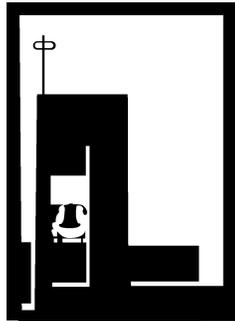


The Community of St. Matthew



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Labor Day marks a time of new beginnings. The summer wanes, the smells and tastes of fall are beginning; summer vacation ends for students and teachers; the State Fair draws to a close.

Labor Day is a kind of “new year’s day”—a time of new beginnings.

We live in a wonderful place; the seasons of the year are obvious and full; the seasons remind us of time passing; endings, beginnings, cycles of life.

Labor Day can be a time to take stock of life, make plans for the future, give thanks for yesterday, express hope for tomorrow.

New beginnings offer each of us an opportunity to begin anew, to start fresh, to reassess goals and directions.

Sometime life gets so jumbled and hectic and full that there is little opportunity to step back, breathe deeply, savor life. Sometimes we become so preoccupied with “doing”, getting things done—that we fail to take time for being.

I invite you to take some time to take stock of life, your life. How do I spend my time? How do I spend my money? How do I balance the demands of work and relationship and personal needs? Is there a place in my life for the worship of God? Is there time to make a difference in the lives of others? Is there time for using my talents and gifts for the common good?

The unexamined life is the aimless life, the life that drifts, the life that ultimately stumbles along and makes no difference.

Just as the earth renews itself as the seasons change, so we can be renewed in spirit and life as the season move us from one way of being into another way of being.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We’ve made progress but we’re still looking for volunteers for this important ministry, especially assistants for our adult leaders. Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered during 10:30 Sunday Masses (beginning in mid-September) for children ages 3 thru 6. It involves about 25 minutes of mass time. If we can get 8-9 volunteer assistants, we can have at least 2 helpers for every Sunday. Have questions or want to volunteer? Leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830; she’ll get back to you.

ROSARY SOCIETY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. For reservations, call one of the officers or the Parish Center by September 2. All women are invited

MASS ON LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

9:00 AM IN THE CHURCH
(THERE WILL BE NO 6:45 AM MASS ON MONDAY)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you (or someone you know) play piano, organ or guitar? We have need of volunteers who can accompany the sung prayer of our community. Or is singing your gift? We have openings for Cantor, or membership in our adult or youth choir, or the guitar group ensemble. Do you play an instrument like the flute, violin, trumpet, etc/? We can use your gift to enhance our seasonal liturgies. Want to “ring out your Joy”? We have both an adult and youth handbell choir. There is plenty of opportunity to use your talent in music ministry here, but first, you need to make your presence known. We’ll be gearing up for another full season in just a couple of weeks. If you are curious or would like to volunteer your gifts, please leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830. She’ll get back to you.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL BEGINS ANOTHER YEAR
Students and teachers of St. Matthew's school begin another exciting year on Tuesday, September 2 at 8:05 AM. Remember them in prayer as they begin their journey.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM in the Church for registration for Religious Education for grades 1-10. All students preparing for First Communion and Reconciliation will also register on September 17.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH GARDEN

This weekend at the 5:00 Mass the garden in front of the church will be blessed. The statue in the garden is of Saint Fiacre—the patron saint of gardeners. Cathy Fee financed this garden and Doug and Lyn Kennedy, Shirley and Larry Smith, Dick Littfin, Lynn Volkenant, Jim Bukowski, Sr. Bridget, Jack O'Neill and the St. Matthew's Maintenance staff prepared and planted the garden. Thank you to all who worked so hard to enhance the beauty of the front entrance of our church.

ST. MATTHEW'S FALL FESTIVAL

The festival is only a few short weeks away. Join us this Thursday in the Social Hall at 7:00 PM as we meet to discuss the festival. Everyone is welcome, especially new ideas. Watch future bulletins for more information.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE READY!

If you are an altar server, lector, communion minister, gift bearer or usher/greeter please pick up your schedule in the back of church. This one covers September 13/14 through November 22/23

ARCHBISHOP MASS WITH THE DISABLED

On Sunday, September 14, 2003, at 3:00 Pm, the Mass with the Disabled, their families and friends will be held at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas. The barrier free St. Mary's Chapel and parking lot are located on the south campus of the University at Cretin and Summit Avenues. Archbishop Flynn will be the presider and all are encouraged to come. There will be a sing-a-long prior to the Mass and a reception with refreshments will be served following the Eucharistic Liturgy. For further information call Joanne or Alan Foley, 612-925-1203.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	August 31 Baptism
Monday 9:00 AM, MC 3:00 PM, SH	September 1 Mass for Labor Day Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 8:05 AM, SC 3:00 PM, SH	September 2 Day school begins Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	September 3 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SH	September 4 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Fall Festival Planning Committee
Friday	September 5
Saturday	September 6
Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	September 7 Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Envelope and Plate donations on Sunday, August 17:
\$7666.55

Holy Day Envelopes: **\$104.00**

Children and Youth envelopes: **\$10.95**

School Education Fund: **\$40.00**

Thank you: A memorial gift of \$500 was made to St. Matthew's Education Endowment in memory of Leona Hurley. May she rest in peace

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 31	8:00 AM Rosemary Preuss 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, September 1	9:00 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, September 2	Shirley Shepard
Wednesday, September 3	George Reiland, Arthur Geis
Thursday, September 4	Leonard and Helen Lang
Friday, September 5	6:45 AM James Dieter 5:15 PM Parishioners
Saturday, September 6	Margaret Przblek John and Irene Pacht Florence Ernst
Sunday, September 7	8:00 AM John Bandholz George Gubash 10:30 AM Agnes Defoe Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 31, 2003

Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

PROJECT RAINBOW

Are you an elder who would like to have a pen pal? Students, in grades 4-8 at St. Matthew's School are looking for pen pals. If you are interested please contact, April Stagg at (651)22-0152.

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*
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
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 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