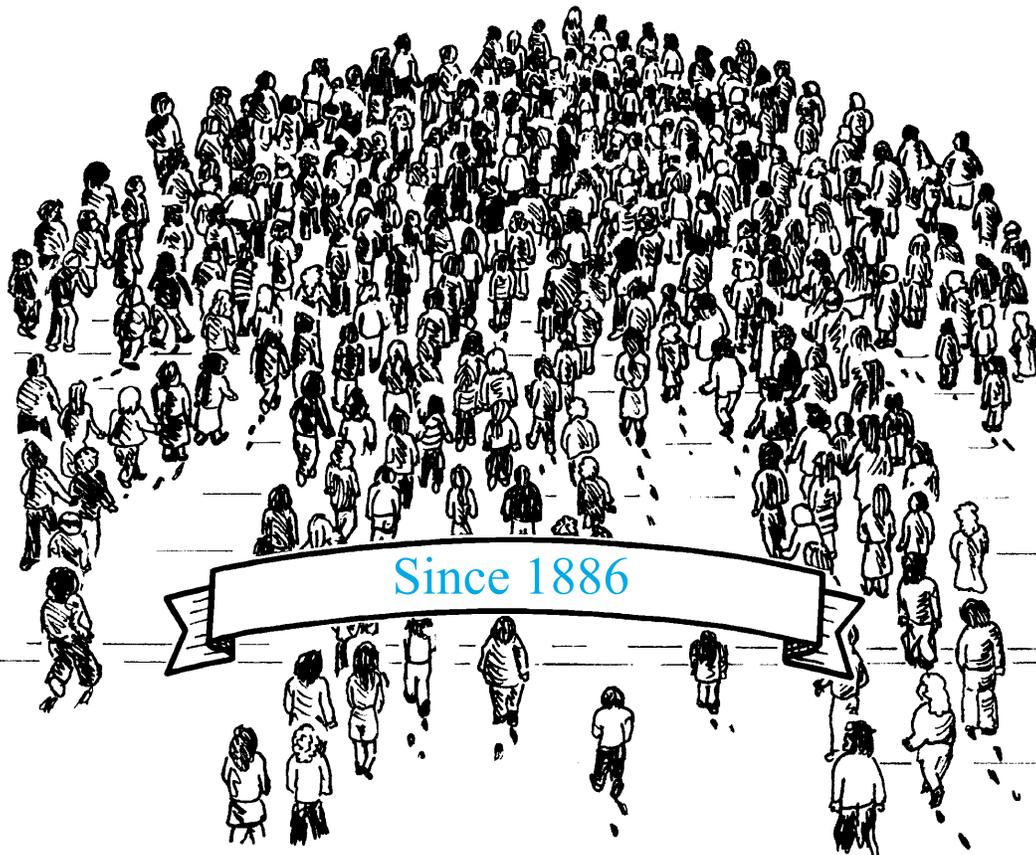


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A harsh and divisive argument over health care rages in our nation. Both those on the right and on the left demonize each other. It becomes difficult to sort out fact from fiction.

As Roman Catholics we state clearly that universal health care is a direct corollary of our core belief in the dignity of the human person and the ultimate value of human life.

The solution to the dilemma of providing health care for the under insured and the uninsured is complex and costly.

Millions of men and women in our nation who – for a variety of reasons: downsizing, outsourcing, restructuring – will wake up one day this year to learn that they no longer have a job. Added to the stress of finding a new job, they will also have to figure out how to continue to provide health care for their families. If they are fortunate to have health insurance, they will be faced with paying more at a time when they are trying to make do with less.

4 million people in our nation will celebrate a 19th birthday next year. As they blow out the candles on the cake, they may be marking the loss of health insurance. Our society will ensure that if we call the fire department, someone will respond. It will not offer the same guarantee for our health.

5 million children in our national community lack of health insurance sets up a barrier to good health. These are children in a nation that works to make sure they each have a basic education. They are children in a nation which ignores that they need a similar guarantee for health care.

30 million workers between the ages of 18 and 64 who earn less than \$9 an hour lack health insurance. Those who work full-time earn \$18,800 a year. Many are the store clerks, mechanics, dry cleaners, and restaurant workers. Our nation relies on their work to keep America humming along. They typically have no health insurance. They make too much to get health care from public health programs. They often end up in emergency rooms for care because they have no other place to go.

