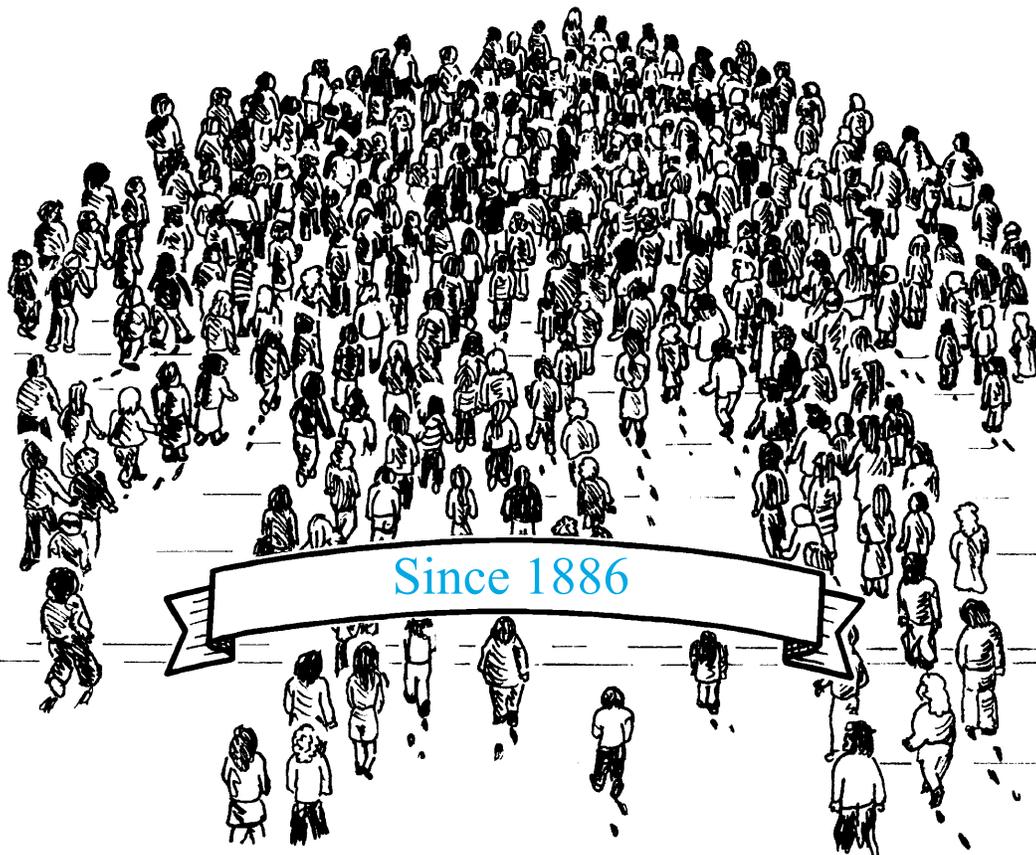


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For nine weeks I have described the variety of partnerships we have and which make us and our partners successful in carrying out the mission of Saint Matthew.

Today I want to focus on one of the most longstanding partnerships in which Saint Matthew has participated.

Scouting is 100 years old and for more than 75 years scouting has been and is a part of the lives of young people and adults at Saint Matthew.

A young man, Frank Rosenberger, member of Saint Matthew, became aware that our neighbor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was forming a Boy Scout Troop. He was eager to join a scout troop with his brothers. That night at the supper table his father told him that if he wanted to join Boy Scouts he should go down to Saint Matthews and "tell the Monsignor" we need a scout troop.

Frank did this and in the process became the first Scout Master of Troop 107. Frank's sister Catherine is a member of Saint Matthew and a regular part of the community worshipping at 8 am on Sunday.

With the exception of two years during World War II Troop 107 has been a strong scouting unit. The troop suspended operations for two years during the war because there were no men at home who desired to lead the troop. (In a time of war and national upheaval there are many casualties.)

Soon Cub Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts became a regular and active part of Saint Matthew's scouting program.

Scouting provides young people with opportunities to develop talents, to learn team work, to develop character, to learn to be a mentor, to acquire leadership skills and to make a significant difference in the lives of others. Scouting offers adults the opportunities to mentor young people, to contribute to the

maturity and growth of a new generation, to associate with other like-minded adults and to enhance their own skills, talents and leadership.

