

The Community of St. Matthew



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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 place of the Catholic conscience in the pluralistic religious and political community of the United States has been a challenge and conundrum from the very beginning of our nation's history.

Catholic social doctrine is based on two truths about the human person:

Life is both sacred and social.

A framework by which the Church addresses public policy includes five key elements drawn from John Courtney Murray, S.J.:

- Recognition of religious pluralism
- The legitimate secularity of the political process
- The complexity of the issues
- The relation between civil law and morality
- The determination of public morality through a determination of whether the issues affect the public order of society.

The tests for whether or not an issue is one of public order are three goods:

- Public peace
- Essential protection of human rights
- Commonly accepted moral standards of behavior in a community

Father John Courtney Murray, S.J. (1904-1967) and Monsignor John A. Ryan (1865-1945) are two of the giants who have helped the Church in the United States navigate its way into participation in the public life of the United States. Father Murray was instrumental in the development of the Vatican II documents on Religious Liberty and the Church's relation with other faith communities. Msgr. Ryan, a local priest from Vermillion, Minnesota; teach at the Saint Paul Seminary and then later at the Catholic University of America; leader of the public policy

effort for the Bishops of the United States from 1930-1945; who through Frances Perkins (FDR's Secretary of Labor) secured a place for the Church's Social Teaching in the landmark legislation of the New Deal.

Their reflections and teachings reminded us that in a pluralistic society the scope of law and public policy is limited, and its purpose is not the moralization of society, even though the premises or foundations for public policy and civil law ought to be rooted in ethical perspectives.

They maintained that there were at least three ways in which religion can contribute to policy debates:

- The sharing of one's religious vision and discourse;
- Consistent Ethic of Life

- The ministry of various religious institutions to society; religious supported social service agencies
- Participation in society of citizens who are fully in formed and shaped by their religious traditions

This orientation is to lead to an engagement with society, taking the form of advocacy and/or restraint; the civic virtue of civility; and a spirit of fairness, respect, restraint and a search for common ground among contending positions.

We as Catholics have a strong positive tradition embodied in the works of Murray, Ryan and others which could well serve us in the current day.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SERVICE PROJECT

Thursday October 15 (no school). We will meet at the church at 9am. We need 20 volunteers, children 3rd grade and older through adult. We will carpool to the Eagan site, receive a tour and pack food. No experience necessary. We will return around noon. Come help feed the children and feed your soul! Contact Gloria Deziel to volunteer for this fun event. 651-714-7009.

CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped with clean-up at the Fall Festival. A special thank you goes to the double duty helpers, who set-up AND cleaned-up, and to the strapping Humboldt High School Football team. The work was done in record time! You are a great bunch of people. From the clean-up chairperson - Bob Bejblik

FESTIVAL THANKS

How to say thanks to so many, many people?

Thanks to those who brought food and goods and offered services before the festival. **Thanks** to all those who worked hard to set up for the events; who transformed spaces as needed; and who put all away. **Thanks** to everyone who came for a little—or a long—while on Saturday and/or Sunday. **Thanks** to the hundreds of folks who worked one or more shifts. **Thanks** to all who purchased some of the many different foods and goods. **Thanks** to all those who cleaned up the gym, the social hall, and the church. **Thanks** to the leaders—those sassy, silvery seniors : Joan Lannon, Jan Steinbrenner, Elaine Goldberg, and Angela Pirkel.

A good time was had by all; and income was great. A full report will be included in the bulletin in a week or two.

And the winners were:

Pumpkin--Bill Lynch, **Minnie Mouse**--Elise John, **Teddy Bear**--Shayla Osborne, **Quilt**--Brooke Brown, \$200.00--Mrs. Marshall Kisch, \$300.00--Beth Hatfield, \$1000.00--Douglas Munoz

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF HINI INFLUENZA

There is no reason to panic as we prepare for the flu season, but we should all take steps to help prevent the spread of illness.

Please stay home if you are sick. If you have influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people. The CDC recommends you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medication. Missing Mass due to illness is not sinful; it is prudent and shows a respect for your brothers and sisters.

Take common sense steps. During Mass, at the Sign of Peace, you may choose to simply say "Peace be with you," without offering your hand. During Communion, you may elect to receive the Blessed Sacrament in the consecrated host and not receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the hand is the best way to reduce the possibility of flu virus transmission.

Practice good hand hygiene. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your upper sleeve, not your hands. As always, ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before distributing communion.

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE RETURNS

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Coffee for a Cause (C4aC) season. All are invited to the social hall after both Sunday masses for conversation, coffee and good things to eat. Thanks to St. Matthew's Rosary Society for hosting and serving. All proceeds are used by the Rosary Society in support of their ongoing ministries. Do you know of a worthy cause that could benefit from a cash donation? If so consider hosting and serving both Sunday coffee hours after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM masses. It's a great way to promote a cause in keeping with the mission of St. Matthew's and apply the proceeds accordingly.

The 2008-2009 C4aC season raised \$2,492.00 for the following causes:

St. Mary's Clinic, Neighbors, Inc, School Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Matts 8th Graders in Government, Loaves and Fishes, St. Matthew's Religious Education Program, St. Matthew's Scouting Program, St. Matthew School Alums and Friends Tuition Assistance Fund, St. Matthew's Mens Club, Holy Family Adoption Agency, European Children Adoption Services, The Dispute Resolution Center, Lost Children of Romania, Empty Bowls Program, Minnesota Laboure Vocation Society, St. Matthew's Rosary Society, St. Matthew's Family Fun Night, Neighborhood House Food Shelf, St. Matthew's Hot Lunch Program, Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning, St. Matthew's Choir, Casa Guadalupana and St. Matthew's Church.

Open dates currently are 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/20 and 12/27. Call John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871 to set it up.

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.

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

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday | September 27 |
| Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC | September 28 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday 2:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC | September 29 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Troop Committee mtg. |
| Wednesday 9:00 AM, MC 1:00-6:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC | September 30 School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir |
| Thursday 3:00 PM, SH | October 1 Loaves and Fishes |
| Friday 7:15 AM-5:15 PM | October 2 Adoration |
| Saturday | October 3 |
| Sunday | October 4 |

Marathon for Non-Public Schools

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

STEWARDSHIP

Saint James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

Sharing Last weekend [festival weekend] \$7,7 was given through the usual four methods. Thank you to each faithful steward. As well, \$155 was in education envelopes, \$5 was given for the food shelf, and \$15 was in envelopes for Assumption. Thanks for these, too.

Service: Volunteering... baked for fall festival... worked at fall festival

Prayer: Daily rosary... 2 hrs in prayer this week... daily mass
Spiritual reading

Upcoming events

October 1, 7:00PM—Archdiocesan Planning regional meeting: Church of the Holy Spirit [immediately west of Cretin-Derham Hall].

October 10/11—after each Mass: Parish ministry fair. Come to the social hall immediately after Mass to view [and volunteer?] most of the avenues of ministry and service through Saint Matthew's.

October 18—9:00 to 10:15AM. Annual Parish Meeting. Come, and discuss the report [available the previous weekend] on the liturgical, social, service, and financial activity of last fiscal year.

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 27, 2009
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar LaVelle*
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 Child Care Center 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 Prayer line 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*

Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum
 Connie Aligada Joyce Osborne
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