

The Community of St. Matthew



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Fall Festival
Saturday and Sunday
September 15 and 16, 2007

Saturday's events

- 5:00 pm Polka Mass
6:00 pm Short order food, Bake Sale, Silent Auction
and Bottle Lotto
7:00 pm Dance To A Live Band
Card Tournaments
Cribbage, Bingo and Texas Hold 'em

Sunday's events

- 11:30-4:00 pm Chicken Dinner
Bake Sale, Silent Auction
Bottle Lotto, Kid's activities

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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

FOCUS – Friends of Catholic Urban Schools – is a consortium and partnership between fifteen Catholic elementary schools in the inner urban communities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

This partnership is patterned on a similar partnership in Washington D.C. between Catholic schools and business leaders.

Saint Matthew's School and Child Care are part of this partnership. The purposes of this partnership are three-fold:

Sustain long standing effective elementary education delivery.

Rally the community in support of distressed neighborhoods.

Invest in our collective economic future.

The Board of Directors – with the participation of urban schools – approaches donors and foundations to seek new funding for our schools. Very often funders are reluctant to give to individual schools – but have an openness to support a school partnership.

Each school is to act on the local level to seek development and growth through their known resources. At Saint Matthew's a planning committee for Alumni and Friends of Saint Matthew's School has been forming. The second issue of a school newsletter – *The Good News From St Matt's*—will be mailed soon. The first issue was

mailed to all parish households and alums of whom we have addresses. An organizational meeting has taken place with some representatives of classes planning class reunions this year. The first Sunday of May has been designated each year as "All School Reunion Sunday". All alums will be invited to the 10:30 Mass, will be able to tour the school as individuals or in groups and will be hosted to a brunch in the social hall.

The planning committee has set out a Big Hairy Audacious Goal (BHAG) for itself during the coming year – to raise \$150,000 of new money and to attract 50 more students to Saint Matthew School. We can receive fifty new students without significantly increasing our present operating costs

This planning committee is seeking more members. If you want to get your oar in the water, if you want to offer some ideas, if you have a passion for Saint Matthew's School you can contact Joe Cullen (class of '78), Roy Ferber (class of '59), John Riehle (class of '57) or Jerry Sexton (class of '44) by calling the Church Office – 651-224-9793.

Partnerships make it work. Without significant partnerships we cannot be "The Good Samaritan on the Banks of the Mississippi".

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by The Sue and Chris Stevens Family – 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.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

St Matthew's Rosary Society will have a bake sale booth again at the Fall Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16. We will be accepting your generous donation of goodies and small crafts on Saturday from 9 a.m. on. Thanks in advance.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

St. Matthew's Parish Council realizes the importance of welcoming new members to the parish community. While it is true that many parishioners have done this on an individual basis, it is likely that some new parishioners, for whatever reason, have not had a welcoming experience. Consequently the Parish Council has approved the formation of a Committee whose main objective will be "to be the visible expression of God's love" by helping new parishioners feel welcome at St. Matthew's. Present parishioners can help in this endeavor: if you know of someone who is new to the parish, please phone the parish office and give their name and phone number. The Welcoming Committee will be informed and the new parishioner w i l l b e contacted.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education Class for grades 1-10 will take place this weekend. Register at the back of church after mass on Saturday, and downstairs on Sunday.

FOOD SHELF IS ONGOING

Just a reminder that hunger is an every day event for some of our neighbors. Please help us by continuing to bring food to your weekend worship. The wish lists and cash donation envelopes can be found in the back of the church by the bulletin board. There is also a continuing need at Neighborhood House for grocery bags. Any extra bags that you bring will be taken to the food shelf with the food. Thanks. The Food shelf Committee

FUNDRAISER FOR THE ORPHANS OF VALEA PRAHOVEL, ROMANIA

In May, eight parishioners visited the sites in Romania Saint Matthews has supported. On Saturday afternoon, September 15th, a fundraiser for BOFC will be held from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at Saint Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church, 854 Woodbridge Street, Saint Paul located just west of Rice Street at the corner of Atwater and Woodbridge Streets. Romanian food will be served (sausages, grilled chicken, sour kraut, potato salad and pastries) and entertainment will include a children's music program at 1:00 pm, and the Izvorasul Dance Ensemble performing around 3:00 pm. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliaries of Saint Mary's and Saint Stephen's Romanian Orthodox Churches.

FALL FESTIVAL

It's not too late to think about how to be involved—in anticipation, right before, during and immediately after. There is a large need for set-up and take-down help. Folks are needed on Friday about 1:00PM for social hall set up; others are needed at 11:00AM on Saturday—for outdoor set-up; there will be a great need for clean-up on Sunday afternoon beginning about 4:00PM. Can you make a contribution [or two] to the bottle blast? To the bakery booth? To the Silent auction? Bring your contributions to church next weekend or to the parish center during the week. Thanks in advance. Note the events on the insert in the bulletin. Plan on being involved in more than one!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 4:00 PM, MC	September 9 Confirmation Class
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 6:30 PM, SC	September 10 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting EAC Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 6:45 PM, SH	September 11 Loaves and Fishes Home & School mtg. Rosary Society mtg.
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:30 PM, SH 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 8:00 PM, SH	September 12 St. Mary's Clinic Leisure Club Loaves and Fishes Religious Education Men's Club
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	September 13 Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
Friday	September 14
Saturday	September 15 Fall Festival
Sunday	September 16 Fall Festival

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Prayer: daily Mass...daily rosary...daily mealtime prayer...daily morning and evening prayer...daily prayer with family...daily one hour prayer...daily three hours of prayer
Thanks to all for the witness and encouragement.

Service: drove people to and from Mass...brought the Eucharistic to residents of a nursing home...spent 30 minutes at my child's school...volunteered with the elderly...helped at funeral lunches...visited a sick friend.

Special acknowledgement to Shirley and Larry Smith and their helpers for the hundreds of hours that they have spent preparing for the estate sale in the parish rectory. Not only have things been prepared for the sale, but the place has been "spruced up," and a number of unusable things have been discarded! Thanks!

Sharing Last weekend [a holiday weekend] there was \$8,883 given through envelopes, the plate and electronic means. Thanks for the faithful stewardship whether "in season or out of season." The amount, year-to-date, of Sunday giving is only \$395 behind the amount for the same weeks last year.

As well, monies were given in Holyday envelopes [\$365], school fund envelopes [\$955], and for the fall festival [\$190]. Thanks to each contributor.

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 9, 2007

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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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 Jason Delmont
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Committee Chairs

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