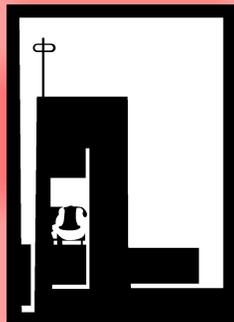


# The Community of St. Matthew

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



**Mass Intentions**

Monday	9:00 AM	Margaret Meisner Elaine Brandstrom
Tuesday	6:45 AM	George A. Reiland
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Helen & Leonard Lang Marcella Lawrence
Thursday	6:45 AM	Gertrude Mack Gerald Posavad
Friday	6:45 AM	Art & Corinne Roarke Bernard Ferber
Saturday	5:00 PM	Margaret Przblek Helen Whebbe
Sunday	8:00 AM	Robert Michalski Arthur Geis
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

**Labor Day Mass****September 2, 2002**

Labor Day Mass at the Church of St. Matthew is at **9:00 am**. There is **NO** 6:45 am Mass on Monday, September 2nd.

**Feast of Saint Matthew** St. Matthew's Men's Club will celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew on Sunday, September 8 at the 10:30 am liturgy. Brunch will be served in the Social Hall after Mass. All members and their families, parish priests, nuns, as well as widows of deceased members are cordially invited and urged to attend. All men who are not members are encouraged to bring their family to the brunch and join the Men's Club. A payment of \$15.00, one year's dues, will be collected. The dues will cover the remainder of 2002 and all of 2003. In as much as the Men's Club sponsors youth activities in the parish and the West Side area, the father's of school-aged children are offered a special invitation to become members.


**Weekly Schedule**

Sunday, Sept 1:	<i>Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27</i>
Monday, Sept 2: 9:00 am 3:00 pm	<i>1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30</i> <b>LABOR DAY MASS</b> Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
Tuesday, Sept 3: 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	<i>1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37</i> Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall Rosary Board Mtg, Parish Ctr
Wednesday, Sept 4: 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	<i>1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44</i> Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall Men's Club Board Mtg
Thursday, Sept 5: 3:00 pm	<i>1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11</i> Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall
Friday, Sept 6:	<i>1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39</i>
Saturday, Sept 7:	<i>1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5</i>
Next Sunday, Sept 8:	<i>Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20</i>

**FALL FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED**

Please consider a donation of the following items for Festival games: \$2.99 size chips (Doritos, Fritos, Potato Chips, etc.); 1 & 2 liter bottles of pop; candy bars (fun size and larger); stuffed animals (new or like new); \$1-\$2 small prizes (box of 24 crayons, colored pencils, Hot Wheels/Match Box cars, Playdough, novelty erasers, etc.) Please mark your donation as "Festival Games" and drop off at the Parish Center or in the back of Church after mass. We still need donations for Theme Baskets, Bottle Lotto, & Auctions.

**Stewardship Report**

**The stewardship offering for Sunday, August 25th:** \$6298.70. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year.

**Youth Treasure:** \$17.90 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes.

**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:

This is Labor Day weekend. Labor Day marks a new beginning – a kind of “new year” – time for school to start, the end of the summer season, time to think of putting away summer activities. The State Fair is almost history. Foliage will soon turn and it will be time to button up the garden.

This is also a weekend when our thoughts turn to work, labor and our gratitude to God for the opportunity to use our talents and skills for our betterment and for the betterment of society.

Work is not a curse, quite the contrary; it is an expression of the nobility of the human person. Each person is meant to develop God-given talent and gift – and when that is not happening there is something in the person that is stunted, short-circuited.

One's work is an extension of the self – it is the talent and gift of the self made “incarnate”, made visible. Human beings exercise this generativity by bringing the best that is in them to their job, their craft, their profession, and their trade. Human beings are meant to take “pride” in their work – for work is an extension of the self and an expression of what God has granted.

Work taxes energy, stretches creativity, engages both soul and body.

The balance to work is leisure, and a society that encourages work is also a society that must encourage leisure. Leisure is more than the absence of work – leisure is the time and opportunity to tap other aspects of human life – leisure makes the space and time for the worship of God, the development of friendships, the nurturing of family, the pursuit of avocations, the renewal of energy and spirit.

We live at a time with the tyranny of 24/7 work destroys the balance between work and leisure.

24/7 makes a “god” of work and denies the human soul a full life. Leisure is the basis of culture and often what makes life worth living and souls worth saving.

Just as work well done is stimulating, so leisure is restorative and enhancing.

Is there balance in my life? Is there time for work, time for others, time for me? Is there a solitary and contemplative side to my life? Is there a place and time in my life for a growing relationship with God? Relationships demand time and attention. Is there a healthy rhythm to my life?

Perhaps Labor Day is an opportunity for me to assess my work and my leisure; maybe Labor Day is a time to assess the balance.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

**ALL SCHOOL 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.

**Archbishop's Mass for Persons with Disabilities**

Sunday, September 8 at 3:00 pm  
St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul Seminary

**St. Matthew's Religious Education Program**

Religious Education is looking for evening RE teachers. Training will be provided, excellent benefits, call Scott Breimhorst at 224-6912 or Fr Steve at 224-9793 for more information.

**Rosary Meeting**

There will be a Rosary Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please call Carol (457-6067) if UNABLE to attend. Thank you.

**Rosary Members & St. Matthew's Parish Fall Festival:** Please mark your calendars and plan on sharing some bakery items. The Rosary Society/CCW will be sponsoring the Dessert/Bakery Booth at the Festival on September 21 & 22. Watch the bulletin for further details. Thank you.

**Children's Sunday Liturgy at 10:30 Mass Begins again NEXT SUNDAY, September 8**

We invite all 3,4,5,6 year olds to participate in our celebration of the liturgy during mass. We will have a procession to the Chapel where we will hear a bible story, pray, do an activity. If you are an adult who would like to be involved in this ministry, please leave your name and telephone number for Dana at 651-310-0830. If you are a young adult who would like to assist, please come with us to the Chapel during the mass procession.

**Have you picked up your New Schedule for Liturgical Ministry?** It's waiting for you in the back of church. The new schedule begins next weekend (September 7/8). If you are a Lector, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer, Altar Server, Greeter or Usher - be sure to pick up your schedule!

**Music Ministry is gearing up for another Season of Song!** If you have a gift to share with the community, be it through song, bell ringing, keyboard skills or other musical instruments, leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830. Mark your calendars for Thurs. Sept 12 at 6:30 pm for the kick-off dinner (brats, potluck). More details will follow!

**Other Parish Fall Festivals**

September 8	St. Stanislaus Church, St. Paul
September 14-15	Church of St. Patrick, Inver Grove Heights

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**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**

Tuesday: 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.