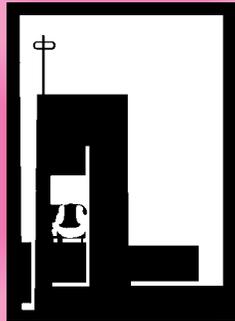
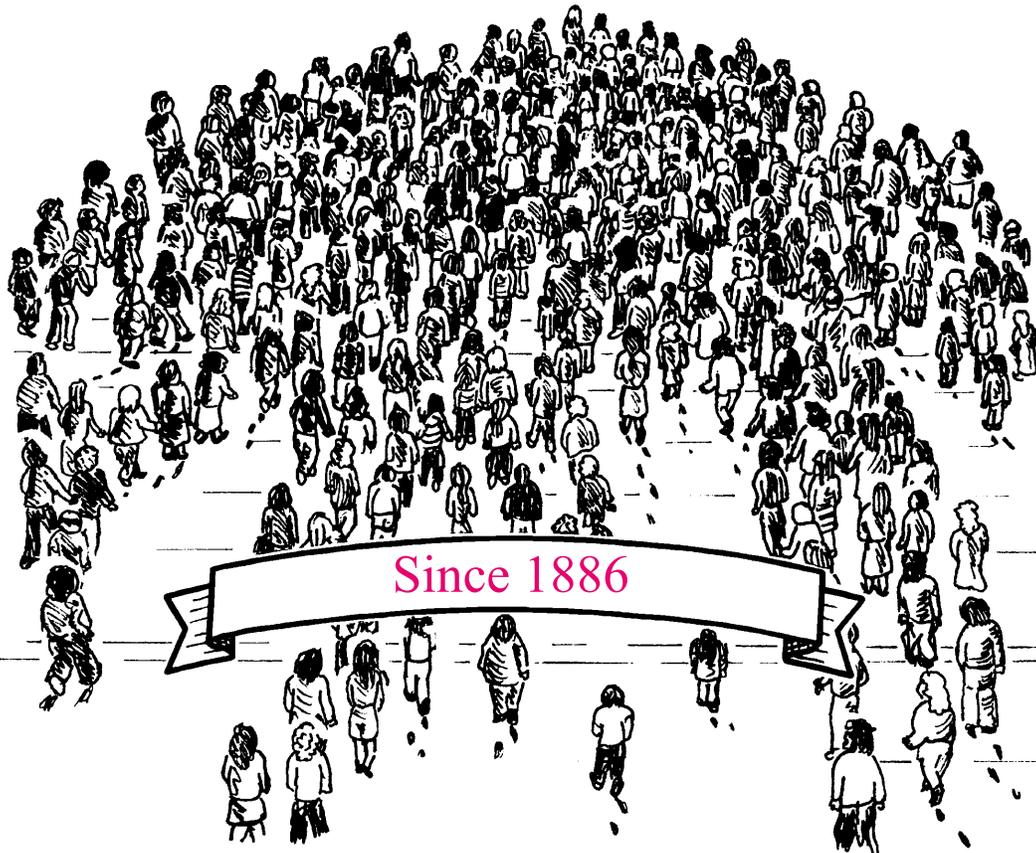


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For more 118 years Saint Matthew's parish has been home to thousands of local families. We are a congregation of households; and the strength, faith, vitality, success and service of those households is reflected in the strength, faith, vitality, success and service of Saint Matthew's.

From the beginning a thrust of our parish mission has been the formation and education of young people – thus an elementary school, a religious education program, a child care center, an extended day program, boy scout and girl scout troops, etc.

These efforts are a collaborative effort between congregation and community families in the rearing of children and the stabilizing of families.

There are a million success stories to tell, one such story is found in the young life of Rafael Harrington.

Raf is a 1996 graduate of Saint Matthew's School. He is a 2000 graduate of CDH and a 2004 graduate of Saint John's University.

Raf grew up in an orphanage in Venezuela until he was 10 years old, and his only family was his older brothers. Chris and Kevin Harrington adopted Raf when he was 10 years old. Raf became a Westsider, member of Saint Matthew's and student at Saint Matthew's School.

After college graduation Raf has decided that it is now time for him to give back. He decided to give the next 27 months to a community of volunteers who are working for justice and peace in Honduras. He will be working for "The Farm of the Child", a Catholic orphanage in Trujillo, Honduras. Raf says "I recently was accepted into a community of volunteers in a Catholic orphanage run by Franciscan Sisters. I will work there in solidarity with orphan children for 27 months. I look forward to a great opportunity to finally give back to an orphanage like others did when I too lived in one."

