

The Community of St. Matthew

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



Join us for St. Matthew's Breakfast with SANTA and Rosary Society Cookie Sale

We're having Breakfast with Santa on
Sunday, December 15th
8:30am until 12:30pm.

Breakfast includes: Sausage, eggs, beverages
& all-you-can-eat pancakes!

Costs are: \$5.00 for ages 12 and up, \$3.00
for ages 11 and under &
\$18.00 for immediate family.

Have your photo taken with Santa for only
\$3.00!

The Rosary Society of St Matthew's
will be selling delicious Christmas cookies!
St. Matthew's Catholic Church Social Hall
On the corner of Humboldt & Robie

Sponsored by St. Matthew's
Boy Scout Troop 107



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The Christmas Feast and Season draws near. I encourage you to make time for worship as you plan your Christmas celebrations, and I encourage you to bring someone with you to church. In every family there are those who for one reason or another have been absent from church for a while. That person may be waiting for an invitation, an opportunity to come back to church. Often it is easier to return to church if you are invited to come along with a family member or friend – it is less challenging and sometimes more hospitable.

The schedule for worship at Saint Matthew's is found below. Please place it in a spot in your home where you have ready reference to dates and times.

May the coming of the Lord anew into the life of the world bring peace and hope into your life and into the lives of all.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

Advent and Christmas Worship

Church of Saint Matthew
Hall & Robie
Saint Paul, MN
651-224-9793

Advent and Christmas Sunday Eucharist:

Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 am

Advent Reconciliation: Communal Celebration

Sunday, December 15th
2:00 and 4:00 pm

Private Celebration

Friday, December 20, 5:00 pm
Saturday, December 21, 4:00 pm
Monday, December 23, 4 & 7 pm
Tuesday, December 24, 10:00 am

Christmas Masses:

Tuesday, December 24th
4:30 pm, Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, December 25th
Midnight Mass
8:00 am, Mass at Dawn
10:30 am, Mass of Christmas
Day

New Year Masses:

Tuesday, December 31st 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1st 10:30 am

There is no 8:00 Mass on New Year's Day

PARISH EVENTS

ST. JOSEPH MISSAL FOR CYCLE B

This year's is significantly different from previous Cycle B's. The cost is \$5 per book. Look for the display in the back of church.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CHOIR

If you would like to be part of the choir for either the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass or the 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass, we welcome your participation. Please come to Adult Choir practice in the church this Thursday, December 19th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Questions? Leave a message for Dana at 651-310-0830.

ST. MATTHEW'S ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

We will be combining with the 2nd Annual West Side Community Bloodmobile on Sunday, December 29th from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. The blood drive will take place at Neighborhood House instead of here at St. Matthew's. Watch for further information in the bulletin and in posters throughout the church and the West Side Community. Call Gilbert Delae at 651-789-2544 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Give a special gift this Holiday Season. The Gift of Life.

BAPTISMS CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Samiah Shaye Ryan, Miranda Nicole Herman-Crawford, John Patrick Deneen, Santino Luna.

FUNERALS CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AT ST. MATTHEW'S

John Pachl and James Dieter

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

The monthly fundraiser for the school takes place this Thursday, December 19th from 4:00-8:00 pm. When ordering, say you are from St. Matthew's and Arby's S'barro will donate 20% of the proceeds to our school! Thank you for your continuing support of our school.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Parishioners are invited to attend the Christmas program on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm in the church. Come celebrate the season with our students as they share their musical talents through Christmas songs.

