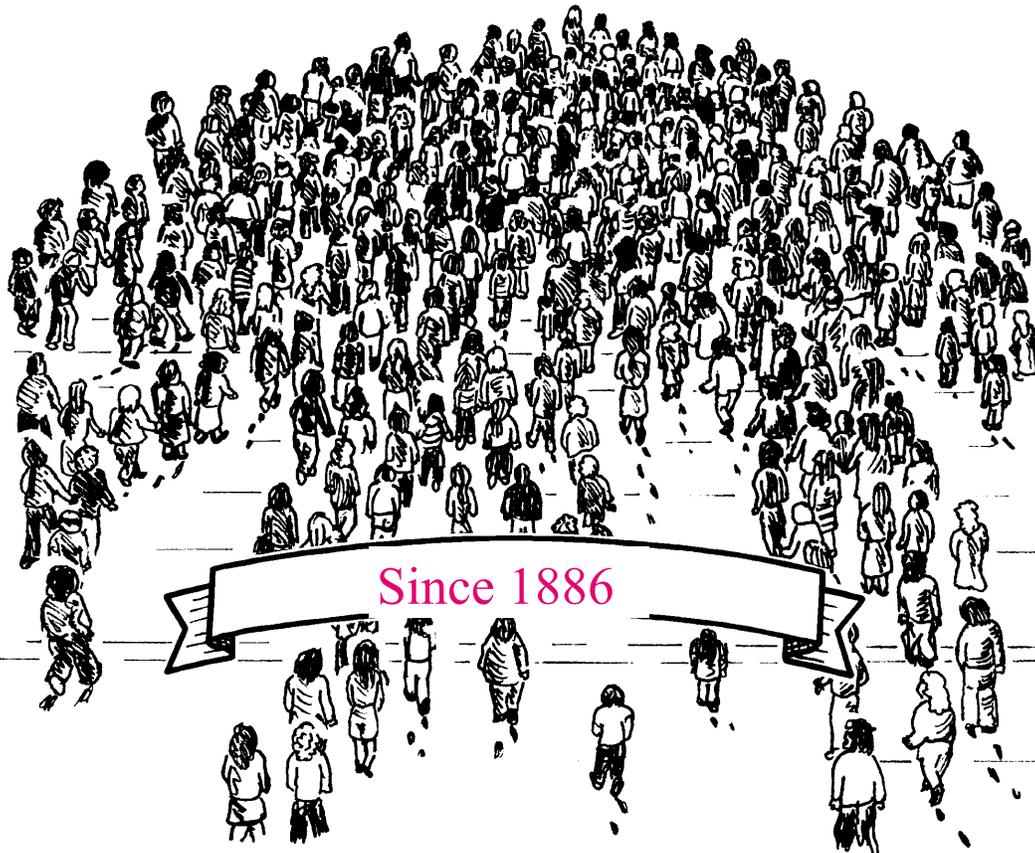


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption. Because the feast falls on Monday the Bishops of the United States have decided that for this year the feast is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation.

On Monday evening we will gather in Cherokee Park for Mass and a supper. All parish members are invited, especially new parish members. If you have neighbors and friends who might be interested in Saint Matthew's, please bring them along. It is a wonderful and informal way to get acquainted. Please bring beverages and a side dish or dessert. Brats, burgers and buns will be provided.

This feast gives us the opportunity to reflect on Mary and her place and role in the life of the Church and the personal lives of believers. It is no exaggeration to say that over the centuries for many Christians our devotion to Mary has been a stumbling block. Often they judged our devotional practices extreme and rivaling one's faith in and devotion to the person of Jesus. In some instances such criticism is warranted.

At the time of the Second Vatican Council there was a unanimous desire to make a statement about Mary and her place in the life of the church. But what should that statement be, and in what context? The desire was to make a statement that is powerful, biblical, liturgical and theologically accurate, and at the same time a statement that would advance the ecumenical work of the church.

After much discussion and debate the Council chose to place the statement on Mary within the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. After reflecting on the

mystery of the Church and all members of the Church as "the people of God", the Council goes on to describe the hierarchical structure of the Church and the foundation of discipleship found in baptism and thus a universal call to holiness given to all members of the Church. Finally the Council speaks of the Church as a pilgrim Church -- a church on the move, a church with a destination, and in this context speaks of Mary as the Mother of the Church.

There are so many aspects to the life and work of Mary -- not the least being the miraculous event of her giving human life to the Son of God. But the Council sees the very core of her meaning as a "woman of faith", one who "hears the Word of God and keeps it", one who does "not only cry Lord, Lord; but does the will of the Father".

