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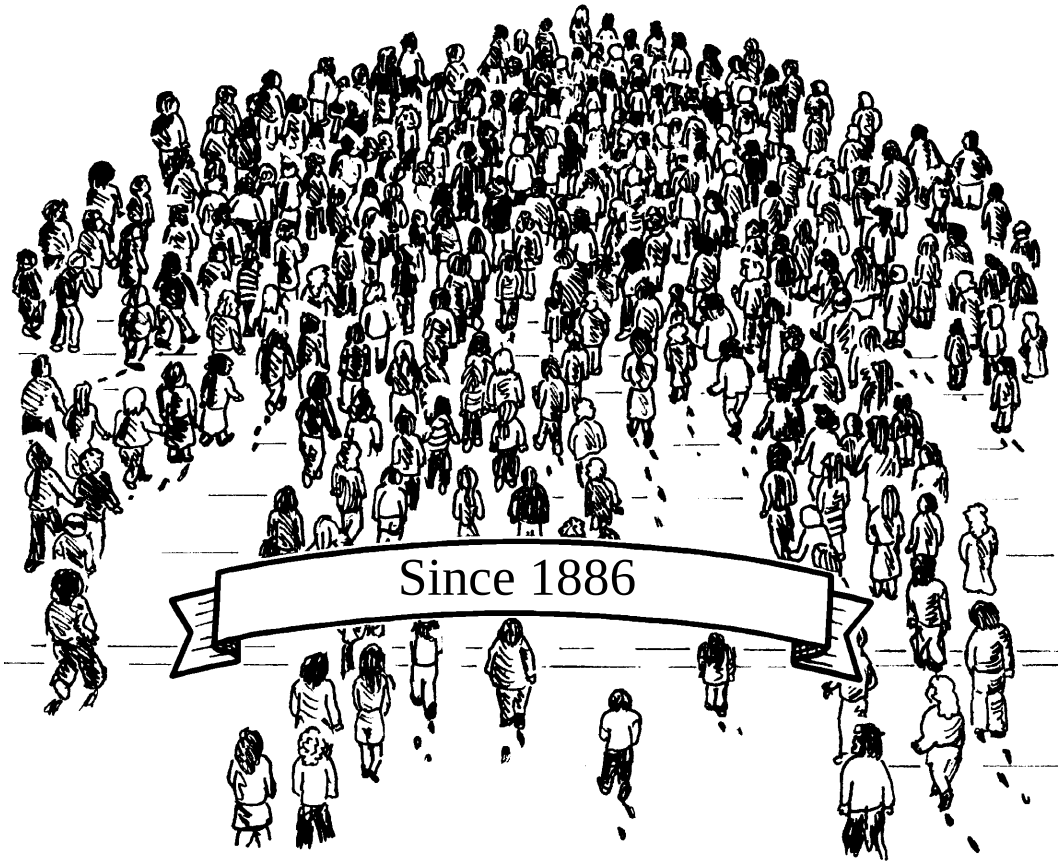
AUGUST 25, 2002

The Community of St. Matthew

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



Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	Helen Simon
		Marguerite Smith
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Florence Warner
		Ann Schaefer
Wednesday	6:45 AM	George A. Reiland
		Gertrude Thompson
Thursday	6:45 AM	George Sonnen
		Lucille Mitchel
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Bernard Ferber
		Helen Whebbe
Sunday	8:00 AM	Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society
		Edwin J. Maus
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

ALL SCHOO REUNION If you have not received a reservation form for the St. Matthew's All School Reunion which will be held on September 20, you can pick up a form at the parish center. Reservations are due no later than September 9, 2002. For more information please call Michele Edwards, 688-7635.

MANKATO TRIP For the past six years we have chartered a bus for a trip to the Motherhouse of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for their Arts and Craft Fair. We will be going again this year on Saturday, October 12, 2002. The round trip bus fare is $14.00. Registration forms will all the details are available on the table in the rear of the church. Forms and fare are to be returned to Sister Mary Colleen by September 5 at the latest. The trip is filling up fast so it will be on a "first come, first serve" basis."

LOAVES AND FISHES AT SAINT MATTHEW'S the Loaves and Fishes Team from Saint Matthew's will not be serving at Faith Lutheran Church on Labor Day. The next time the team will serve will be the first Monday of October. Thank you and have a safe holiday.

SAINT MATTHEW"S SCRIP Remember as you complete your back to school buying that Saint Matthew's Scrip program has gift certificates to Donald's Department store for your uniform purchases. We receive a 6% return from your purchases.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 25	*Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20*
Monday, August 26	*2 Thes 1:1-5, 11b-12; Mt 23:13-22*
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Tuesday, August 27	*2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26*
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Wednesday, August 28	*2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32*
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Thursday, August 29	*1 Cor 1:1-9; or, Mk 6:17-29*
3:00 PM	Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
Friday, August 30	*1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13*
Saturday, August 31	*1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30*
Sunday, September 1	*Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27*

NEW SCHEDULES FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRY are ready for pick up in the back of church this weekend. They run from September 7/8 through November 23/24. If you are a Lector, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer, Altar Server, Greeter or Usher - be sure to pick up your schedule!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK - The funeral lunch committee is in need of more volunteers. Several members will leave for a warmer climate in the winter months, so we are looking for additional hands to lighten the load. On average, there are one or two luncheons per month. The time spent working at a luncheon is approximately 4 hours, but if a volunteer can serve only 2 or 3 hours, we are glad to accommodate their schedule. Serving comfort and food to bereaved families is also a service to God. Please call Eileen Norton at 455-5965 if you are interested in volunteering for this important church ministry.

