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St Matthew's Episcopal Church 19580 Pilgrims Place Parker, CO 80138



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

Come see your fundraising committee after each service to purchase or call Christine at the office. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!!!

Please join us for an evening of Divine Desserts and Wine

St. Matthew's Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, November 6th, 2010

St. Matthew's Church

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Silent Auction 7-9 Live Auction

8:00 Checkout 9-9:30

\$25/person or \$50/couple

Come join us for a divine evening filled with delectable desserts and wine as well as fundraising auctions for St Matthew's. Participate in festive bidding wars for live auction items:

GOLF IN STYLE PACKAGE: Golf for 4 at Pradera and custom golf trousers/polo shirt,
WINE TASTING PARTY hosted by Sommelier,
HOMEMADE MEADE...straight from the Greene distillery,
HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE for 2,
2 BRONCOS TICKETS for Nov 14th game against Kansas City,
HOSTED FULL-DAY FLY FISHING TRIP,
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST MAKOVER,
LONG WEEKEND STAY IN COPPER CONDO,
CATERED DINNER PARTY FOR 6,
1 WEEK STAY IN WESTCLIFFE CABIN
The Illustrious ST MATTHEW'S PARKING SPACE...more to be announced!
SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPAIGN--BUILDING AND GROUNDS... this special portion of the fundraising event will raise funds especially for buildings and grounds projects. Help us raise funds to improve our church. Painting the church, Memorial Garden in the front, new front doors, AC unit for office, new phone system, new flooring for the parish hall and maybe an entirely new front entrance!

Prefer the silent, stealthy approach? Silent auction wars will go on all night. All proceeds go towards sustaining our church family here at St. Matthews!

We need donations for Live and Silent Auction Items...HELP! If every family can contribute one quality item, then we would have a very successful auction. It is much easier to ask for donations from businesses or professionals that you patron. Most are more than willing to help a good customer/client. You may also have a personal business that would be willing to donate as well. Thank you in advance for your help with this. You can email Jennifer Tinsley at: tinsleybedlam@comcast.net or Bruce Siekierski at: b.siekierski@comcast.net with any questions or donations. We will have donation receipt forms with our tax ID available at the "Divine Desserts" table. Thanks!

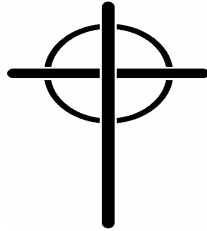
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Weekly Services, Eucharist and Bible Study:



Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 9:15 A.M.
Children's Chapel: 10:30 A.M.
Nursery: 9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Wednesday Eucharist: 9:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study: 9:45 A.M.

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Debit & Credit Cards can now be used at St. Matthew's!

We are pleased to announce this new way of giving! St. Matthew's eGiving program is designed to help take the focus off of the tool you use for your giving, and move it to opening space to pray, make considered decisions, & look at your gift as a way to express gratitude and put our community financial gift to work for God's ministry.

There are multiple ways to complete giving with your debit/credit card. More information has gone out by e-blast & hard copies are available in the parish hall, but here are a few highlights:
Giving cards - fill out the card, seal the envelope, & put in the plate or deliver to the church office!
Phone - call the church during business hours to complete your giving.
Auction & fundraiser - representatives can take your card information on site at the church.
A recurring feature will be available soon - your pledge can be processed automatically.
As always, you can also give directly from your checking or savings account using online banking.

This is new territory for us at St. Matthew's & we know you have questions! Our Compass Bank partners will join us **Sunday, October 3rd, from 09:00am - 10:30am**. So come to chat, enjoy breakfast, & get your flu shots, all in one place! Follow-up articles & on-site support will be coming to you as well, so stay tuned!

Financial well being is a shared goal, always. Giving more than one can afford is not a sound stewardship practice & St. Matthew's does not desire or encourage this of anyone. Although not for everyone, debit/credit cards & electronic banking are convenient, easy ways many of us use to manage our finances.

This is a new opportunity to grow & explore ways to accommodate the marvelous, varied people who make up our St. Matthew's family. On behalf of your Vestry and Finance Committee, come join the conversation!
Kandy Halstead, Sr. Warden - 303.919.0818

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St. Matthew's Stewardship - Our Annual Cycle of Grace, Giving, and Renewal!

