

Every day some of our neighbors struggle to put food on their table. Helping them is as easy as bringing food or paper products to weekend worship. Every week food is collected here and brought to Neighborhood House. You'll find wish lists or envelopes for cash donations on the bulletin board in back of church. The food shelf is always in need of grocery bags too. Thank you for your help. The Food Shelf Committee.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 21</b>
Fall Festival	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 22</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 23</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 24</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 25</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 26</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 27</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 28</b>

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

*As Matthew is called in today's Gospel [special passage—for Feast of St Matthew], so each steward is likewise called: "Follow Me...I did not come to the righteous, but sinners." Could it be any clearer?*

*In the letter to the Philippians, Paul counsels: live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ—that is another clear directive for a steward.*

*How do we score on these tests?*

Sharing: This past weekend: \$8,505 was given electronically, via the mail, in the plate and in envelopes. Thank you. Year-to-date: \$101,261; that is \$1,711 greater than budget; \$2,655 greater than last year; \$6,398 greater than 2 years ago.

As well, \$168 was given in education/school envelopes; \$115 was given for the food shelf. [Remember that the food shelf money is divided—1/2 given to Neighborhood House food shelf; and 1/2 is kept here for those who come to the parish door.]

Service: Today is the appropriate day to acknowledge and thank all who have worked behind the scenes for the festival: the committee itself; and those who have planned the different events—dinner; taco feed; cards and bingo; raffles; baked goods; silent auction; garage sale; children's games; short-order food; music. Thanks in advance for all those who will work "a shift" at one or more of the activities; thanks to all who will serve by attending!

Prayer: Thanks to all those who have prayed for the success of the festival and for good weather.

Young People's Stewardship: \$3.66 Thank you! They wrote: Spent 1 hour in prayer; helped fold clothes.

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 Parish Annual Report: A report of the activities of the parish will be made available on the weekend of October 4 and 5. The following Sunday, October 12, members of the parish council will lead a meeting [9-10:15] open to all for questions, comments, and discussion.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office ..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 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.....*Shar Lavelle*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*  
 Bookkeeper .....*Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant.....*Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service .....*Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

**Phone Numbers**

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail ..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayerline ..... 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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Anthony Minus
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Chris Stevens
Joyce Osborne	Stephen Adrian