ANSWERING THE CALL TO COMMUNION: Sometimes, due to surgery or physical infirmity, we find that (even though we are present at mass) we cannot participate in the communion lines. Please be sure to inform an Usher, Greeter or the Mass Coordinator if this is your situation. They will see to it that you receive communion.

STEWARDSHIP
If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it; if it is in heaven, you are going to it.

The stewardship offering for Sunday August 18th: $7981.82. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is $10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. ***Youth Treasure:*** $15.30 donated in children and young people's envelopes. ***Feast of the Assumption:*** $926.25. ***School fund:*** $152.00.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Next weekend is Labor Day weekend. Perhaps this is a time to reflect on workers, work and the conditions of workers.

I grew up in a "working class" family. My dad was a printer all this life – a proud member of the International Typographical Union. My relatives were stonemasons, carpenters, bookbinders and plumbers – union people all.

Catholic teaching demonstrates that work is precious. It is sacred.

Work is sacred because human persons do it.

Work is the way we engage in co-creation with God.

It is how we help reveal God's glory in the world.

Work is one way we meet our obligations to each other.

Through work, we provide goods and services other people need to sustain their lives.

Work is a part of our own human development.

Work is ideally an opportunity for us to learn and grow.

Workers have a basic dignity because they are human beings made in God's image. People are more important than things; and therefore, workers are more important than the machine or capital that are used in the workplace.

Catholic social teaching asserts that basic rights protect the dignity of workers:

Workers have a right to work at a wage that can sustain a family.

Workers have a right to a pension.

Workers have a right to enjoy a safe working environment.

Workers have a right to form unions or trade associations.

We live in a state where more than 500,000 workers make less than $8.00 an hour, a wage that would hardly sustain a family given the cost of food, housing, childcare, transportation and the like.

We live in a state where steel workers on the iron range saw their pensions evaporate in the wake of financial difficulties at LTV Steel.

When workers try to rectify these situations by organizing a union, they often face intimidation, they risk being fired – even though federal law prohibits it.

What are we called to do as disciples of the Lord? We are called to bring forth the teaching of the church regarding the dignity of work, the dignity of workers, and the rights to which workers are entitled.

Among the fundamental rights of the individual must be numbered the rights of workers to form truly representative unions which contribute to the proper structuring of economic life, and also the right to play their part in the activities of such associations without risk of reprisal.

Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, #68.

Let us remember our solidarity with all working persons this Labor Day. Let us recommit ourselves to the dignity of our work and the obligations and responsibilities we carry to "work well" and with pride in the work we do.

Sincerely,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

The next meeting for the St. Matthew's Fall Festival will be on Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 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 but have an idea or question, please contact Wayne Gilbertson, 451-7926, Tony Elizondo, 450-0254, Kevin Jenniges, 222-1077, or Tim Nowak, 450-4975.

We need donations for the Theme Baskets, the Bottle Lotto, and the Auctions. Ask your employer for a donation! Ask your neighbor if they would like to donate a saleable item! Ask your relatives! The fair market value of donated items are tax deductible! We have a storage area, so you can start bringing your donations and leave them at the Scrip table in the back of the church or call one of the committee members to arrange pickup of larger items.

Quilt raffle tickets are available at the Scrip table after all masses. Raffle tickets are $1.00 each. Raffle drawing will take place during the Fall Festival.

We are looking for monetary donations to cover the rental fees of various youth activities that we would like to have. Can you help with this?? Donations can be made at the Scrip table or call Tim Nowak, 450-4975.

FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 21-22

LOAVES AND FISHES is honoring its over 5,000 volunteers on September 29, 2002 from 4:30-6:30 PM at Como Park Twin Pavilions at the intersection of Lexington Parkway and Horton Ave. in St. Paul, MN. Over 6,000,000 meals have been served by volunteers over the 20 year history of the organization. Awards, prizes, stories from guests, volunteers and founding members, good food and fellowship will be included at the event. Come join us for a picnic as we thank those individuals and serving teams that have provided so much to so many for so long.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is sponsoring an Open House at Resurrection Cemetery, 2101 Lexington Ave. South in Mendota Heights. The event will be held beginning Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13, 2002 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. come join us and get all your cemetery and funeral questions answered. Special no interest financing and savings will be available. For more information call 651-228-9991.

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Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30am-7:30 pm;
Fri. 8:30am-4 pm; Sat. 9 am-1 pm

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Saint Matthew Child Care Center

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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.