


The Community of St. Matthew

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



Join us for St. Matthew's
Breakfast with SANTA
and Rosary Society Cookie Sale

We're having Breakfast with Santa
on Sunday, December 12th
8:30am until 12:30pm.
Breakfast includes: Sausage, eggs,
beverages & all-you-can-eat pancakes!
Costs are: \$5.00 for ages 12 and up,
\$3.00 for ages 11 and under &
\$18.00 for immediate family.
Have your photo taken with Santa for
only \$3.00!
The Rosary Society of St Matthew's
will be selling delicious Christmas
cookies!

**St. Matthew's Catholic Church
Social Hall**
On the corner of Humboldt & Robie
Sponsored by St. Matthew's
Boy Scout Troop 107

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Church of Saint Matthew
510 Hall Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-224-9793

Welcome to the Church of Saint Matthew

You are invited to join our community in the celebration of the Christmas Feast and Season. Perhaps it has been some time since you have been to church; not to worry. Come and join us, you are welcome, no questions asked. Saint Matthew's is an equal opportunity community. You are invited to follow Jesus with us, and you will never be excluded because of your race, color, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or any of those other things often used to rate, rank and exclude people.

December 19th, 2004

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance,
2:00 and 4:00 pm.

Private Reconciliation, Chapel of Saint Matthew

Monday, December 20th
Tuesday, December 21st
Wednesday, December 22nd
Thursday, December 23rd

Christmas Masses

Vigil Mass of Christmas:
December 24th, 4:00 pm

Midnight Mass:
Service of Carols, 11:30 pm
Midnight Mass, 12:00 midnight

Mass at Dawn:
December 25th, 8:00 am

Mass of Christmas Day:
December 25th, 10:30 am

*There is **no** 5:00 pm Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

December 26th, 8:00 and 10:30 am

New Year 2005

December 31st, 5:00 pm.
January 1st, 10:00 am

*There is **no** 8:00 am Mass or 5:00 pm Mass

Feast of the Epiphany

January 2nd, 8:00 and 10:30 am

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

As you make your plans to celebrate Christmas Day and the Christmas Season, please take time to include worship in your celebration. The schedule for confessions and Mass at Saint Matthew is included in this notice.

I encourage you to invite a family member or friend to join you at Church this Christmas Season. In every family there are those who have been away from the practice of worship for a while. Perhaps they have been frustrated by church, or they feel they have been rejected by the church; maybe they have just gotten out of the practice of church attendance. For some people the sexual scandals of the Catholic Church have caused them to walk away – and the scandal is compounded because it has damaged the faith of innocent bystanders.

At Saint Matthew's we promise to be inviting, accepting and hospitable.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Rosary Society Christmas Bake Sale is being held this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12 Baked goods are being sold in the church before and after the 5:00 PM Mass and from 8:00-12:00 noon in the social hall during the Boy Scouts Breakfast with Santa.

LAST CALL –JOIN OUR FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR THE COMING CHRISTMAS FEAST

The Festival Choir is comprised of Adult Choir Members and other singers or musicians who (while they may not be able to join the regular choir) wish to share their gifts with the community during this special season. The Festival Choir will be singing for the Midnight Christmas Mass this year. We could also use some extra voices and /or instruments at our 10:30 Christmas Day mass. Regular rehearsal are every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM –but we are open to special sessions to accommodate crazy schedules. Call Dana for more information. Leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830 and she'll get back to you.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS

A reminder for evening students to gather in the church on Wednesday, December 15, at 6:30 PM for Mass.

Students are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Matthew's Food Shelf and to consider bringing a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Parents, other family members and the parish community are invited to attend.

ST. MATTHEW'S BOYS SCOUTS TROOP 107

The scouts would like to thank everyone who supported the Boy Scouts this year with their annual Christmas Wreath Sale. Collectively the Boy Scouts raised over \$3600.00 for their Boy Accounts. What are Boy Accounts? Each scout has an account of money that provides the necessary funds to enable them to go to all scout functions, whether it be a special event or camping. The money for these accounts is raised through the two main fundraising events the Boy Scouts have: the fall wreath sale and the spring popcorn sale. Troop 107 is very grateful to all St. Matthew's staff, parishioners, families and friends for their continuous support of the Scouts and their endeavors and would like to extend a "Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!"