Each volunteer must raise \$10,000 for his own support and the support of the orphanage. So far Raf has raised more than \$4000. I invited him to speak at all Masses next weekend and to take up a second collection which will help make this work possible. Raf is a member of our community and a graduate of our school. I invite you to join in solidarity with him as he embarks on this mission work. The mission and the vision of Saint Matthew's reaches into many places and many conditions – now it reaches into an orphanage in Honduras.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH PICNIC & MASS

Join fellow parishioners and sister parish members at Cherokee Park on Sunday, August 15 for Mass and a potluck picnic. Mass will be at 5:00 PM with dinner to follow. The Men's Club will be cooking hot dogs, burgers and brats. Each family should bring a dish to share, plates and utensils for their family's use, beverages for their family, and lawn chairs. Hope to see you all there.

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who donated towels for cleaning. Your donations were greatly appreciated!!

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME —DON'T FORGET YOUR SCRIP!

As you begin your school shopping think ahead and purchase SCRIP! We have SCRIP for Donald's, Kohl's, K-mart, Office Max and more. The winners of the July raffle prizes will be chosen after 10:30 AM Mass on August 1. Keep on buying and help us go beyond our \$30,000 goal.

SISTER PARISH UPDATE

The St. Francis of Assisi Camp-out and evening mass is next Saturday (August 7). The dinner will include ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, and dessert. If you have not turned in your registration form and fee and would like to attend please call Maureen at 651-224-6912 ext. 24 before Tuesday. We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful event.

KEEP COLLECTING

Keep collecting your Campbell's Soup labels, Box Tops for Education, and Kemp's Caps over the summer. There is a drop box in the back of Church or you may hang on to them until the beginning of the school year.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL PARENT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Fall is fast approaching, and parent information nights for the school will be on Wednesday, August 11 and Thursday, August 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM. We will begin in the church. Vital information on the upcoming school year will be presented and all the required forms for school and services will be addressed. There will also be information on opportunities such as uniforms, scouting, sports, music, service organizations, etc. Please contact the school office at 651-224-6912 to let them know which night you will be attending. New registrations will also be accepted both nights or call the office to register your students.

NOW ENROLLING—KINDERGARTEN PREP PROGRAM

St. Matthew's Child Care is offering the Kindergarten Prep Program for 4 and 5 year old children, beginning this September. This will be a 3 day per week class (Tuesday-Thursday), 9:00AM -12:00 PM. The class will focus on school readiness. Cost is \$63 per week. For more information or to enroll your child, please call Dimary at 651-224-1450.

BAPTISMS DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY

We welcome the following newly baptized members to our parish community: Cadence Moe, Serenity Belmares, Izabella Beery, Christopher Powell, Marisela Cordero, Jose Garcia, Jr., Ella Jacoby and Cecilia Pfofer.

FUNERALS CELEBRATED THE MONTH OF JULY

St. Matthew's community provided comfort and support to the families of Mark Collette and Joseph Winter.

EPIPHANY STATE FAIR DINNER

Are you hungry? Sit down and relax while you enjoy a delicious meal at Epiphany Diner at the State Fair. We are a full service diner, carrying your meal to your table and bussing your table for you, all with a smile. Join us for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast is now served until 11:00 AM. Conveniently located on Underwood Avenue, just west of the Horticultural Building. Senior Citizens (65+) get a 10% discount on Seniors Day at the Fair (August 30 and September 2). The Diner is open daily from 6:30 AM-8:00 P{M.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN

"Who Do you Say that "I AM", August 28-29, 2004 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota. For more information call 763-682-1394.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	August 1
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	August 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	August 3
3;00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	August 4
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	August 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	August 6
Saturday	August 7
Sunday	August 8

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2004

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,499.35
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$3.80
School Fund	\$113.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 1	8:00 AM Agnes DeFoe Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, August 2	World Peace
Tuesday, August 3	Arthur Geis Special Intention
Wednesday, August 4	Parishioners
Thursday, August 5	
Friday, August 6	6:45 AM Agnes & Philip Stefaniak 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, August 7	George Lackner Pauline Reiland Sophie Verbance
Sunday, August 8	8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr Larry Simmons, Jean Zeman 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 1, 2004

Sunday, August 1:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
Monday, August 2:	Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 3:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday, August 4:	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday, August 5:	Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
Friday, August 6:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Saturday, August 7:	Hb 1:12—2:4; Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday, August 8:	Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Beth Behnke*
Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator*Debra Lindstedt*
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 Receiver.....651-222-3622 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

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.

Parish Council Members

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Tim Jack	Larry Sachi
Connie Aligada	

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Peter Grayson
Education Advisory..... Michele Edwards
Liturgy