"That is the essence of life, and that is the essence of what makes you alive, when you not only receive the graces of God but you also give the graces of God away very liberally, very generously."
(From *Tithing - Test Me In This* - Douglas LeBlanc)

We know that grace is pure gift, freely given to us by God. If we choose to, this grace can flow through us, and when combined with our generosity, be transformed to move God's grace out into the world for good. And the cycle doesn't end there. God is always about the multiplying effect, so when you give, you receive, making generosity an incredible, renewable energy source!

Stewardship is harnessing the generosity cycle and putting gifts transformed by grace to work where God's mission can best be served. It is during this autumn season of abundance that we at St. Matthew's pause to take stock of the gifts available to us, and plan our ministry work for the

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coming year. Autumn brings in the harvest, but also brings a very special, very sacred way for us to witness our faith at St. Matthew's.

For 2010, St. Matthew's received 82 pledges, supporting our \$200,000.00 Ministry Plan. It is inspiring to note that even during this time of challenge due to the economy or personal life changes, your generous giving this year has not only provided for St. Matthew's planned mission work, we are seeing our ministries expand and grow! This kind of abundance is indeed grace in action, a cause for celebration, and a gift of hope.

As the 2011 Annual Giving Campaign kicks off, our goal is to increase the number of pledges to 100! Based on what we've accomplished by faith in our 31 year history at St. Matthew's, it is wonderful and fun to imagine what we can accomplish together next year! In 2011, how will you put your time, talents, and treasure to work?

St. Matthew's Stewardship Program celebrates the perennial renewal of our people and parish, and is committed to the continued growth and maturing sustainability of our parish. We fully support the flourishing ministry work going on in our parish, which transforms our gifts into the grace that flows outward into our community and those in need. So watch your mailbox for the 2010 Annual Giving Campaign mailing coming shortly, which will provide more information and guidance.

We appreciate your prayerful consideration and action to help us continue and build on the incredible, renewable generosity cycle. Thank you and may the Lord's peace be with you!

**Your 2011 Stewardship Team,
Tom Clark, Jerry Grabowski &
Kandy Halstead**

Financial News

Thanks to God's grace & your generosity, St. Matthew's financial position has returned to a level sufficient to warrant returning our outreach giving to the 2010 Ministry Plan commitment level. At the September meeting, your Vestry has approved that the CO Diocesan pledge will return to 10% & the Hearts & Hands outreach will return to 3%.

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Altar Flowers

Our flower chart for 2010 is in the parish hall on the bulletin board. To request a remembrance, please write your name on the chart. Add appropriate language such as: In Loving Memory of..., In Thanksgiving for ..., or in Celebration of ..., please print clearly. The suggested donation for Sunday flowers is \$40 payable on or before date requested and may be shared with another family. Please mark check in memo area Flowers for ... If you have any questions, please contact Barb McNish @303-805-2414 or mcnishcolo@aol.com. Thank you for making our church beautiful!

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Prayer Requests

At the beginning of each month we update our prayer request list. Please contact the office at 303-841-0121 or office@matthewinparker.com if you would like us to continue praying for someone you requested we put on our prayer list. You are encouraged to contact us throughout the month to add or take people off the list, but at the end of each month, unless we've heard from you, they will be taken off the list. *God gave us the precious gift of prayer and it is the best thing we can do for one another.*

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Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares regularly meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **October 18**. Applications for a quilt are available on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Please give your request to Hazel McColley or Patty Fanning.

"Of all duties, prayer certainly is the sweetest and most easy." -Laurence Sterne

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Join us for the Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, October 3 following the 8:00 service.

The Fellowship Team Wants You!

Hello St. Matthew's Parishioners! Looking for an enjoyable and easy way to get involved with our Church Community? The Fellowship Team is open for new members to help with coffee and goodies after the Sunday worship services. If you like to bake, that's wonderful! But, you are also welcome to just buy goodies to bring in to share. The duties are light and typically only require helping about every other month. Plus, you have a chance to work with a wonderful group of fun folks. Please join us! If you are interested in joining, or looking for more information, please contact Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517 or lglandryt@msn.com. You can also let Andrea Newlin or Jo Ellen Richardson know if you are interested.

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St. Matthew's Nursery
Nursery care at 10:30
service only. Hours for
September-May: 9:30 am-
12:00 pm.

Parents who bring their children to the nursery at St. Matthew's will see two different, yet very familiar faces—Shunila Rae and Samantha Hynes will be providing childcare in the nursery during the 10:30 service. **(There will no longer be nursery @8:00)** Thank you Shunila and Samantha for serving in this ministry!

