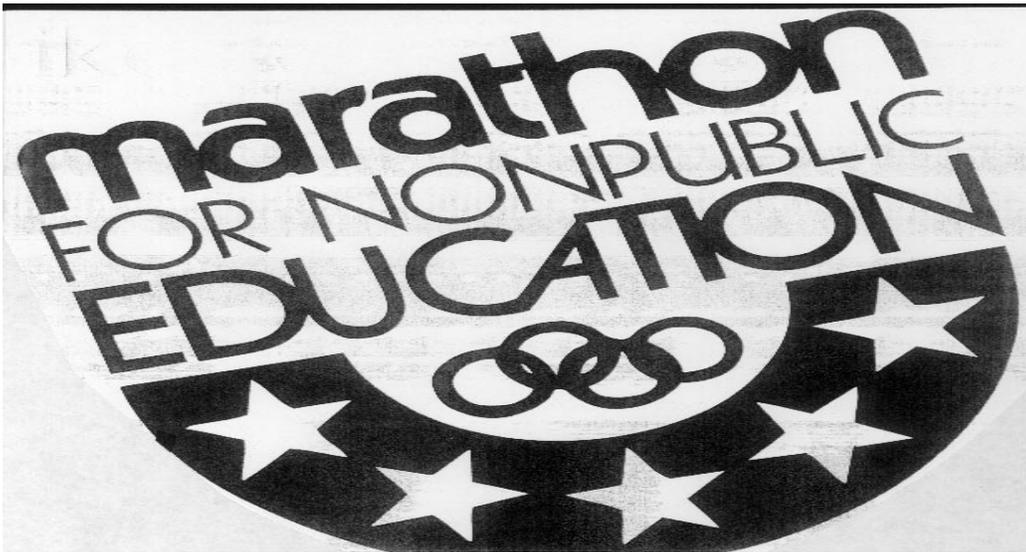


# The Community of St. Matthew



Friday, October 5, 2001  
10:15 AM to 1:30 PM  
St. Matthew's School to  
Cherokee Park

Students will be at the doors of the church after Masses to accept pledges. Thank you for your support

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

**Mass Intentions**

Monday 6:45 AM Jeanette Dieter  
 Tuesday 6:45 AM George Gubash  
                   Rose Charles Thomas  
 Wednesday 6:45 AM Irene and Clarence Bunde  
                   Joseph Karas  
 Thursday 6:45 AM  
 Friday 6:45 AM Helen Leibl  
                   5:15 PM Renee Charboneau  
 Saturday 5:00 PM Herman Fischer  
                   Bill and Corinne Brengman  
                   (45th Anniversary)  
 Sunday 8:00 AM Joseph Plantenberg  
                   Living and Deceased Members of the  
                   Rosary Society  
                   10:30 AM Parishioners

*Weekly Schedule*

Sunday, September 30  
*Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31*  
 12:00 PM Baptism - Chapel  
 12:30 PM Baptism - Chapel  
 1:00 PM Baptism - Chapel  
 Monday, October 1  
 9:30 AM Bible Study - Parish Center  
 3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes - Social Hall  
 Tuesday, October 2  
 3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes - Social Hall  
 6:30 PM Guitar Group - Church  
 6:45 PM Rosary and Benediction - Chapel  
 7:00 PM Rosary Society Mtg - Parish Center  
 Wednesday, October 3  
 5:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting - Parish Center  
 6:00 PM Chicano-Latino Writers Workshop -  
                   Church  
                   6:30 PM Adult Hand Bell Choir - Church  
 Thursday, October 4  
 10:00 AM Grief Care Group - Parish Center  
 3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes - Social Hall  
 5:00 PM Youth Hand Bell Choir - Church  
 5:30 PM Youth Choir - Church  
 7:00 PM Adult Choir  
 Friday, October 5  
 10:15 AM Marathon for Non public Schools  
 Saturday, October 6  
 8:30 AM Liturgy Committee Mtg - Church  
 9:00 AM Liturgical Ministry In-Service -  
                   Church  
 Sunday, October 7  
*Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10*

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** - Are you looking of a way to share your faith? Consider being a leader for the Children’s Liturgy. Children’s Liturgy takes place during the 10:30 AM Mass. This is an important piece of our faith community, but leaders are needed to make it happen. the only requirement to be a leader is a willingness to share the Gospel message with the children of St. Matthew’s. We’d like to start this ministry soon. If you are interested or for more information call Mooreen Sunday at 455-5377.

