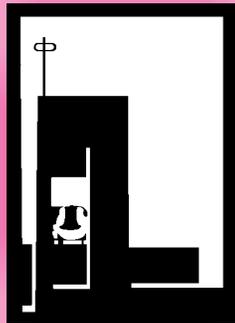


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I am struck each year by the abundant fruitfulness of our State. A slow saunter through the Farmers Market on Saturday morning provides more than an overdose of the abundance our land has produced this growing season. The variety is breathtaking -- colors, smells, tastes, textures of the fruit of the land; flowers, fruits, vegetables, breads, honey, vinegars and fresh meat -- lamb, chicken, beef.

So many places on the earth are “single crop” producers. The local farmers of Minnesota produce a variety and wealth of choice. This marks a strong quality of life for us and an opportunity few enjoy -- to buy fresh and local so much of what graces our dinner tables.

Local farmers offer their produce to local citizens -- these men and women are artists of the soil, people deeply in touch with the world of nature and the rhythms of nature. They bend their backs and stretch their muscles in “working” the good earth and feeding us all.

Agricultural life was one time a “family business”. Today the “family farm” is the anomaly -- agribusiness has gobbled up the land and now mass produces for a whole nation.

The independent grower and the local farmer is a treasure we can ill afford to lose. These men and women bring a “face” to the work of farming; they bring a “spirit” to this labor; they bring a “partnership” between themselves and their neighbors to this growing service.

To patronize and support the work of local growers is important. Sometimes they cannot offer items at the same price available in the supermarket, but they do offer us fresh produce and they do produce for us.

The support of independent growers is the best way to insure their continued prosperity and their continued presence in our community.

It behooves us to pray for a plentiful harvest, to pray for the well being of those who commit themselves to the work of the earth. City folk have as much need, if not more, to invoke the intercession of Saint Isidore, the patron of farmers, as we reflect on how much we depend on local growers to enhance our lives.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

SCRIP FOR BACK TO SCHOOL 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. Remember we are still in the midst of our Summer SCRIP Blitz. You can win one of 2 gas grills, donated by Langula's Hardware and Menard's in Midway. Each week after mass SCRIP is available for purchase. You will receive a raffle ticket for each \$50 in SCRIP. Stop by the table in the back of the church and take a look. You may also purchase SCRIP at the school office during regular office hours, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. The drawing for the 2 gas grills will be on Sunday, September 4.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

Have you ever wanted to thank some police officer, firefighter or other type of emergency worker for their service, but never found the time to do it. Well now's your chance. Join us on Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul as we come together to publicly thank all of our civic servants who look after our safety. This is an opportunity to recognize and show our appreciation for all who serve our community and also recall and remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Harry Flynn. A short reception will follow. All are welcome—bring your family and friends!! This event is being sponsored by the Galtier Society and the Archdiocesan Office of Family, Laity, Youth and Young Adult.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



PROJECT RAINBOW VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Project Rainbow is a long-term pen pal program between St. Matthew's School students and adults in the community. Relationships begin during the 4th grade year and continue through 8th grade. Once per year, in May, the students and their pen pals gather to celebrate Mass and have a social reception. If you would like to sign up to be a Project Rainbow participant beginning in the 2005 - 2006 school year please call Maureen or Peg at 651-224-6912. We look forward to sharing this experience with you.

CHILD CARE NEWS

St. Matthew's Child Care is gearing up for the 2005 - 2006 school year. Children ages 6 weeks -5 years participate in age appropriate activities in a safe, nurturing environment. If you are in need of care or know someone who is in need call Denise or Dimary today at 651-224-1450 to arrange for a pre-enrollment tour.

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.

PRAYER AT THE FAIR

Minnesota State Fair Prayer! Here are a couple of ways to celebrate in prayer at the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

1. Sunday Roman Catholic Eucharistic Liturgies on August 28 and September 4 from 9:15 to 9:45 AM, at the Baldwin/Teen Fair Stage on Machinery Hill with archdiocesan priest, Fr. Frank Fried, presiding.
2. A 45-minute Service of Ecumenical Prayer for Farmers and Rural Communities will be held on Sunday, August 28 at 9:15 AM at the Bandshell (next to the "Needle"). This ecumenical service invites people of faith to pray in gratitude for God's many blessings which nourish and sustain us. There will be music, a litany, reading of the Word, homily by Bishop Jon Anderson (Southwest ELCA) and a leisurely walk to buildings that includes a blessing of seeds and crops, natural resources, and animals. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Rural Life Office and the Minnesota Council of Churches.

Begin your day with PRAYER AT THE FAIR.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	August 21 Baptism
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	August 22 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	August 23 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	August 24 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	August 25 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	August 26
Saturday	August 27
Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	August 28 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 14, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,487.30
School Fund	78.00
Holy Day	245.00

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 21	8:00 AM Michael Fasnacht 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, August 22	World Peace
Tuesday, August 23	Parishioners
Wednesday, August 24	World Peace
Thursday, August 25	Joseph Palermo
Friday, August 26	
Saturday, August 27	Parishioners
Sunday, August 28	8:00 AM Joseph Karas, Jr. 10:30 AM George A. Reiland

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2005

Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/ Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/ Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC

All ages and levels, children and adults; pre-school classes from 20 months. Suzuki and traditional. All instruments, voice, composition, and theory. String orchestra and ensembles. Over 50 highly qualified teachers. Fall term starts September 6. Registration for new students is ongoing. Visit us at www.stjoseph-schoolofmusic.net

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
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Parish School..... 651-224-6912
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Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
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

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