

The Community of St. Matthew

Parent Information Night
August 5 and 6
6:30-8:00 PM

St. Matthew's School

A foundation of academic excellence



A visible expression of God's love

Come and meet our new principal, Mrs. Beth Behnke, complete important school forms, learn more about school policies, tuition, school athletics, uniforms, etc. New registrations for 2003-04 will be accepted both nights. Complete information inside this bulletin. We hope to see all our parents as we kick off another wonderful year.

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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For more than 100 years the School Sisters of Notre Dame have been an integral part of life at Saint Matthew. Saint Matthew's School was founded as a "sister's school" and for generations hundreds of sisters taught tens of thousands of Saint Matthew students.

The presence and ministry of religious in a parish is of significant value. There is a witness to the Gospel and the work of the Gospel that is different from the witness of laypersons and diocesan clergy.

Fifteen years ago the convent was renovated and apartments were created on floors two and three to accommodate sisters seeking to live their religious life in small communities. The first floor became the Parish Center, Saint Mary's Clinic, Loaves and Fishes Office, Catholic Charities Outreach and parish meeting space. The basement floor – once part of Saint Matthew's Child Care – now serves the extended day program of the YMCA and our scouting program.

Today, one residence floor serves the formation community of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Young women seeking to explore a vocation to religious life live with sisters who mentor them and assist them in their spiritual development.

The building is fully utilized and generates parish income. The building is also 50 years old and is in need of

some renovation. The most critical need for renovation is the elevator.

The elevator undergoes repairs regularly, and being more than 50 years old is in need of replacement. The elevator is essential if the upper floors of this building are going to continue to be residences for sisters.

A part of the ongoing Capital Campaign involves the repair and renovation of this building. The elevator replacement is critical at this time. Bids for replacement have come in at about \$80,000. I ask you to make a gift to this particular effort so that the work can happen as soon as possible. You are very generous, and I know you value the presence of Sisters in our parish. Now is the time to help in renovating the parish center to accommodate sisters for years to come.

You may make your gift to the Saint Matthew Capital Campaign and mark your gift "convent elevator".

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Please write a separate check for your Capital Campaign contributions. It is so much more efficient for the money counters and the accountant to keep those funds totally separate. Thank you for your cooperation!

MEALS ON WHEELS

A volunteer is needed for delivery once a month on Wednesdays from 10:45 AM to approximately noon. Please call Ron Finnegan at 651-457-9183 for additional information or if you would like to volunteer.

FALL FESTIVAL IS GEARING UP

The Fall Festival committee met on Thursday, July 31st to discuss this year's Festival. The dates are September 20th & 21st. If you weren't able to attend but have ideas (and maybe a little elbow grease) that you would like to contribute, please call Tim Nowak at 651-450-4975 or send an e-mail to timothy.nowak@usfamily.net. It's never too late to get involved with this rewarding project!

IRISH FAIR 2003 AT HARRIET ISLAND

A world-class gathering of Irish music, dance, food, children's activities, cultural information, sports, and exhibitors is happening August 8th—10th at beautiful Harriet Island in Saint Paul. Irish Mass with Archbishop Flynn will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 10th. Bring your lawn chair! Admission to Irish Fair 2003 is free!

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS- AUGUST 5TH & 6TH

All families enrolled at Saint Matthew's are required to attend one of these information evenings. The meetings will take place in the church beginning at 6:30 PM. Required forms for school will be completed and information on scouting, sports, music, etc. will also be available. Call the school office at 651-224-6912 to indicate which evening you will be attending. Registrations are still being accepted for the 2003-04 school year. Please contact the school office if you are interested in registering your child or children. The school office will be opening from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM during the next two weeks.

SCRIP AND BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

Remember to pick up your Donald's scrip before heading off to buy uniforms for the new school year. Donald's scrip and many other stores are available after all Masses in the back of church or at the school office Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM-2:00PM.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

-Starting in mid-September we hope to offer this service again for children ages 3 thru 6, during our 10:30 Sunday Mass. However, we are in URGENT need of volunteer leaders (young adults and older) and helpers (teens and up). We need to start hearing from volunteers NOW if we are to be ready by September. The ministry involves sharing the Sunday scriptures with young ones through stories, prayers and activities during the Liturgy of the Word— about 25 minutes of Mass time. Our goal is to have 4-5 regular leaders and 8-9 helpers. That means you would serve only about one Sunday a month. Materials are provided, as well as training. Please pray about it and spread the word. For more information, or to volunteer, please leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830; she'll get back to you.

THE NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The new liturgical ministry schedule will run weekends from September 14th through November 23rd. If you are a Lector, Communion Minister, Usher/Greeter, Gift Bearer or Altar Server, please contact Ginny Roethler with any scheduling conflicts or requests no later than August 15th. You can leave a message at 651-222-2867 or e-mail Ginny at gbd1252@aol.com.

SOCIAL HALL RENOVATION AND BIDS

We are looking at bids for painting, carpentry, carpeting, flooring, lighting, and sound systems. If any parishioners have expertise or skills in these areas we would like to hear from you. Please call the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	August 3 Baptism
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	August 4 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, CH	August 5 Loaves and Fishes Parent Information Night
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, CH	August 6 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Parent Information Night
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SH	August 7 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Fall Festival Planning Committee
Friday	August 8
Saturday	August 9
Sunday 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	August 10 Baptism Baptism

The Parish Picnic is drawing near! Mark your calendars for August 14th, Cherokee Park— Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a potluck picnic.

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 29: Envelopes and Plate: \$7387.00
 Holy Day (Assumption) Envelope: \$8.00
 Children's Envelopes: \$2.50
 School Education Fund: \$70.00
 Food Shelf: \$50.00
 Memorial for Sister Colleen: \$10.00
 Mission Collection: \$2034.00

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 3	8:00 AM Special Intention John Bandholz Michael L. George
	10:30 AM Parishioners Agnes DeFoe
Monday, August 4	Arthur Geis
Tuesday, August 5	Josephine Cooper
Wednesday, August 6	Robert Stickler
Thursday, August 7	Pauline Reilan
Friday, August 8	
Saturday, August 9	Bernard Ferber, Helen Leibl John and Irene Pachl
Sunday, August 10	8:00 AM George Gubash Sister Mary Colleen Hau, Joseph Sanchez
	10:30 AM Parishioners Juli Hafiz

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2003

Sunday, August 3:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Monday, August 4	Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 5	Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday, August 6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Thursday, August 7	Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
Friday, August 8	Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 9	Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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*
 Pastoral Administrator
 Dir. Education & Formation *Beth Behnke*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Pastoral Ministry
 Dir. Child Care *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

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

Committee Chairs

Finance Peter Grayson
 Education Advisory Michele Edwards
 Liturgy