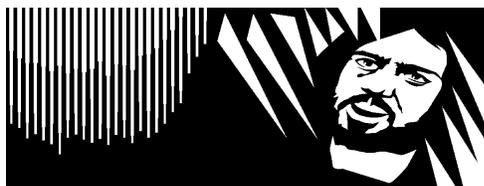
**LECTORS!!** Have you responded to our notice regarding **Workbook for Lectors & Gospel Readers**, yet. We need a “yes” or “no” from you. The Response Sheet is in the sacristy on the counter by the Ministry Check -in Board. There is a sample of the workbook for you to look at and information regarding price. We need to place our order this week if we are to have the books in time for Cycle A readings which start in December.

**VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST.** Could you spare an hour of your time? A volunteer is needed to answer phones in the Parish Center. The days and times are Monday-Wednesday from 4:00-5:00 PM. No experience is necessary, we are willing to train. If you are interested please call Sirena @651-224-9793.

**ROSARY AND BENEDICTION** on Tuesday evening, October 2 at 6:45 PM in the Chapel. We invite you to come and pray the rosary and benediction for peace in the World.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK.** You are invited to attend our communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the weekend of October 20-21, 2001, here at St. Matthew’s. The Sacrament will be celebrated at all three Masses. It is an opportunity for all of us to reach out in prayer and support to those who suffer from physical, mental or emotional illness. If you are: going to have surgery, suffering from prolonged/chronic illness, suffering from mental/emotional illness, recovering from a serious illness/surgery, suffering from an addiction in your life, a Senior Citizen looking for support as you grow older, we invite you to celebrate this Sacrament. If you or a family member would like to receive ths Sacrament of the Sick it is necessary to inform us of your intent PRIOR to the day. You can do so by completing the following form or by calling the Parish Center (224-9793) by October 18th at the latest. Complete and return to Sister Mary Colleen, 490 Hall Ave

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Check which Mass you will attend on October 20-21.  
 \_\_\_\_\_5:00 PM                   \_\_\_\_\_8:00 AM                   \_\_\_\_\_10:30 AM



**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FALL FESTIVAL –.”**

Thank you all for making this Festival a success. It was exciting to be part of raising the tent Thursday evening, and the rain held off until the tent was up. About 2 o'clock on that rainy Saturday we made the decision to hold the dance indoors, and the Men's Club decided to grill inside. We waited for 6 o'clock to see how many people would show up on this dreary day. About 6:05 we knew that the evening would be a success. It was great to see the line for food extending to the pillars in the middle of the church and the number of people buying a "walking taco" to see what that was. Members of the Rosary Society said that they never had so much bakery. By about 6:15 George Hernandez started playing music just loud enough to provide some ambiance. Bottle Lotto sold 275 bottles by 7:30 and closed so that we would have bottles for people on Sunday. Theme baskets were flying out of the room, and many of you stopped at the Hershey's Kisses Booth to see what that was about. Matt's Mart drew shoppers throughout the evening until it closed about 8:30. The dance floor was crowded throughout the evening with lots of children and teenagers and adults dancing to a variety of music. We thought that having a set of items for Saturday's Silent Auction and awarding them the same day worked very well. The weather didn't cooperate on Sunday either. But there were a lot of people outside playing the games. Roll-a-Rama was particularly successful and kids were lined up to play the bowling game all day long. Tacos sold out quickly on Sunday. They surely looked good, but many of us never got one. We'll try to have more next year and perhaps we can have a taco event before that. A good crowd played Bingo until 3:30. The Live Auction was a success with many of us getting good bargains.