The very meaning of the Church and the call and life of discipleship is modeled in Mary. This strong, biblical image of Mary is not only nurturing of us, but it is also an image of Mary that can advance ecumenical efforts.

The Council admonishes us to never allow our personal devotion or piety surrounding Mary to obscure this core reality. At the end of the Council, December 8, 1965, Pope Paul VI created a new title for Mary and a new feast; Mary the Mother of the Church.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### LAST CALL FOR SCHEDULING REQUESTS!

If you are a lector, communion minister, usher/greeter, gift bearer or altar server, please get your scheduling requests in by Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The new liturgical ministry schedule covers September 10 through November 20. Call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at [gbd1252@aol.com](mailto:gbd1252@aol.com).

### SEEDS OF HOPE DINNER AND CONCERT

Please join the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Seeds of Hope, a dinner and concert benefiting their Twin Cities ministries to those most in need, especially women and children. Concert will feature David Haas, recording artist/songwriter. Sunday, September 18, 2005 at St. Edwards in Bloomington. Dinner, Concert & Dessert Buffet—\$85 per person. Concert & Dessert Buffet—\$35 per person. Champagne reception begins at 3:15 PM with dinner served at 4:00 PM and concert at 6:00 PM. For additional information or to attend, please contact Sister Lynore at 507-389-4213 or [lgirmscheid@ssndmankato.org](mailto:lgirmscheid@ssndmankato.org). Please make your

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Students, 10th grade and older, are invited to join the Confirmation class of 2005-2006. Confirmation candidates meet once a month on Sunday afternoon for class, an evening mass and social time. Our first meeting for parents and students will be on Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 PM in the church. Please call the parish center (224-9793) and leave your name and address and we will send out more information the end of August.

GENTLY USED UNIFORMS WANTED

Have you been cleaning closets getting ready for the new school year? St. Matthew's School is looking for donations of gently used uniforms to be sold at the September 1st Back to School Night. All sizes are needed. Donations can be brought to the school office or the parish center. This is a great way to recycle outgrown uniforms.

CHILD CARE OPENINGS

Do you need, or know someone who needs high-quality child care on the West Side? St. Matthew's Child Care is now accepting children ages 6 weeks - 5 years. Children enrolled in the Center receive daily home cooked meals, outdoor play time, a school readiness multi-cultural curriculum, and tender loving care from a our long-term dedicated staff. Call Dimary or Denise today at 651-224-1450 to schedule your tour and/or enroll.

SCRIP FOR BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

.We are more than 1/2 way to our goal of \$45,000 in SCRIP sales over the summer. Keep on shopping! We carry many stores that can make Back-to-School shopping very easy, including: Donald's uniform, Kohl's, K-mart, Office Max and the Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic. The drawing for the 2 gas grills, donated by Langula's Hardware and Menard's in Midway will be held on Sunday, September 4.

SCHOOL YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Do you have 2-3 hours per week to give to the students at St. Matthew's School? Do you like to read, would you like to read with our children? Do you play chess, we have an active chess club always looking for new players to challenge? You may enjoy volunteering in our school library or assisting teachers with special projects in the classroom. Do you have a special talent (sewing, knitting, woodwork, cooking, etc.) that you would like to share? If any of these ideas interest you, please call Maureen at 651-224-6912 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 14</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 15</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:45 PM	Mass for the Feast
Cherokee Park	of the Assumption
6:30 PM	Parish Potluck
Cherokee Park	Picnic
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 16</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 17</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 18</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 19</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 21</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism

**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 AUGUST 7, 2005**

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$11,108.34
School Fund	1,032.90
Youth and Children's Envelopes	4.00
Holy Day	45.00

*Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished.*  
s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 14	8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr. 10:30 AM Agnes DeFoe John Meyers Parishioners
Monday, August 15	6:45 AM World Peace 5:45 PM Parishioners
Tuesday, August 16	Parishioners
Wednesday, August 17	World Peace
Thursday, August 18	Ray Mosberger
Friday, August 19	
Saturday, August 20	Tim Jack, Joseph Karas, Jr. Joseph Karas, Sr.
Sunday, August 21	8:00 AM Michael Fasnacht 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 14, 2005

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/ Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/ Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/ Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793  
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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
Priest in Residence ..... *Father Marty Warren*  
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*  
Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Dana McCarthy*  
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*  
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
Business Administrator ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
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  
KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830  
Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

**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**

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian

**Committee Chairs**

Finance..... *Linda Sellars*  
Education Advisory ..... *Richard Dunn*  
Liturgy