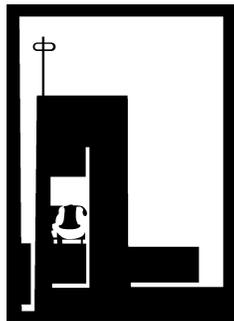


The Community of St. Matthew

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



Mass Intentions

Monday 6:45 AM
 Tuesday 6:45 AM
 Wednesday 6:45 AM
 Thursday 6:45 AM
 Friday 6:45 AM
 Saturday 5:00 PM Betty Soller
 Bernard Ferber
 Helen Whebbe
 Sunday 8:00 AM Robert Michalski
 Renee Charboneau
 10:30 AM Parishioners

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS THE WEEK OF JUNE 15TH. Father Steve will be on vacation. Have a safe and relaxing trip, Father Steve!



CRAFT SHOW

coming to Saint Matthew's, November 9th and 10th.

All crafters are welcome. You may reserve a table for \$30. For reservations or more information, please call Jan Casillas at (651) 450-6781 or Cheryl Kempe at (651) 455-8365.



Readings for the Week of July 14, 2002

Sunday, July 14 *Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23*
 Monday, July 15 *Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1*
 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
 Tuesday, July 16 *Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24*
 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
 Wednesday, July 17 *Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27*
 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
 7:30PM Fall Festival Mtg Social Hall
 Thursday, July 18 *Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30*
 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes - Social Hall
 Friday, July 19 *Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8*
 Saturday, July 20 *Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21*
 Next Sunday, July 21 *Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-*



FALL FESTIVAL The Saint Matthew's Fall Festival will occur as planned on Saturday evening, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17th at 7:30 PM in the Social Hall. If you are interested in helping with the planning or if you have an event idea, please come to this meeting. If you can not attend this meeting, please contact Wayne Gilbertson, (651) 451-7926, Tony Elizondo, (651) 450-0254, Kevin Jenniges (651) 222-1077, or Tim Nowak (651) 450-4975.

† STEWARDSHIP

Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the left-overs.

The stewardship offering for Sunday, July 7th: \$9879.58. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. **Youth treasure:** \$12.65 Donated in children's and young people's envelopes. Thank you for your stewardship and generous giving.

Stewardship is a way of life — a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Every good teacher knows that a story will grab the attention of the student, an analogy will trigger understanding in a hearer, and a simile will clarify a proposition.

Jesus is a good teacher; he is recognized as a teacher, his friends and enemies call him “teacher”.

This weekend, and for the coming month, the Gospel passages assigned to Sunday are from the part of Saint Matthew’s Gospel where Jesus teaches in parables about the Kingdom of God.

Parables have to do with everyday life; they spring from an understanding of the daily work and experience of hearers. Jesus is a master in the use of parables. He understands the lives and work of his hearers; he realizes that the mysteries of life are reflecting in the mundane of life.

The Kingdom of God is a central concern of both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. The Kingdom of God is that “new world order”, that “new age” – that condition in which the presence and power of God will fill and animate all that exists.

What will that be like, how will it happen, what are the signs it is happening, what conditions must be present for the King-

dom to flourish, who will inaugurate this kingdom? These and so many more questions filled the hearts and minds of Jesus contemporaries – and our hearts too.

Jesus speaks of the Kingdom in parables, images, and metaphors – because images and metaphors are more powerful than logic. Men and women live and die for metaphors – metaphors guide life.

The metaphors and images of the Kingdom of God that Jesus uses are steeped in first century Middle Eastern culture. If I want to grasp and power of the images, the depth of the metaphor, the compelling quality of the parable I must travel back in spirit to those days – smell what He smelled, see what He saw, taste what He tasted, experience vicariously what He experienced daily – the sower and the seed, the weeds among the wheat, the yeast in dough, the mustard seed, the treasure buried in a field, the merchant in search of fine pearls, the practice of net fishing, etc.

Bit by bit these images, stories, parables, metaphors unlock Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom of God.

Over the coming week’s preaching we will look at the “words” of Jesus, but also the images and metaphors he uses; and the surprising “twist” that is part of every good parable and story.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian, Pastor

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM Are you experiencing difficulties in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a ministry for hurting marriages which has helped many couples to rebuild their marital relationships. Twin Cities Retrouvaille begins a new program every month, consisting of a weekend and twelve follow-up sessions. Brochures are available in the parish or by calling (651) 464-5855. Give your marriage a chance.



Retreat **MORNING RETREAT**
A "Morning Retreat" will

be held for The Guild of Catholic Women at St. Joseph's Parish Chapel, 1154 Seminole Ave., in West St. Paul on Monday, July 29th from 9:00 AM to noon.

Father Piche, Pastor and Ecumenical Officer for the Archdiocese will celebrate Mass and address "The New Evangelization in a Time of Crisis."

Refreshments will be served in The Gathering Area at 10:30 AM.

Ladies, start your week in this quiet, comfortable Chapel and leave with strength to face the challenges of the week. For reservations call the GCW office at (651) 450-2217 by July 25th.

SPECIAL MASS FOR HEALING

There will be a SPECIAL MASS FOR HEALING AND HEALING SERVICE on Monday, July 15th, at St. Therese Church, 1928 Norfolk Ave., St. Paul, at 7:30 PM.

The Presider for the Mass will be Father Gerald Foley. For more information please call Sister Mary Anne at (651) 690-1501. Everyone is welcome!

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(651) 224-1450 / (651) 224-1459

Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Worship

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 AM

First Friday: 6:45 AM and 5:15 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Monday: 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 three months prior to wedding.