**Raffle Winners:** Reversible quilt:Diane Rossi; 2 Big Bears: Andy Heitzinger and Corey McBride, Brown Bear: Theresa Schletty, White, Christmas Bear: Theresa Schletty.

**Festival Report.** We are still counting tickets, receiving and paying our bills, and cleaning up stuff. The Committee is meeting next week to review the Festival. In a few weeks we will give you a financial report. If you have any thoughts about how this Festival ran or ideas for next year, talk to us or put your ideas on paper and mail it to the Festival Committee. If you have a new idea or event for next year—we will need a chairperson for that event and that could be you!

**Festival Committee:** Linda Sellars – 227-4657; Barb Lamke – 454-1874; Barb and Rick Kraft 455-2174; and Diane Kammerer - 454-3685.



**BOYS SCOUTS** will be accepting aluminum cans before and after Masses next weekend, October 6 and 7. Thanks for your continuing support.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY IN-SERVICE!!** If you are an Altar Server, Usher/Greeter, Lector, Gift Bearer, MC/Sacristan, or Communion Minister please plan to attend on Saturday, October 6. It will be from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the Church. Fr. Steve will say a few words, we'll cover some important details of your ministry in context with all the ministries, and we'll close with prayer and coffee, juice & donuts. This is an important meeting—whether you are new to your ministry or have been doing it "forever." If you know you will be unable to attend, leave a message at 651-310-0830.

**IF YOU MISSED OUR FIRST WAX ON/WAX OFF DAY.,** now's your chance to get in on the dirt!! Since there was more wax and dirt in the church than there was time or workers when we met in August, we're scheduling another one to finish the job on October 13, from 9:00 AM to Noon. There are more chairs to wash and screw back together, more candlesticks to clean up. There's also more wax on the carpet and brass to polish, something for the whole family. Join us for an hour or for the morning. Sign up in the back of the church.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** The Men's Club and Saint Matthew's Scouting Program will sponsor an 'All You Can Eat' spaghetti and meatball dinner on Sunday, October 7th from 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM in the Social Hall. The charge is \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for kids 12 and under. Children five years old and younger will get to eat free. Beer and wine will be available for \$1.00 and pop for 50 cents. Take out meals are available.



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This questioning-faith is a serious and delightful business, it demands honesty, it requires openness, and it is the work of humble people.

Jesus says, "... ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you." It is only with honesty and obedience that one can truly seek, knock, ask – I must be ready and willing to receive what I find, accept what I discover, embrace what I hear.

Such a way of living can and will be life changing. Often I do not ask the question – not because I don't want to know, but rather because I am afraid to hear the answer – and why? Because the answer may ask something of me I am afraid to give.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Albert Einstein told his students:

The important thing  
is NOT TO stop  
Questioning.

Questioning is essential to learning. The ancients used a method of education called the "Socratic Method" – a teacher would engage a student in a dialogue of question and answer.

A question leads to an answer – and that answer leads to yet a further question.

Questions arose out of observation – the question "why" was often the starting point. The dialogue revolved around what has come to be called "the scientific method" – investigation of the possibilities.

What guided this discussion was a series of axioms or truths called "first principles".

Understanding faith demands a questioning spirit, a commitment to truth, and a passion to know.

Religious education at Saint Matthew's attempts to assist students to develop a life long ability to investigate the meaning of life under the light of the Gospel and within the context of the stories of faith – the stories of the "wise people" of the ages.

Over the years a fine author, Karen Armstrong, has written about the "God question". Two of her many books are: *A History of God* and *The Battle For God*.

She lays out the historical search for God – a search that has and does engage Muslims and Christians and Jews – a search for the "One God", a search for the God of life.

She chronicles the search for the "name of God", the human's quest for the "identity of God", a turbulent and serious effort to understand.

What we know, as people of faith, is that understanding falls short of the reality; the ultimate understanding is a matter of the heart more than it is a matter of the mind. Yet, the work of the mind can lead and does lead a person to "sort out the heart".

Believing people seek to find God in the daily events of life, seek to "see life" through the lenses of faith, to approach life with a "God's eye view".

*(Pastor's column continued on page 3)*

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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.