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Sunday School 2010-11

St. Matthew's Sunday School has begun! We have a calendar of our Sunday School Year and events available for families to have on hand. Knowing what is coming up is always helpful in your family planning. If any members of the parish are interested in helping with the Sunday School program please contact Kimberley Hubbs to find out how to get involved. We look forward to another wonderful year of helping our children grow in their faith. If you have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email as well, khubbs@q.com.



-The Sunday School Team

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Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is for all children preschool through 3rd grade. The children gather together to hear the gospel story. From there the children discuss and learn the meaning of the gospel; activities and crafts are often used to enhance the story. Leaders take turns each Sunday; and we welcome anyone to join us who would like to be a leader in this part of the children's education.

We also need an adult to help each Sunday. We are blessed to have a large group of children participate but the leader does need assistance. Please take a turn and join the group when they are headed to the classroom. If you would like to learn how to help or have any questions please contact: Joy Williams @ 303 525 6471 or joyw1965@comcast.net.

partnership with the PTF from our monthly collections to our Thanksgiving and Christmas collections, as well as the Open Gate Thrift Store.

You may put your donations in the basket in the Narthex. **Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated.** And, if you would like to volunteer to deliver the items once a month to the PTF, please contact the church office at 303-841-0121, or office@matthewinparker.com.

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Fundraising Cards from St. Matthew's

Arriving Soon! Sprouts Cards!

If you love to garden, or know someone that does please consider purchasing **Tagawa Cards**. They are perfect gifts for holidays, family, friends and people that love to shop for plants and garden accessories all year long. Tagawa Gardens is located at: 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial, CO 80016. And, when shopping for groceries and gas, we also have **King Soopers and Safeway cards** available. You can also use King Soopers cards at their gas stations. Cards may be purchased after each service in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information, or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Whitney Tomlin at 303-841-9328, or email: Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org.

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Open Gate Thrift Store hours:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

* Donations accepted during these hours only*
Please do not leave items outside

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HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Parker Task Force Collection for October: Canned Chicken

The Parker Task Force Food Bank is a non-profit organization operated solely by dedicated volunteers. The Mission of the Food Bank is to provide short-term support to those in need in the Parker, Franktown and Elizabeth areas. The Parker Task Force has seen an unprecedented growth in clients recently - 28 percent over the last year. St. Mathew's has a long history of

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OPEN GATE THRIFT STORE

The Open Gate Thrift Store is a remarkable mission of our church, providing much needed clothing and other items to members of the community at very reasonable prices. Because of the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who work at the Open Gate, all proceeds are turned over to the Church in support of its other missions. Patty and all of the volunteers would welcome your donations of gently used items to this mission, which reaches out to families throughout Parker and the Denver area.

We are in need of more volunteers! If you are interested please contact Patty Fanning @ 303-841-6681, or leepatty_20@msn.com.

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**Please mark your calendars!
You don't want to miss these events!**

October 3 -Laser Tag

Cost: \$12.00

Time: 4 to 6 pm.

Please let us know if you plan on attending by Thursday, September 30.

October 10 -Game Night

Time: 4 to 6 pm in the Youth Group room in Balcomb House. Please bring your favorite game to share with the others.

October 15 to 17 - Genesis

October 17 -No Youth Group

October 24 -Movie & Pizza Night

Cost: \$5.00

Time: 3:30 to 6 pm.

Bring your favorite movie to share.

Meet in Youth Group Room.

Saturday, October 30 -Corn Maze

This is a change in the meeting day, look for more information to come on this event. We hope to join the youth group from Greeley!

October 31 -Halloween. No Youth Group. Have a Happy & Safe Halloween!

This is a full month of events and all your youth leaders are looking forward to seeing everyone at as many as possible. Please contact Jody at shoec@aol.com or Andrew at Sirsahieb@yahoo.com if you would like to attend or have any questions.



