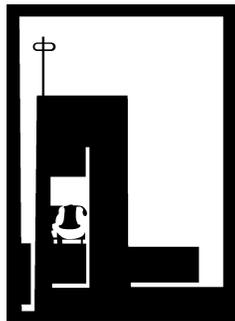


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



**Mass Intentions**

Monday 6:45 AM Daniel and Gladys Becker  
Joseph Plantenberg  
Tuesday 6:45 AM Edwin Maus  
Lloyd Erickson  
Wednesday 6:45 AM Bernice Brown  
Margaret Gudim  
Thursday 6:45 AM Marc Ortega  
John Maslow  
Friday 6:45 AM  
Saturday 5:00 PM Frank Jack  
Daniel B. Becker  
Sunday 8:00 AM John Bandholz  
Vern Cashman  
10:30 AM Parishioners

**PRAYER SERVICE** in support of the Lopez, Cox and Thomas Families. A group of West Side neighbors is organizing a prayer gathering in support of the families following the violence that occurred on the corner of Ohio and Winifred Streets early in July. Friends and neighbors are invited to come together at that site, on Tuesday evening, July 23 at 7:00 PM to pray for the physical and inner healing of the victimized, and to unite in solidarity to promote peace and safety throughout our neighborhood. Please invite your neighbors to join in this prayerful event.

**WOMEN'S 500 CARD CLUB** is in need of a card player for an afternoon group. Substitutes for afternoon or evening groups are also needed. For more information call Chris Youngren at 651-457-4570.



**BOY SCOUTS WILL BE** collecting aluminum cans before and after masses next week, July 27-28. Thank you for your support

Sunday, July 21  
*Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43*  
Monday, July 22  
*Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18*  
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Hall  
Tuesday, July 23  
*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50*  
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Hall  
Wednesday, July 24  
*Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9*  
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Hall  
Thursday, July 25  
*2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28*  
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Hall  
Friday, July 26  
*Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:28-23*  
Saturday, July 27  
*Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30*  
Sunday, July 28  
*1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52*

**PARENT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS** Fall is fast approaching and parent information nights for the school will be on Tuesday, August 6 and Wednesday, August 7 from 6:30 -8:00 PM. We will begin in the church at 6:30 for a number of important presentations on school policy, tuition, school athletics, uniforms, etc. The meeting will conclude in the school where sign up will be available for Scouts, used uniforms may be purchased and registration packets completed. New registrations will also be taken those nights. Please RSVP to the school at 224-6912 as to which night you will be attending.

**The stewardship offering for Sunday, July 7th: \$8,458.62 Youth treasure: \$23.70** 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:

The imagery and language of parables are buried deep within the culture and experience of a people. The parables of Jesus are rooted in 1<sup>st</sup> century Mediterranean life. In the Magna Carta of Catholic Scripture study Pope Pius XII encourage us "to go back wholly in spirit to the ancient Middle East" and so discover the roots and meaning of the sacred author's writing. John Pilch of Georgetown University helps us grapple with and understand some of the cultural roots of this Sunday's parable – the wheat and the weeds.

"Experts describe Mediterranean society as *agonistic*, that is, hostile and conflict-oriented. Today's opening parable is an illustration of this feature.

An enemy has sowed weeds among the wheat. The fact is mentioned without comment. Jesus' audience understood this perfectly. Birth into a family means not only inheriting that family's honor status and its friends but also inheriting its enemies.

There are many reasons why families become enemies in the ancient world, but the consequences are always the same. A state of feuding develops and persists over a long period of time. One never knows but must always suspect that a feuding enemy is seeking to shame one's family.

In this story, the shame is planted soon after the wheat seeds are sown, but it does not become full-blown shame until the weeds have matured to the point where they are clearly distinguishable from the wheat. Now the entire village discovers the shame along with the landowner, and they begin to laugh.

The laughter grows even louder when the landowner instructs his servants to allow the weeds to grow alongside the wheat until har-

vest. The peasants expect retaliation and revenge. Instead, the landowner appears helpless and bested by his enemies. Before the invention of electricity and television, such feuds provided entertainment for the village. But appearances are deceiving. The landowner is shrewd as well as being a savvy farmer. He knows that the wheat is strong enough to tolerate the weeds' competition for nutrition and irrigation. After the harvest, the landowner will not only have grain for his barns, but extra, unanticipated fuel for his needs. Instead of shaming this landowner, the weed strategy has backfired and shamed the enemy. The landowner and his servants have the last laugh. The enemy bent on shaming others is shamed instead!

There is an interesting lesson here. Once again, Jesus' peasant audience recognized that this was not a lesson in agriculture. It may have been a lesson about cultural values. The "something other" or "something more" of this parable may well be the landowner's refusal to retaliate, to get even with the enemy. In a society dedicated to revenge, the landowner's victory by seeming to do nothing is a powerful lesson.

The confidence of the landowner that his wheat will survive the effect of the weeds is worth pondering. A trust in goodness that is greater than the fear of wickedness could be a powerful weapon against rampant, senseless violence. It has worked before in history, and could work again if given a chance."

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

### MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER FESTIVAL -

Saturday, August 17, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM,

Sunday, August 18, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Transfiguration Church Hall

6133 N. 15th Street, Oakdale, MN

Light Luncheon Saturday, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM Italian

Spaghetti Dinner , Sunday, 12:00-4:30 PM Bingo,

Sunday, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM

Bake Shoppe, Children's Games, Collectibles, Crafts,  
Silent Auction, Prize-A-Rama, Jewelry, etc.



### WHO ARE THESE MEN CALLED KNIGHTS?

We are Catholic gentlemen of all ages and backgrounds with a focused view toward charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We defend and are in

solidarity with the priesthood (especially in these times), we defend the Pope, we are Pro-life and have a special love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are dedicated to the mission of a strong, male, religious presence in our families and society. We are approaching two million members internationally. Interested? If so, and if you are a practicing Catholic male, call and we can discuss your interests and share with you some information about our work. Contact: David Plum, Knights of Columbus, Council #4184, West St. Paul, 686-2806 (H) or 450-8487 (O).

### I would like to thank all the

wonderful holy people of St. Matthew's for their many prayers on my behalf. Be assured your prayers were a powerful factor as I

struggled for recovery. Special thanks to Father Adrian, Deacon John and Carol Murphy, visiting Eucharistic ministers and Fatima Cell and Rosary members. Irene Wimmer.

**ATTENTION ALL** Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Gift Bearers, Ushers/Greeters: It's time to prepare another **Liturgical Ministry Schedule**. It will run from Sept 8 through Nov 24. If you have any scheduling conflicts, or requests, please contact Ginny Roethler. Leave a message at **651-222-2867** or e-mail her at [gbd1252@aol.com](mailto:gbd1252@aol.com).

**(Be sure to indicate "Liturgy Schedule" so she doesn't toss you out as junk mail)**



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Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30am-7:30 pm;

Fri. 8:30am-4 pm; Sat. 9 am-1 pm

#### **Pastor:**

Father Stephen J. Adrian

#### **Priest in Residence:**

Father Martin L. Warren

#### **Deacon:**

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Patty Flynn

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David Rosas

#### **Administrative Assistant:**

Sirena Ortega

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#### **Prayerline Receiver:**

222-3622 or 224-2903

### *Saint Matthew Education & Formation*

Scott Breimhorst (651) 224-6912

#### *Day School*

(651) 224-6912

#### *Extended Day*

(651) 228-1535

### *Saint Matthew Child Care Center*

(651) 224-1450 / 224-1459

### *Liturgies and Sacraments*

#### **Celebration of Sunday Liturgy**

Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00, 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.