Owners of small businesses, those businesses with less than 100 workers, employ 38 million people in communities across the country. They support the local little league team and sponsor civic events. Because of the high cost, they often are unable to provide the protection

of health insurance for their employees.

Six of every 10 people in the United States are lucky enough to have jobs that offer health insurance for their families. And yet, each year, they find they are paying more. Deductibles and co-payments keep going up. More and more things are not covered by their insurance, which means they have to pay for those services out of pocket. As a result, many – people who own homes, who had full-time employment and insurance before getting ill – will declare bankruptcy because of medical bills.

18,000 people will die this year because they do not have the security of health care that comes with having insurance. Out of pride, out of shame, out of fear – or because they simply don't have the money to go to the doctor – they will ignore signs that their health is in jeopardy. If they do get medical attention it will be too late.

The health care crisis is complex and dire. There is no doubt we need to address health care. We need a civil and constructive debate as we seek the solution to this crisis. Perhaps the solution will at first be partial; perhaps the burden of the solution will only modestly affect all of us at first; perhaps we need a progressive solution which will soon provide health care for all. Perhaps we need to adopt a social contract with all citizens that among other things guarantee basic health care to all.

This national debate has been on going for more than 100 years – beginning with Teddy Roosevelt. It is long since past time to resolve the dilemma.

What we do not need is more of the strident bullying from the right and the left which keeps civil debate from happening.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

Labor Day Mass  
Monday, September 7, 2009  
9:00 AM

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Two weeks and counting before our Fall Festival. Some things we still need. The bottle lotto could use more pre-filled bottles such as ketchup, mustard, chocolate syrup, salad dressing, shampoo etc. Plastic bottles you fill yourself could include, kids small toys, match box cars, hair clips, cash, candy etc. Prizes for the Cherry tree, \$3-5. 2 liter bottles of soda and A&W root beer. Keep looking for exciting vintage accessories; scarves, belts, and purses. Stuffed animals for our "animal rescue". Plants for the plant booth.

The weekend of the festival we will need bakery items and candies for the bakery booth, pies for the pie and ice cream booth and cakes for the cake walk.

The next meeting for the Festival is Wednesday Sept. 9, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Archbishop John Neinstedt's Mass for Persons with Disabilities will take place on September 13, 2009 in St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary. Music begins at 2:30 PM and mass follows at 3:00 PM.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. All women of the parish are welcome!

BP GAS CARDS AT SCRIP TABLE!

Rainbow shoppers - We now have an inventory of \$50 BP gas cards available at the scrip table. Use them when you redeem your fuelperks and St. Matthew's will also benefit from your purchase.

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 6
Monday	September 7
Labor Day	
9:00 AM, MC	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	September 8
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SH	Rosary Society
Wednesday	September 9
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:00 PM, MC	School Prayer Service
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Ed. Teachers Workshop
Thursday	September 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	September 11
Saturday	September 12
Sunday	September 13
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom. Like the person in the Gospel, we—faithful stewards—will not be kept from zealously proclaiming all the good the Lord has done for us.*

Sharing Last weekend, only \$4,998. Thank you! End of summer, last weekend of the month—both 'conspired' to make the total the lowest [by almost \$1,000] in more than three years. The deficit against the budget increased by \$4,002—to a bit more than \$6,000.

There was \$22 in school envelopes and \$20 for food shelf and \$5 in envelopes for Assumption. Thank you.

Prayer: Daily spiritual reading... daily prayer... rosary... daily mass.

Service: Recycle items for the elderly... helped a friend with her shopping

Thank you

My cousins and I wish to thank everyone for the ideas, efforts and hard work for the 'community room' in the church building. I sent some pictures to other nieces and nephews of uncle Louie George—they were pleased and thankful. I was told that Colin Smith was the first to use the room, along with his grandmother. Thank you again. Geri LaDoucer

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 6, 2009

- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- Monday: Col 1:24---2:3/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

PARISH DIRECTORY

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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... *Shar Lavelle*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
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 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
Connie Aligada	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	David Burrows