‘West Side Paintings’ mural exhibition set for Sept. 25

The Church of Saint Matthew is hosting an event at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25 to let the public view six mural-sized paintings that depict scenes of the West Side and bear the faces of actual residents. The paintings, created by Craig David and Richard Schleety, have been housed inside the church since 1986. “The faces, the landmarks, the symbols, the images portrayed are a glimpse of our heritage,” said the Rev. Stephen Adrian, pastor of St. Matthew’s for 34 years. He officially retired in 2012 but still celebrates weekend Masses at St. Matthew’s to portray Masses at St. Matthew’s to reflect the broader community. The art project came but still celebrates weekend Masses at St. Matthew’s for 34 years. The art project came to reflect a strictly religious mission in a Catholic sanctuary for this day. The artists will be at the September 25 celebration, entitled “West Side Paintings: Reflections on a Centennials Project,” to speak about the paintings, their other works, and how the West Side has changed over the years. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 510 Hall Ave., St. Paul.

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