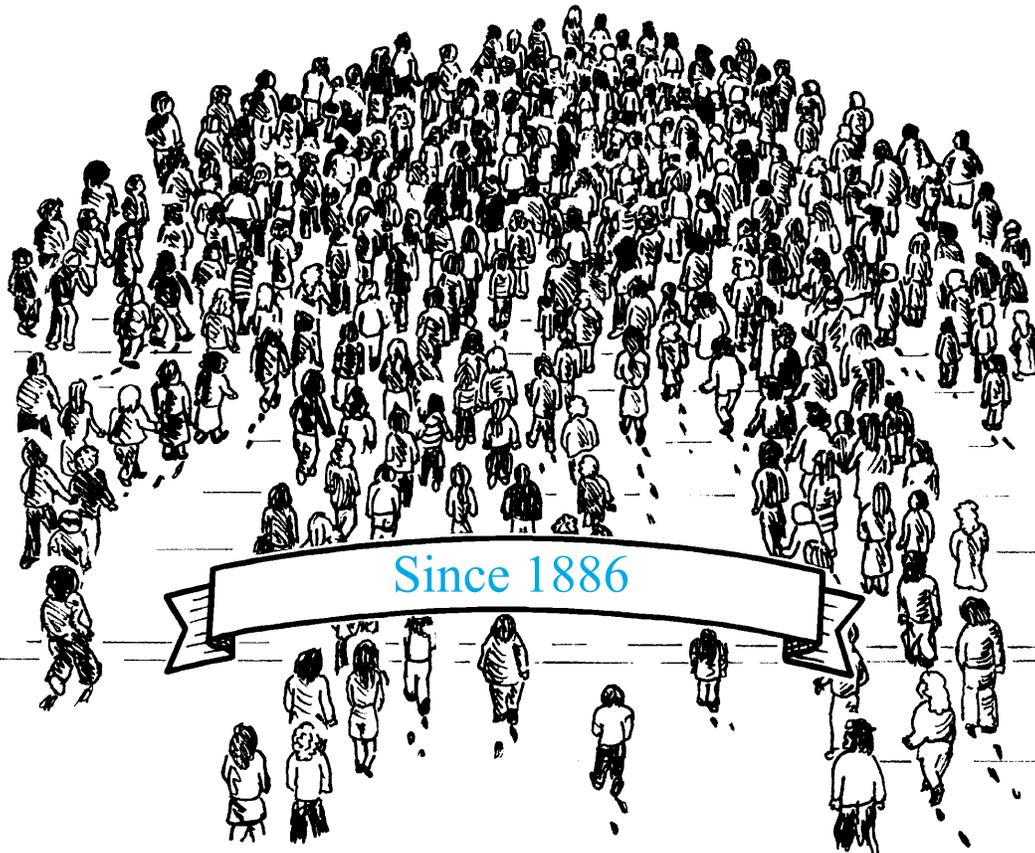


The Community of St. Matthew



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



*Words! Words! Words!
I'm so sick of words!
I get words all day through;
First from him, now from you!
Is that all you blighters can do?*

*Don't waste my time, Show me!
Don't talk of June, Don't talk of fall!
Don't Talk at all! Show me!
Never do I want to hear another word.
There isn't one I haven't heard.*

My Fair Lady

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Last week Marcel Marceau died at the age of 84 and for 60 years he "spoke to" and stirred the souls of hundreds of millions of people without uttering a single word. He "spoke" through the mime of his character Bip.

Marceau performed tirelessly around the world until late in life, never losing his agility; never going out of style. In one of his most poignant and philosophical acts, "Youth, Maturity, Old Age, Death," he wordlessly showed the passing of an entire life in just minutes.

"Do not the most moving moments of our lives find us without words?" he once said.

Marceau said that Bip was his creator's alter ego, a sad-faced double whose eyes lit up with child-like wonder as he discovered the world.

He likened his character to a modern-day Don Quixote, "alone in a fragile world filled with injustice and beauty."