CHILD CARE NEWS

The Center will be hosting the annual Holiday Open House, including pictures with Santa on Wednesday, December 18 from 3:00-5:30 pm. We invite you to attend and see our Center. We are in need of new or gently used winter wear for our students. Hats, mittens and boots to fit toddlers and preschool students are needed. Please drop any donations at the Child Care Center. Volunteer readers are always welcome at the child Care Center! If you would like to stop in to read to a child (or a whole class) please call Maureen at 651-224-1450. The Child Care Center would like to thank Jan Casillas for providing child care during our Family Advisory Committee meeting. The Family Advisory Committee will be working on many events in the coming months.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 107 want to thank everyone who ordered wreaths from them. They also want to wish everyone a peaceful and Merry Christmas. Reminder—the weekend of December 21 and 22 is the next scheduled aluminum can collection by the Boy Scouts after all Masses.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

“When receiving Holy Communion in the hand, the communicant bows his or her head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister.... When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood.” (IGMR2002USA#160/2) Also, refer to our archdiocesan brochure “Reception of the Blood of Christ: Communion from the Cup.”

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Because of the Christmas and New Year's holiday the bulletin deadlines are different for the next several weeks. Notices for the bulletin of December 22 needed to be in the parish center by 9:00 am on Monday, December 16. Notices for the bulletin of December 29 need to be in the parish center by 9:00 am on Friday, December 27. Notices for the bulletin of January 5 need to be in the parish center by December 30. Notices may also be sent to the following email address: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS We will accept end of year contribution through December 31, the parish center will be open until 5:00 pm on the 31st, if you would like to drop it off.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	December 15
After masses, SH	Christmas Bake Sale and Santa Breakfast
2:00 pm, MC	Communal
4:00 pm, MC	Reconciliation
Monday	December 16
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 pm, PC	Catholic Order of Foresters
7:00 pm, PC	Finance Committee
Tuesday	December 17
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	December 18
8:30 am, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 pm, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00-5:30 pm, CC	Holiday Open House
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 pm, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
7:00 pm, MC	School Christmas Program
Thursday	December 19
3:00 pm, SH	Loaves and Fishes
4:00-8:00 pm	Arby's/S'barro Night
6:45 pm, PC	Parish Council
Friday	December 20
5:00 pm, CH	Private celebration of Reconciliation
Saturday	December 21
4:00 pm, CH	Private celebration of Reconciliation
Sunday	December 22

Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church
 CH – Chapel
 PC – Parish Center
 SH – Social Hall
 SC – School
 CC – Child Care
 XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, December 8th: \$11,190.02 The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year.

Youth Offering: \$25.51

Second Collection for Religious Retirement: \$2,656.00

If you did not get an opportunity to contribute to the Religious Retirement Collection last week, you can place your contribution in an envelope and drop it in the collection this week, or mail it to the Parish Center. *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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 15
8:00 am Rosemary Becker Howard
Rose Garcia
Susanna Allers
10:30 am Living and deceased
members of Catholic Aid
Society
Kurt Gossmann

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17 Lloyd Erickson

Wednesday, December 18 Mary Najero

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21 Frank Jack, Donald Neff,
Joseph Heppelmann, D

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 15, 2002

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Computer training available through the Archdiocese

All Catholics of the Archdiocese are invited to take computer classes in the same learning center where many Catholic school and parish employees have learned their computer skills. Classes are available in Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher and the Internet. Sessions begin in January and continue through May. To receive a brochure or more information call the Computer Services of Team at 651-291-4509.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office651-224-9793

Pastoral Staff

Pastor *Father Stephen Adrian*

Priest in Residence.....*Father Marty Warren*

Deacon *Rev. John Murphy*

Pastoral Administrator

Dir. Education & Formation*Scott Breimhorst*

Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Dana McCarthy*

Dir. Pastoral Ministry..... *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*

Dir. Child Care.....*Maureen Gitlin*

Business Administrator*Patty Flynn*

Administrative Assistant.....*Nicole Johnson*

Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*

Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448

Parish School..... 651-224-6912

Extended Day.....651-228-1535

Child Care Center.....651-224-1450

Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830

Prayerline Receiver651-222-3622 or 651-224-2903

Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM

1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

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.

Parish Council Members

Kathy Goldenstein Linda Sellars

Marty Olson Jeff Gilberg

Paul Kempe Suzanne Clarke

John Finnegan Tim Jack

Doug Kennedy Becky Montgomery

Wally Nelson John Sekevitch

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Peter Grayson

Education Advisory Michele Edwards

Liturgy