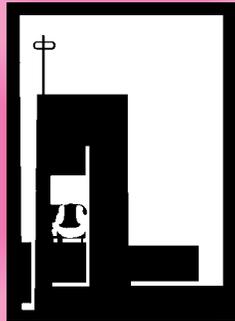


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Visitors and Community:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Great portions of the universal church, both East and West, annually celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary on this date. The feast is ancient in origin, although the dogma was not formally declared until Pope Pius XII did so in 1950.

The definition hold that , “when the course of her earthly life was finished,” the Blessed Virgin Mary “was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.” The definition does not take a position on the long-disputed question of whether Mary actually died.

In proclaiming the dogma of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII intended to send a message to a world newly emerged from the horrors of World War II. His pronouncement deplored the destruction of life and the desecration of the human body. He pointed to Mary’s Assumption as “the exalted destiny of both our soul and body.” This feast proclaims the ultimate victory of God’s grace over evil and underscores the impact of that grace on the material world as well as the spiritual.

The Second Vatican Council made the same point more than ten years later in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: “The Mother of Jesus, in the glory she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, she shines forth on earth, until the day the Lord shall come, a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim people of God” (no. 68).

There have always been small groups of Christians who fail to see the goodness and beauty of the created universe and the glory of God made visible in creation. These people see material things as “evil” or as “unworthy” of believers. They see the human body as a temptation and as a necessary “evil”. Such a mentality is directly opposed to the purpose and focus of this feast.

To diminish or lessen the value of the body or of material reality is to deny the mystery of creation and the image of God found in the created universe. The scriptures tell us repeatedly in the story of creation in the book of Genesis that God looked upon the work he accomplished and declared it “good, very good”.

We are called to be “stewards of creation”. We are called to respect the creation of God and to use it for our good and the good of others. The world is not ours, the world and all that is within it belongs to God, our job is to return the gift of creation to God intact and perfected by the works of our hands.

Mary the Mother of Jesus is the model of Christian living, she is the first of the Saints, she is the very exemplar of what it is to be a person of faith, a disciples. We are destined to share with her the fullness of life, and we will share that as human beings – body and soul.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

THE FALL LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you are a Communion Minister, Altar Server, Lector, Usher/Greeter, or Gift Bearer please let our schedulers know if you have any calendar conflicts or requests for the period from September 12 through November 21. They need to receive this information before August 25. Call Ginny to leave a message at 651-222-2867 or email her at gbd1252@aol.com

IT'S FALL FESTIVAL TIME

WANTED: collectibles, pristine items, donated services, antiques, etc. to raffle or auction. Questions? Call Tim at 651-687-2850, weekdays or 651-450-4975 evenings/weekends.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY

Last weekend the Saint Matthew Community donated almost \$5,000 to assist Raf Harrington to commit 27 months as a lay missionary to orphan children in Honduras. At the beginning of September, Raf leaves for the Farm of the Child in Honduras. Your generosity has made this possible. The website for this orphanage is farmofthechild.org Thank you.

SCRIP CHALLENGE

We are getting very close to the \$30,000 target—YOU can help push us over the top. As you plan the finishing touches for Back to School shopping remember that SCRIP is available for Donald’s, K-mart, Office Max, Kohl’s, and other great places. You may also special order from Payless Shoes, Macy’s and other local merchants. See the order form for details. Remember, this is the Fundraiser that costs you NOTHING!

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CHILD CARE OPENINGS

Are you looking for quality care for your young child? Come visit St. Matthew's Child Care. Care is provided for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years in a safe, family-friendly environment. To schedule a tour or discuss enrolling, please call Dimary at 651-224-1450.

PART TIME PRE SCHOOL NOW AVAILABLE

St. Matthew's Child Care is proud to present the Kindergarten Prep Program for children ages 4 and 5. Classes will be held Tues-Thurs, 9:00 AM- 12:00 noon and include a daily healthy snack. Students will learn the skills needed for Kindergarten while playing and meeting new friends. Cost is \$63 per week. Call Dimary at 651-224-1450 for more information or to enroll.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Preparation for Confirmation will begin with an informational meeting on Sunday, September 12 at 4:30 PM in the church, with Mass to follow. The evening should be concluded by 5:45 PM. All students tenth grader or older who are interested in being confirmed should attend this meeting with their parents. Regular Confirmation classes will begin the second Sunday of October, classes will run through April. Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 19, 2004. Please call the parish center at 224-9793 and leave your name with Nicole so we have any idea of how many will be attending and will have the appropriate materials available.

KLT KIDS

St. Matthew's is excited to offer KLT kids, a K-6th Grade before and after school program. The program is for school-age children enrolled in the community schools. The goal of KLT kids is to offer children and parents affordable, quality child care that supports the cognitive, social, physical and emotional needs of the children. For more information and registration forms, please contact Jennifer Slaten, Program Director or Cherri Trapp, Lead Teacher at 651-224-6912.

CAREGIVER NEEDED

Caregiver needed to take care of 2 sweet young girls, ages 4 months and 2 years at home in W. St. Paul. We are looking for one or two individuals to fill the hours, having had previous experience with young children, preferably with CPR and First Aid training. Monday thru Friday from approximately 9:00 AM-3:30 PM (Between 30-32 hours per week) at \$9-10 an hour depending upon experience, beginning August 30. Please contact Jennifer at 651-647-1572 or jennljacoby@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 5:00 PM Cherokee Park	August 15 Mass and Picnic
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	August 16 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	August 17 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	August 18 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	August 19 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	August 20
Saturday	August 21
Sunday 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	August 22 Baptism 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 8, 2004

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$8.189.00
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
School Fund	\$123.00
Holy Day	\$15.00

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 15	8:00 AM Phyllis Exley Cathy Frame 10:30 AM Parishioners Juli Hafiz 5:00 PM Parishioners
Monday, August 16	World Peace
Tuesday, August 17	Parishioners
Wednesday, August 18	World Peace
Thursday, August 19	Joseph Karas (Anniversary) Bernard Bukowski
Friday, August 20	
Saturday, August 21	John Devlin (Anniversary) George Lackner Bernard Bukowski
Sunday, August 22	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2004

Sunday Aug. 15:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Monday, Aug 16:	Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday, Aug. 17:	Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday, Aug. 18:	Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday, Aug. 19:	Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday, Aug. 20:	Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday, Aug. 21:	Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday Aug. 22:	Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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.....*Maurcen 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