

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This afternoon from 12:00 until 2:00 pm parish and community members will gather at Dodge Nature Center and enter into conversation about democracy and the common good.

At one time in our history the common good was recognized, expressed and institutionalized. The Declaration of Independence states that “we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

This is a clear statement of the commitment of our forbearers to the common good.

Today, can we say that as a people we hold “self-evident truths”? It is the “self-evident truth” that underpins our understanding of the common good and demands that the common good be institutionalized in business, education, commerce, the arts and sciences – in all critical institutions of a society.

Rugged individualism has always been a temptation in American life. Yet it appears that today the value of community is all but disregarded in favor of the individual. There appears to be little understanding that the civil rights and duties of the individual flow from and are directed toward the social community; and that human rights adhere within the person, granted by the Creator, for the good of the individual and the good of society.

The balance between individual and community is a delicate balance. If the pendulum swings too far to the

side of the individual the social fabric disintegrates and rampant self-interest dictates our lives. If the pendulum swings too far to the side of the community the individual becomes nothing more than a cog in the wheel of the state. Either extreme is destructive.

In the beginning of our national history it was in New England church basements that colonists met to debate and discuss their plans and dreams and hopes and commitments to a new life in a new land. Out of those church based discussions emerged a consensus, a clarity around the common good, a commitment around “self-evident truths”.

These conversations are clearly not taking place within political parties or in legislative halls. Perhaps, once again, it is the church community who can convene men and women of good will and embark on a series of conversations – “table talks” – which might lead to some understanding and acceptance of the “self-evident truths” by which we can form and live out a social contract among all citizens – a social contract which embodies our understanding of the common good.

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 – 2:00 pm**

**Dodge Nature Center**

**Marie & Charlton Street, W St Paul**

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### Remember new parish center hours.

We have begun the new parish center hours: Monday thru Friday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Please try to schedule your business during those hours. If you call at other times, you will still be able to get information and/or leave a message with a person from the answering service.

### The September Calendar and Mass Intentions is being “stuffed” in this bulletin.

Please remember to save that for your use. To gain a bit of room, we will not be repeating the Mass intentions in the body of each bulletin; they will be listed monthly.

### St. Matt's Men's Club

The men are celebrating their 50th Anniversary Sat Oct 14, 2006 Mass at 5:00 PM, dinner and dance following. Cocktails, dinner, and dance starts at 6:00 PM at Bluffs of Mendota Tickets for sale after mass or call Greg Arrigoni @ 651-227-8567 Price \$20.00 per person. Non-members of Men's Club are cordially invited. The event is open to everyone.

### Are You Interested in Music Ministry?

We have a place for you -- we need singers, instrumentalists & hand bell ringers of all ages & experience. Take one of our Music Ministry Brochures home & read about the variety of opportunities we have. Feel out of practice? Curious but afraid you won't be "good enough"? Call Dana at the Parish Center -- 651-224-9793 or leave her a message at 651-310-0830. Our ministry is volunteer friendly & eager to grow with you in service of the Liturgy.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### Welcome Back to School Night

Come join us for a planned social evening combined with classroom curriculum. Come meet your child's teacher, fellow students and families. Classroom information sessions will be held in each specific classroom, beginning with kindergarten at 5:15PM. The Home and School Association will be providing a light picnic supper.

## STEWARDSHIP

*In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our god." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.*

**Time** Let's spend some time this week in prayers of thanksgiving for the wonderful weather of the summer. Let's spend some meditation time marveling at all the wonder of creation. Aren't we fortunate to have eyes and ears...and noses!

**Talent** Special thanks to those who worked behind and on the scene to make our celebration of Assumption-in-the-park a wonderful community event. Thank you! To those who reserved the space, to the music ministers, to the sound minister, to the food ministers [everyone who brought something to share, the Men's club who supplied and cooked, to those who arranged and cleaned up]: thanks!

**Treasure** Thanks to the envelope and plate users who contributed \$6971 last weekend. [The budget from last year's finance committee and pastoral council is \$11,100 per weekend. We have fallen quite far behind during these two months of summer.] As well, thanks to those who donated for the feast of Assumption: \$925. And thanks to dollar in children/youth envelopes. Where are the rest of you kids?

## Fall Festival

...three weeks and counting [Sept 16 and 17]. Please remember that "stuff" brought for the silent auction and theme baskets should be NEW. At this time we are not having a rummage sale. Thanks for your cooperation.

Be sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors for the weekend, especially the chicken dinner. The cooks are hoping to serve 400 meals!!

And get your best dessert recipe ready so you can bring something for the bake sale!

Lastly [but firstly on the schedule] practice your dancing and card playing skills.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

### Sunday

12:00NN

Faith and Democracy Table Talk

### Monday

3:00 PM, SH  
6:45 PM, XC

Loaves and Fishes  
Boy Scout Meeting

### Tuesday

3:00 PM, SH

Loaves and Fishes

### Wednesday

12:00-7:00 PM, PC  
3:00 PM, SH

St. Mary's Clinic  
Loaves and Fishes

### Thursday

3:00 PM, SH

Loaves and Fishes

### Friday

### Saturday

Social Hall cleaning

### Sunday

12:00NN CH  
12:30PM CH

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Baptism  
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### Abbreviations:

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

Labor Day—early notice

Monday, September 4: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM; the parish office and all parish programs [day school, KLT, child care] will be closed.

St. Joseph's School of Music

Music lessons for all ages and levels, children and adults; Pe-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 Sept. 5. Registration for new students by phone. Visit us at [stjoseph-schoolofmusic.net](http://stjoseph-schoolofmusic.net)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 27 8:00 AM +Ed Maher, +Larry Simmons, + Gerald Christopherson  
 10:30 AM +Klotine Mosby, +Mary Littfin, +Gerald Christopherson  
 Monday, August 28 +George A Reiland (ann'y), +Bernice Osterman  
 Tuesday, August 29 +Earl Caflisch  
 Wednesday, August 30 Sr. Anne Becker, SSND  
 Thursday, August 31 +Rosemary Preuss, +Eugene Mayo  
 Friday, September 1 5:15PM +Vicki Traynor  
 Saturday, September 2 + John Williams  
 Sunday, September 3 8:00 AM +Roger Klinger, +Arthur Geis,  
 10:30 AM +George A Reiland, +Edna Haas, +Mary Littfin, +Arvella Kryjeski

WEEKLY READINGS

**Readings for the Week of August 27, 2006**

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69  
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/ Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mk 6:17-29  
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25:14-30  
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PARISH DIRECTORY

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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
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 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**

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 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 six months prior to wedding. Must be a member of the parish

**Parish Council Members**

Parish Council email: [parishcouncil@st-matts.org](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

Becky Montgomery Larry Sachi  
 Nicole Johnson John Sekevitch  
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**Committee Chairs**

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