**Summer 2011
Youth Mission Trips
Sign-up Now!**

High School: The location will be Biloxi, Mississippi for the dates of June 17 to June 25. This trip is open to those going into 9th grade in September 2011 and graduating seniors. **The cost will not exceed \$700** with hopes that this price will come down in the future. There will be a limited number of people that will be able to attend from each church; we are going to limit the number of attendees to 56 people to include both youth and adults. That works out to 48 youth and 8 adults. **The deadline to sign up with a \$100 deposit is Sunday, October 24.** After this date, if we have not filled up the open slots, we will open this trip to other parishes from the area. Right now there are 7 churches that are now planning this trip. **Please get in your deposit as soon as possible.**

Middle School: The location for this mission trip is Leadville, Colorado for the dates of July 11 to July 15. This trip will be open to those going into the 6th grade in September 2011. **The cost will be \$210.** As with the high school mission trip the numbers will be limited to 40 people total. Deadline information will be coming in the future, but the sooner that you sign up the better. This trip will be opened to other churches if the slots are not filled with people from the planning churches.

Please let Jody Shoemaker, shoec@aol.com or Rob Myers, robmyers@comcast.net know if you would like to sign up for the mission trips or have any questions.

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Rector: The Rev. Michael Wm. Richardson

FrMichael@matthewinparker.com

Rector Emeritus: The Rev. Vernon Myers

Organist: Betty Sue Hugo

Choir Director: Emily Kiebel

Parish Secretary: Christine Greene

office@matthewinparker.com

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Senior Warden: Kandy Halstead

Junior Warden: Whit Greene

Clerk of the Vestry: Laurie Landry

Treasurer: Bev Van Zandt

Vestry Members: Laurie Landry, Jerry Grabowski, Jo Evans, Kim DeJong, Chris Hardy, Samantha Hynes, Wendy Kelly, Tom McNish and Jennifer Tinsley.

Bookkeeper: Christine Greene

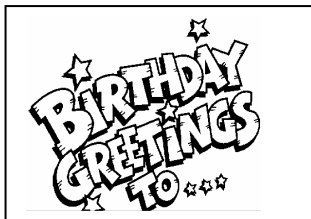
Nursery Staff: Samantha Hynes, Shunila Rae

Thrift Store Manager: Patty Fanning

E-mail: office@matthewinparker.com

Website: www.matthewinparker.com

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Barbara Byrne	01
Jennifer Tinsley	01
Micki Clark	02
Gretchen Neff-Herdrich	02
John Scata	02
Amy Stone	03
Dirk Meyer	04
Nyla Anderson	04
Luke Morgan	05
Mary McDonald	06
Rob Myers	06
Teresa Prince	06
Richard Moncier	07
Erin Dobkin	08

Karmen Cadwell	10
Heidi Hendricks	10
Todd Vinson	10
Jody Shoemaker	11
Ray Trueblood	11
Walker Zeray	11
Kayte Rogers	12
Eric Larson	13
Michael Bernard	13
Bill Jacobs	15
Barbara Bonino	16
Christa Gordon	16
Tyler Larson	16
Jake Larson	16
George Riant	16
Anne Strand	17
Ismael Avelino	18
Laura Greene	18
Gabriel Avelino	18
Ruby Stewart	18
Dillon Pippin	19
Dee Frost	21
Dick Amell	22
Loren Rose	23
Hilliary Latham	23
Nicole Sullivan	24
Kathy Hynes	25
Rick Gurrieri	27
Lisa Conway	27
Ella Carroll	27
Judy Roberts	29
Madeline Schroeder	29
Robbin Pippin	30


Anniversaries
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Jennifer and John Buckley	02
Ed and Wendy Hauser	05
Gretchen and Rick Herdrich	06
Kelly and Rhonda Green	15
Elizabeth and John Ulmer	15
Denise and Mark Allen	17
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					1 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	2 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
3 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 9am Fellowship Breakfast 8:45-10:30 Flu Shot Clinic 4-6pm Youth Group	4	5 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7pm Youth Leader's Mtg.	6 9am Eucharist 10am Bible Study 6:30-8pm Boy Scouts	7 7:15 Choir Convention	8 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop Convention	9 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop Convention
10 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 4-6pm Youth Group 4pm Book Study	11 7pm-Outreach Meeting 7-9pm DeMolay	12 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6pm Finance	13 9am Eucharist 10am Bible Study	14 7:15 Choir	15 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	16 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 12:30-3:30 DAR
17 8am & 10:30 Eucharist No Youth Group 4pm Book Study	18 10am Prayers & Squares	19 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7pm Vestry Meeting	20 9am Eucharist 10am Bible Study	21 9-11 Parker MOM's 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:15 Choir	22 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	23 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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