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Rosary Society is Tuesday, December 14 at 6:45 in the social hall All women are welcome and invited.

THE BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW'S—OH, HEAR, THEY ARE CALLING: HELP!

We still need 1 more Bell Ringer to complete our Adult Hand Bell Choir. It's easier than it looks. We practice about three times a month, from 9:00-10:00 AM on Sundays in the church. Interested (or just curious)? Leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830 and she'll get back to you.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO JOSEPH AND SUZANNE AHERN OF EVERGREEN INDUSTRIES

For the past MANY YEARS the large Advent and Christmas wreathes hanging both inside and outside of our chapel and church have been the generous gift of the Aherns. Thank you for so faithfully gracing our worship space and community with these beautiful symbols of the season-the victory wreathes of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

LAST WEEKEND OF HOLIDAY SCRIP BLITZ

Buy those last minute holiday scrip gift certificates by next Sunday, December 19 and get in on the final drawing for Holiday Scrip Blitz. Thanks to everyone who has helped us make our goal!!

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday | December 12 |
| 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Social Hall | Santa Breakfast Rosary Society Bake Sale |
| 3:30 PM, MC 5:00 PM, CH | Confirmation Class Confirmation Mass |
| Monday | December 13 |
| 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC | Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | December 14 |
| 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes Rosary Society Meeting |
| Wednesday | December 15 |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, MC | St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Mass |
| Thursday | December 16 |
| 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC | Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir |
| Friday | December 17 |
| Saturday | December 18 |
| Sunday | December 19 |
| 2:00 PM, MC 4:00 PM, MC | Communal Penance Service Communal Penance Service |

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 DECEMBER 5, 2004

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| Sunday Envelopes and Plate | \$11,108.00 |
| Youth and Children's Envelopes | \$7.80 |
| School Fund | \$1197.33 |
| Holy Day | \$388.00 |

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

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| Sunday, December 12 | 8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr. Larry Simmons Bertha & John Einberger 10:30 AM Parishioners 5:00 PM Confirmation Candidates |
| Monday, December 13 | World Peace |
| Tuesday, December 14 | Parishioners |
| Wednesday, December 15 | Joseph Winter |
| Thursday, December 16 | Alice Bagan |
| Friday, December 17 | |
| Saturday, December 18 | Leonard Voto Gladys & Ben Blaeser Alice Marthaler |
| Sunday, December 19 | 8:00 AM Ed Maher Dan Patton 10:30 AM Parishioners |

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2004

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| Sunday: | Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11 |
| Monday: | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Mt 21:23-27 |
| Tuesday: | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32 |
| Wednesday: | Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/ Lk 7:18b-23 |
| Thursday: | Is 54:1-10/ Lk 7:24-30 |
| Friday: | Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17 |
| Saturday: | Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 7:10-14/ Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24 |

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR NEW CYCLE A

ST. JOSEPH MISSAL?

They may be purchased in the back of church before and after weekend masses while supplies last. The cost is \$5.00.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

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| Pastor..... | Father Stephen Adrian |
| Priest in Residence | Father Marty Warren |
| Deacon..... | Rev. John Murphy |
| Dir. Education & Formation..... | Beth Behnke |
| Dir. Music & Liturgy | Dana McCarthy |
| Dir. Child Care..... | Dimary Rosado |
| Dir. Marketing & Development..... | Maureen Gitlin |
| Business Administrator | Debra Lindstedt |
| Administrative Assistant | Nicole Johnson |
| Dir. Food Service | Alice Schletty |
| Parish Engineer..... | David Rosas |

Phone Numbers

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fax..... | 651-228-9448 |
| 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 651-224-2903- |

Schedule of Services

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| 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

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| 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

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| Linda Sellars | Becky Montgomery |
| Marty Olson | John Sekevitch |
| Suzanne Clarke | Doug Kennedy |
| Larry Sachi | Connie Aligada |

Committee Chairs

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| Finance..... | Linda Sellars |
| Education Advisory | Richard Dunn |
| Liturgy | |