

The Community of St. Matthew

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

St. Matt's Community Family Fun Night

Free!!

Leave the cooking and cleaning to us!
Join us for free hot dogs, games, cards and
a screening of Ratatouille!



Bring nothing but your family
and friends for a fabulous night
out of the house.



Friday, Oct. 1, 6:30pm in the social hall

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Next weekend marks the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. With the exception of Mary, the Mother of the Lord, no figure in the history of Christianity has so engaged the imagination and affection of people as has the person of Francis.

Francis is an interreligious figure – claimed by the world religions. He is the apostle of peace, the patron of care for creation, the model of simple living and generosity, the witness to reconciliation.

As racial, ethnic and religious tensions grow within our country we need Francis as a beacon and perhaps as a unifying figure among dissenting and disparate factions.

A month ago religious leaders – Christian, Jewish and Islamic – issued a challenge to our citizens. In the public announcement of this declaration Cardinal Theodore McCarrick represented the Roman Catholic Community.

In part, this inter-religious declaration states:

WE APPLAUD all efforts to build meaningful, honest, and enduring inter-religious and inter-cultural relationships; and

WE DENOUNCE the use of innuendo, stereotype, or misinformation that promotes fear, distrust, or hatred of Muslims, Jews, Christians, or any other religious or ethnic group;

WE CALL upon this great nation whose soul is tempered by law, to reaffirm the deeply held values of diversity and pluralism as intrinsic to our national character and to stand firm upon the First Amendment and its beautiful, unequivocal guarantee of civil liberties and freedom of religion.

THEREFORE, we the undersigned pledge the following:

WE PLEDGE to confront instances of bigotry against any religious or ethnic group whenever and wherever we find them, and call upon

all those who disparage entire groups on account of the acts of a few to look deeply within themselves, and to stop; and WE PLEDGE to work actively to break down barriers amongst the various communities of belief in our city –and beyond –and to replace those barriers with mutual respect, understanding, and an outstretched hand.

Perhaps a way to honor Francis is to make his prayer our own.

The prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Next Saturday, following the 5 pm Mass, at 6 pm the annual blessing of the animals will take place in front of Saint Matthew's Church. This annual blessing is in conjunction with the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. All animals are welcome – large and small.



SCRIP ECONOMIC STIMULUS SALE

Order any gift card that has a discount of 8% or more and receive 5% off. A \$10 card for \$9.50 or a \$25 card for \$23.75. Stop by the Scrip table or contact Tim Nowak (612-269-9471) for details. Orders accepted until October 17. Examples - Applebee's, Cherokee Tavern, Joseph's Grill, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Herberger's, Macy's and many more.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2009, 4,004 pounds of food was donated to Neighborhood House Food Shelf by St Matthews. More items were used by our own parishioners before transport. Thanks to all who were so generous. Non-perishable food items are collected at church at all masses. Grocery bags are always needed and appreciated also. St Matthew's Food Shelf Team.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

This community is blessed with leaders who are willing to break open the Word of God every Sunday for our children. We are always looking for a few more leaders! CLOW begins in October, takes place at the 10:30 am Mass every Sunday through Pentecost. If you are interested in this ministry please call Bonnie Faber at the Parish Office: 651-224-9793 or email your interest to Bonnie at musicliturgy@st-matts.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please plan to attend a 15 minute meeting after the masses on Oct. 2 or Oct. 3 (Whichever mass you attend.) We will meet at the piano (choir area). This is very important. Thank you.

LITURGY

We are looking for servers to assist at our weekend liturgies. Being a server means *servicing God and God's people at Mass*. The name “server” clearly points out what you do at Mass: server God and God’s people by helping the priest and his fellow worshipers to praise God as well as they can. By helping the priest and people carry special objects and carry out special actions at Mass, you are really *servicing* God. If you are going into the 4th grade or above you can be a server! Are you interested? Server Altar Server training will be on October 1, at 2:45. Come for training then, and if that doesn’t work of you, you can call Bonnie at the parish office: 651-224-9793.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

October 1, 2010 from 2:45 to 3:30 in the church. If you can’t make it: call Bonnie at the parish office: 651-224-9793.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS ON THE WEST SIDE

To commemorate our 125 years on the West Side, St. Matthew's will begin a 13 month celebration on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Join us at 5:00 pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Harry Flynn followed by a Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance. Watch for more details but mark your calendar for March 5, 2011 - the first of many planned events culminating in our final celebration of our 125th anniversary on Sunday, April 15, 2012 - the 70th birthday of Fr. Steve Adrian.

HISTORY OF THE PARISH - THE LAST 25 YEARS (1986-2011)

At the time of St. Matthew's Centennial [1986] a history of St. Matthew's was compiled by Mary Catherine Dunkel. This was done in mini-chapters covering 2 years each. You may recall that a mini-chapter was read on each weekend of the celebration year. Would you be interested in researching and writing the last mini-chapters of our history? Please contact John Riehle at the parish center, 651-224-9793, if interested or for more information.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 26
Monday	September 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	September 28
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	September 29
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	September 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	October 1
Saturday	October 2
Sunday	October 3

Abbreviations:

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

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?

Sharing Last weekend [yes, festival weekend] the collection was \$6,462. Thank you to all especially those able to stay current. September has been a difficult month for Sunday collections. Over the last four weekends we have fallen about \$8,000 behind budget [don't know the factors, either].

Additional: \$30 in school envelopes and \$10 for food shelf. Thank you.

Service: Drove people to mass... choir practice.

Prayer: Daily prayer, mass, rosary, spiritual reading... fasting... family intercessory prayer.

Youth: \$3.00, Thank you! They wrote: fed cats... put away books... helped in yard.

Coffee Sundays Begin this weekend. Thanks to the pastoral council members for their hospitality. You are invited to the social hall for both coffee, goodies AND community building. As well, hosts are being sought for succeeding Sundays. Groups, families, individuals—all are welcome. Please call the parish office with your questions and/or you offer to host.

FESTIVAL

Congratulations to everyone on a great weekend of festivities, especially the sassy silver-haired seniors: Joan, Joanne, Jan, Elaine. The weather was wonderful, the food was fantastic, the people were pleasing. The deposit from the weekend was \$17,600. There are tickets sales from beforehand; other dollars to still come in. And then there are costs. A special thanks to Tony Moran and his catering company at Ideal Hall [Dale St]. He prepared, cooked, and donated ALL of the delicious chicken dinner. Raffle winners: picture: Doug Edstrom; quilt: Paul Vance; Salted Nut Roll: Adam Lannon; \$200: Bruce Thomson; \$300: Colleen Erickson; \$1000: Bob Nowak. A more detailed report will be made in a few weeks including all workers, details of numbers, and a list of all businesses who gave a donation. If you have reactions to the festival and its many activities, please convey those to the committee [or the parish office]. What might be added? should be subtracted? should be changed? should definitely be kept?

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
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 Dir. Education & Formation..... *Doug Lieser*
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 Dir. Child Care and KLT..... *Shar LaVelle*
 Bookkeeper..... *Cindy Hoffman*
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 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Parish School.....651-224-6912
 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

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
Mark Thomford	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
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