A Prayer for Centenary in Scouting

Loving God,
in this centenary of scouting
we come before you as your children.
We come to thank you;
to thank you for our founder Baden-Powell,
for his vision and for his faith;
to thank you for the many leaders
and volunteers who have given their time,
their energy, and their commitment,
to the great game that is scouting;
thank you for all the children and young
people who have enjoyed and benefited
so much from scouting
in the past one hundred years.
And, loving God,
we pray that you may be with us
to help us and guide us
through the next century.

(Written by Fr John Seddon,
International Catholic Conference of
Scouting)

Thank you to all our scouting partners.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

It is time to order the Workbook for Lectors covering the liturgical year of Advent 2007 through Ordinary Time 2008. The price of the of the book is \$10.00 and the money will be collected when the books are delivered. If you have any questions, please speak with Bonnie Faber, Director of Music and Liturgy. 651-224-9793

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

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 the 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 PM** in the Church. **Humm-Dingers!** The youth voice and hand bell choir for grades 3-8, start rehearsals on **Wednesday, October 3 from 5-6:15 PM**. The **Guitar Group** practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie, 651-224-9793 if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome. **Adult Hand bell Choir!** We will begin rehearsing **Sunday, October 7 from 9-10 AM** in the Church.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Thank you to the sixteen competitive cribbage tournament entrants this year. Bragging rights for Best Player of 2007 were won by Ginny Roethler. Second place was taken by Reba Bisciglia with Third going to Jim Jenniges. Jim also had the highlight moment of the tournament with a perfect hand of 29!! Thank you to the sponsors of the prizes: DiGidio's Restaurant, Capitol View Café and Chula Vista Restaurant.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a person or situation that concerns you? We'd like to offer our voices in prayer for your intention. 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. We will ask for your intention but names will be optional.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Dean Steinbrenner and Bob Creamer – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

SCRIP UPDATE

Subway, Noodles & Co gift cards in \$10 denominations are now available from the Scrip program. Crafters – JoAnn Fabrics & Michael's gift cards in \$25 denominations are available via order. The purchase and use of gift cards from the Scrip program currently provides \$250 per month to the school at no cost to the purchasers. A big thank you goes out to those of you that have participated in this no cost fundraising effort. Selling only 12 more \$25 cards per week will allow us to increase the monthly school donation to \$300 per month. Will you be one of the 12?

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793 for more information.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2007

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
 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: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 23
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	September 24 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC	September 25 Loaves and Fishes Troop 107 Commit- tee mtg.
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, PC 6:00 PM, SC 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	September 26 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Finance Committee mtg. Cub Scout Comm. Mtg. Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 9:30 AM, SC	September 27 Loaves and Fishes High School Visit Day
Friday	September 28
Saturday	September 29
Sunday	September 30

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

Prayer: Regular times and a regular place for prayer is a help to becoming faithful stewards of time. Remember that the parish chapel is open from 6:00AM to 6:00PM each week day for such prayer. [On First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and prayer from 7:15AM to 5:45PM.]

Service: Thanks to the teams of parishioners who process the weekend collection. They open envelopes, make certain the amount is correct and readable; they count all the money and prepare the bank deposit. There are some slots that are open; if you're interested, please call John at the parish office.

Sharing: Last weekend [festival weekend] the total collection was \$7,729. Thank you. The amount, year-to-date, is still about \$3,000 greater than last year at the same time. Also, there was \$40 given in holyday envelopes and \$85 in envelopes for the school/education fund.

Fall Festival: There will be a complete report included as an insert in next Sunday's bulletin. A financial summary and a list of businesses who made donations will be included.

Last week the names of some lead couples were mentioned and thanked. Two more should be included: John and Mary Plante and Christine and Brad Erickson.

Some of the events realized more of a profit than last year; there were some new events; there were some event additions "at the last minute;" there was an event on Saturday that was duplicated—by the same people—on Sunday! Thanks to everyone

Obviously, it takes attendees to make such a festival a community—and financial—success. Thanks to each person and family to spent a little time at the festival.

Parish audits This past week the field work began for official audits of the books for the two corporations—the parish and the child care. Included in the "parish" are the school, KLT, and the food service programs.

The child care has an annual audit; the most recent audit of the parish was in 2001.

Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the parish will be on Sunday, October 14 between the Sunday Masses [about 9:00 to 10:15]. The annual report should be available on the previous weekend.

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 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

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Michael Linn	Stephen Adrian

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