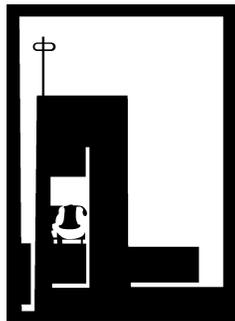


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Mass Intentions

Monday	6:45 AM	Marion Kammerer Peter Przblek
Tuesday	6:45 AM	Alice Marx
Wednesday	6:45 AM	Joseph Plantenburg John Bandholz
Thursday	6:45 AM	Joseph Heppelmann
Friday	6:45 AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph Karas Bernard Ferber David Culligan
Sunday	8:00 AM	Renee Charboneau Robert Stickler, Sr. Rose Garcia
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

CONGRATULATIONS to Glenn and Jean Bauman celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

ST. MATTHEW'S LEISURE CLUB will resume regular monthly meetings beginning September 11th. Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at 1:00 PM to start our new year. Please make a special effort to attend and bring a friend. Attendance prizes will be drawn and refreshments served.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL at the Church of the Holy Family this weekend, Sept. 7 & 8. Saturday, Bingo 5:00-9:00 PM, Sunday, outdoor festival, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.


Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 8

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

11:30 AM Men's Club Brunch, Social Hall

Monday, September 9 *1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11*

3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall

Tuesday, September 10 *1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19*

9:00 AM Bible Group, Parish Center

3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall

6:30 PM Rosary Society, Parish Center

Wednesday, September 11

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

1:00 PM Leisure Club, Social Hall

3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall

7:00 PM Men's Club General Mtg, Social Hall

Thursday, September 12

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

9:00 AM Grief Care, Parish Center

3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall

6:30 PM Adult Choir Potluck, Social Hall

7:00 PM AA, Parish Center

Friday, September 13

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 14

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday, September 15

Sir 27:30-28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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.

CASA GUADALUPANA - OPEN HOUSE - September 8, 2:00-5:00 PM, 655 State Street, St. Paul. Come and celebrate our house of hospitality. Come for an afternoon of conversation, food, drink and prayer. The Casa will offer resources such as meals, communal prayer, free legal counseling and support groups.

† **STEWARDSHIP** ☒
God never asks more
of us than we have.

The stewardship offering for Sunday, September 1st: \$11,289.00. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. **Youth Treasure;** \$16.28 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes. **Second Collection for School Programs:** \$1199.41. *Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.*



FESTIVAL UPDATE

We need your donations for the Theme Baskets, the Bottle Lotto, and the Auctions. Bottle Lotto and Theme basket idea sheets are available at the Scrip Table. 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 pick up of large items. **Raffle tickets** for the main raffle and the quilt raffle are available at the Scrip table after all the masses. **Volunteer sign up** forms are available at the Scrip table. **Donations needed** - when shopping this week, pick up a donation for the Festival Games: \$2.99 size bags of chips; 1 and 2 liter bottles of pop; candy bars, stuffed animals (new or like new, small or large); \$1-2 small prizes (hair accessories, HotWheels or Matchbox cars, playdough, etc.) Please mark your donation as "Festival Games" and drop off at the Parish Center or at church after Masses. We are looking for monetary donations to cover the rental fees for 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 at 450-4975.

CONFERENCE FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED The annual conference will be held on September 14, 2002 from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Corpus Christi Church. The cost for the day is \$25.00 which includes a box lunch. Financial aid is available for those who cannot afford the entire cost. for a brochure call 651-215-2217, or call Sister Mary Colleen at 224-9793 or stop in the at the parish center to pick one up.

THE ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on September 10 at 7:00 PM in the parish center, conference meeting room. All women of the parish and their friends are invited to hear about the service projects and social activities that are planned for the upcoming year. Refreshments will be served.

ADULT CHOIR NEWS UPDATE: Our kick off picnic dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th. We will meet at 6:30 PM in the shadow of St. Matt's statue - in front of the church - come rain or shine. Beverage, Bratwurst and buns will be provided. The rest of the feast is potluck. A brief rehearsal will follow in the church. Everyone should be home before 9 PM. If you are interested in joining the choir this year, leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830- she'll kill the fatted bratwurst for you.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the American Legion Challenger Post will be September 15 at the National Guard Armory on Robert Street from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All the cakes you can eat with sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

Joseph Karas. Family members prayed, remembered and celebrated the gift of Joe Karas to three generations of family. Following the ritual and prayer there was a family meal and gathering.

The Gilberg family gathers on important dates to remember Philip, to ritualize and celebrate his continued presence and power within this family's life.

Other families take the opportunity annually to have "reunions" in which the reality and power of "family" is affirmed and demonstrated.

I take this opportunity to encourage such activities, to support such efforts. For more than anything else, family is often the key to understanding the self.

No family is "ideal" and no family is without challenge. One of the challenges to each family member is to ponder and answer this question: **"What is it that I have received from my family that I count as valuable – and thus wish to hold on to; and what is it that I have received within this family that is hurtful or destructive – and thus want to let go?"**

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

We each have personal stories to demonstrate the truth of the axiom "blood is thicker than water". The power and influence of family is pervasive and touches more aspects of life than one would normally be willing to acknowledge.

More gallons of ink than I would care to imagine has been spilled over describing "functional" and "dysfunctional" families.

Families come in a variety of forms and sizes. Sociologists have a field day comparing, describing, analyzing, dissecting and interpreting families and "family structures". Race, religion, ethnicity, geography, history and culture all contribute to the universal sociological phenomenon called "family".

Whatever the components that come together to define family – family exists in the individual and particular experience – no two families are fully the same; and all families carry power and influence over individual members.

Families are robust; they must make room for a divergence of opinions, ideas, thoughts, styles and manners. Families are as messy as life itself

Over the past month I have been privileged to experience two family gatherings, which have ritual and memorial qualities.

Early in August I gathered with thirty-five or forty members of an extended family for the annual remembrance of the dozens of family members who have died. We gathered in the chapel and celebrated a memorial Mass in which we remembered by name those who have died and to acknowledge the gift that those family members brought to all gathered. Following Mass the family gathered for dinner and celebration. This is the second annual gathering for this family and the date and time has been set for next year's gathering.

In late August I gathered with members of the Karas family at Resurrection cemetery to remember the first anniversary of the death of (Father Steve's column continued on page 3)

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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.