

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

As we approach Election Day it is important that we pray for our nation, the women and men seeking public office and that the common good of all be advanced.

Pope Paul VI reminded us: *To take politics seriously at its different levels – local, regional, national and worldwide – is to affirm the duty of all people to recognize the concrete reality and the value of the freedom of choice that is offered to them to seek to bring about the good of the city and of the nation and of all humanity.*

Between now and election time, following the prayers of intercession (the prayer of the faithful) we will conclude our prayer together with this prayer for the common good which will be found on the back side of the worship aide.

Prayer for the Common Good

God of all compassion and love,
you gave us your Son, Jesus,
and the witness of the apostles,
to show us how to care for one another
and live in the world.
Beyond all limits, difficulties, or failings,
instill in us a passion and zeal
to promote respect, dignity,

and freedom for all people.

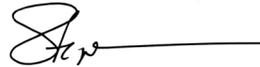
Together, may we create peace, stability,
security, and a just ordering of society,
so that all may thrive.

Guide us as we seek to live your gospel way,
and build up your kingdom here on earth.

May our work be founded in your truth,
built up in justice, and animated by love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISMAL FONT

The original baptismal font has been returned to St. Matthew's. The inscription on the font says it was given in memory of Gualteri (Walter) Stahl. Research says he lived at 579 Ohio and was a grocery clerk at 63 W. Winifred. A re-dedication ceremony is planned at which we'll distribute a brochure. If anyone remembers this man or his family, please contact Monica at 651-291-2715 or nicaokane@comcast.net

Labor Day Mass
Monday, September 1
9:00 AM

2008 BORDER BATTLE HOSTED BY THE ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB

The new football season starts off with a Vikings/Packers showdown! Border Battle #1 on Monday September 8. Watch it on the big screen in the Social Hall. Adult admission is \$5 and includes refreshments, snacks and hot dogs/coneys. All Viking and Packer fans, adults & children, are welcome!! Doors open at 5:45 PM. Questions, Tim 612-269-9471.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The first Rosary Society Meeting for the coming season is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 beginning at 6:45 pm in the Parish Center. An enlightening discussion with our liturgical music director, Bonnie Faber, will follow the business meeting. ALL women of the parish are invited to attend. Please come.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals have begun and are on going. So far we are groups of approximately 20-25 singers and instrumentalists who are willing to make a commitment to the work of liturgy and music at St. Matthew's 3 weekend liturgies (plus other special celebrations.) This is your invitation to join us as we continue to grow in faith, have fun and become part of a small community within this faith community. No auditions! Just come to the rehearsals!

The **Adult Choir** rehearses on **Wednesdays from 7-8:15** in the Church. Fall rehearsals begin on Sept. 10.

Humm-Dingers! (Grades 4-8) Rehearsals start on **Wednesday October 8 from 5:00-6:15.**

The **Guitar Group** practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between the 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie at the parish office if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome.

Questions? Call Bonnie at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

ANNUAL MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Archbishop Harry Flynn's Annual Mass for Persons with disabilities will take place on September 14, 2008; 2:30 PM Music, 3:00 PM Mass, at St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

St. Matthew's School is accepting donations of gently used uniforms. We especially need jumpers and skirts. Donations may be dropped off at the school during regular office hours, 8:00 AM -4:00 PM.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

Students in grades 1-10 who do not attend a Catholic school are invited to participate in our religious education class on Wednesday nights. Registration for Religious Education will be after all masses on the weekend of September 6-7. Classes begin Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions about the Religious Education program please call the school office at 651-224-6912.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 2008-2009

Students, tenth grade and older, who are interested in participating in the Confirmation program are invited to attend our first Confirmation meeting on Sunday, September 14 at 4:00 PM in the church. The first meeting is for both students and parents, registration materials will be available that day. Confirmation class is the second Sunday of the month from September through March. Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral on Thursday, April 30, 2009.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	August 31
Monday	September 1
9:00 AM, MC	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
KLT/Child Care Closed	
Tuesday	September 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	September 3
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:00 PM, MC	School Prayer Service
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	Religious Ed.
7:00 PM, SH	Teacher workshop
	Men's Club Board Mtg.
Thursday	September 4
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council mtg.
Friday	September 5
7:15 AM-5:15 PM, CH	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	September 6
After Mass	Religious Ed. Registration
Sunday	September 7
After Mass	Religious Ed. Registration

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, Saint Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." Further, he urges all: "do not be conformed to this world."

In the Gospel, Jesus promises that God will reward all for the stewardship they have practiced through their lives: "...and then the Son of Man will repay everyone for what has been done."

Every parishioner is encouraged to use the Sunday envelope to record, not only financial contributions, but also contributions of talent and time. This invitation goes to those who give electronically or monthly.

Sharing: Last weekend [a slow summer one at that] the amount given by all was: \$7,560. Thank you. That amount is smaller than the budget, but \$460 greater than the same weekend last year!!

Year to date: \$73,243; that is \$843 greater than the budget. It is also \$3,121 greater than two years ago; \$4,087 greater than last year. Thank you, again.

As well: Assumption: \$37; School envelope: \$24; Food Shelf: \$7. Thank you.

Young People's Stewardship: \$4.92 Thank you!

Service: volunteered at Neighborhood House; visited some folks in a nursing home; brought a friend to Mass; stayed with adult daughter for 10 days following an emergency; volunteered for others. Thanks for the examples and encouragement.

Prayer: daily rosary, morning and night prayers, meal prayers; water-fast on Mondays; spiritual reading everyday; read a book on prayer and fasting. As above: thanks for the examples and encouragement.

Festival Central...check it out

In the corner of the church, marked by the "festival quilt" [made and donated by Judy Helsper] is the place to conduct festival business:

1. Make a "lead gift" to help the festival with early expenses. This would be great, especially if you are unable to come to the festival itself.
2. Purchase tickets for the quilt raffle;
3. Watch for the appearance of a "money tree" raffle quite soon;
4. Sign up for a work shift—different areas, different activities;
5. Bring toys for kids [for a cherry-tree game in the gym];
6. Bring baskets, theme baskets, and "stuff" for baskets;
7. Bring bottles [clean and filled]...ideas: pop, ketchup, water, pennies, wrapped candy, beanie baby [let your imagination be your guide]...or bring a bottle purchased...we need hundreds!!
8. Bring new and "very gently used" things for the silent auction—remember to contact families and friends for certificates...kids: what about certificates for grass cutting, leaf raking, sidewalk shoveling...
9. Plan to bake some goodies for the Rosary Society tables
10. Get competitive and enter card tournaments, or play bingo
11. Be ready for an Hispanic flavor after Saturday Mass: a Mariachi band and a taco feed
12. Plan to indulge in a home-style chicken dinner on Sunday.

Next meeting of the committee: 6:30PM on Wednesday, September 3—in the social hall. Come with your input, your suggestions and your criticisms.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Web site: st-matts.org
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy*Bonnie Faber*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar Lavelle*
 Dir. KLT Kids*Shar Lavelle*
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 Prayerline 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Anthony Minus
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	Joyce Osborne