During World War II he saved thousands of children from death camps while he worked for the French Resistance. He altered the records of Jewish children. For 50 years children were his ultimate concern.

He thought of the children who died in death camps: "Among those kids was maybe an Einstein, a Mozart, somebody who (would have) found a cancer drug," he told reporters in 2000. "That is why we have a great responsibility. Let us love one another."

Above all, he is remembered as one who never spoke and yet communicated the depth of the human experience and the human heart.

Jesus tells us to be small with words and large with deeds – "It is not the one who cries out 'Lord, Lord!' who will enter the kingdom of God, but the one who hears the word of God and does it". Speaking of the Pharisees Jesus says: "They utter bold words, but their deeds are small". Isn't it true that example is a far better teacher than words – don't tell children what to do, show them!

Maybe Marcel not only entertained us, but taught us.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Joe and Flora Stevens – 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.

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.

A TASTE OF ROMANIA

Join us for a taste of Romania on October 13 and 14, after all masses. We'll have coffee and Romanian pastries, a picture presentation from the trip, music, icons and decorative eggs to raffle and for sale. St Matthew's has historically supported orphans in Campina and families at Holy Cross Church in Bucharest. Through contacts made with St Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church in St Paul, we were also able to donate time and money to orphans and families at ProVita this year. We'd love the opportunity to tell you about our experiences and show you how our parish has supported these wonderful people. Proceeds from coffee Sunday will go to these organizations. The Krafts, Stevens, Montgomery/ Hales, and DeNardos.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BRADY CLASS OF 1978

We are in the planning stages of our 30 year class reunion and would like your help. Please contact me if you are interested in a reunion and /or if you would like to help plan this event. Interest will determine if we have a reunion. Contact Sue (Biegler) Trejo at 651-457-0519 or email: trejotrio@comcast.net.

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?

94TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Saint Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church will be holding it's 94th Anniversary Dinner this Sunday, September 30th, at 12:30 pm. The menu consists of Romanian cabbage rolls, sausage, grilled chicken, potatoes, salad and pastries. From 3 to 7pm there will be a dance, time to socialize and a performance by Izvorasul, a Romanian dance group. All events will be held in the church's social hall. Saint Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church is located at 854 Woodbridge Street, Saint Paul, which is West of Rice Street and at the corner of Woodbridge and Atwater.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Thursday, October 4 in the Parish Center. The Agenda will be a discussion of the strategic planning process with Robert Burke.

HEALING FROM THE HEART OF CHRIST

A half day retreat with Archbishop Flynn for Catholics who work in health care. It takes place on Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the St. Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Ave. The cost is \$25 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Parking is free. Pre-registration is required. To register call 651-329-6999.

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.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 1:00 PM, SH	September 30 Vikings vs. Packers
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	October 1 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, CH	October 2 Loaves and Fishes Reconciliation Class
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	October 3 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	October 4 Loaves and Fishes
Friday 7:15 AM - 5:15 PM	October 5 Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
Saturday 6:15 PM	October 6 Blessing of the Animals
Sunday	October 7

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was NOT that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

Prayer: attended the opening Mass of the school year; prayed 2 rosaries each day; made effort to attend Mass during the week; prayed evening prayer with my family.

Service: baked for the parish festival; visited with a patient who has cancer; donated blood; volunteered with Meals on Wheels; gave rides to seniors; helped people run their errands

Sharing Thanks to all faithful stewards: \$7,095 was given last week. [It is the smallest amount on a weekend in about 11 months.] The amount is about \$400 per Sunday behind budget; however it is \$1,922 greater than last year. This Sunday is the end of the first quarter of the year.

It is easy to set up electronic transmission of contributions. There are more than 50 parish families who give electronically, weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, and monthly. Please call the parish office and it can be arranged.

The Annual Meeting of the parish will be in two weeks: Sunday, October 14 between the Masses.

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 30, 2007

- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
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/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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

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