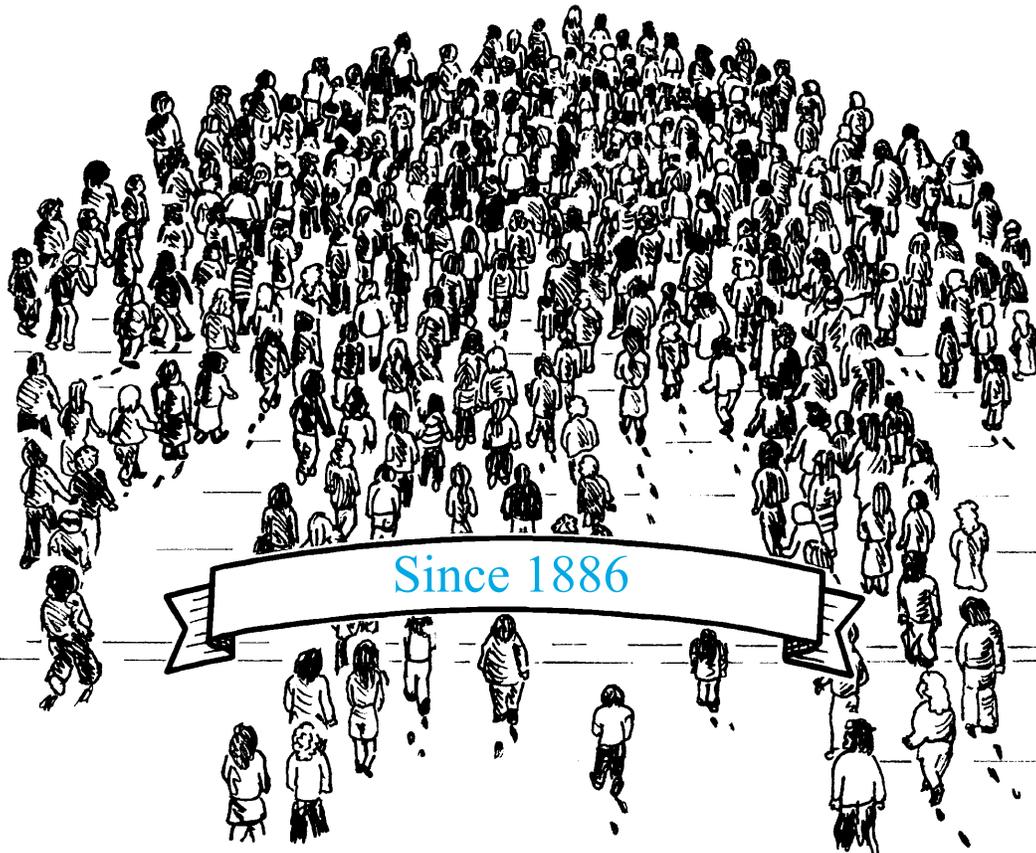


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Summer vacation—the dream of students and the anticipated respite of workers; yet recent studies indicate that fewer and fewer people are taking the “two week vacation” that was so much the norm not that very long ago.

In a recent article in USA Today the following is reported:

The two-week vacation is fast disappearing. Instead, employees are using their vacation to extend weekends and take shorter breaks from the office.

The shift is being blamed partly on rising gas prices as well as mounting pressure for workers to be available to clients around the clock. And more dual-income couples are finding it difficult to coordinate vacation schedules due to work demands.

Only 14 percent of Americans plan to take a two-week vacation in 2007, down from 16 percent in 2006, according to a new study by Harris Interactive for Expedia.com, an online travel site. One-third of workers do not always use all their vacation days.

“I consistently use my vacation to extend weekends,” Tim Allen, 29, an executive with New York based electronic retailer Interactive Corp., says in an e-mail.

What’s behind the shift:

—Travel costs. While nearly 65 percent of Americans plan to take a summer vacation, gas prices are taking a toll, according to a May survey of 1,003 adults by WNBC/Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Fifty-five percent of vacationers will take several shorter weekend getaways instead of the traditional long summer retreat.

“It’s in the context of feeling hard-pressed financially,” says Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist College poll. “there are people opting for shorter, closer-to-home getaways.”

—Work demands. “Work demands have employees skipping long vacations,” says Liz Bywater, president of Bywater Consulting Group, an organization consulting firm based in Yardley, PA.

“The demands on the average worker today are pretty intense,” Bywater says. “There’s this mentality of keep working. They feel they’ll come back and be flooded with work.”

The burden is even worse for entrepreneurs. Twenty-three percent of

small business owners have not planned a vacation that lasts at least a week in more than four years, according to a May survey commissioned by Riverwoods, IL-based Discover. The survey polled 1,000 small business owners with five or fewer employees.

—Dual-income couples. For families comprised of working parents, it’s difficult for each spouse to coordinate a long stretch of time away from the office.

That’s partly why some places are trying to cater to the rise in weekend vacationers. The Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego just introduced a family camp program, but only on weekends. The hotel is tailoring its family activities specifically to weekends.

But some employees say taking short bursts of time off isn’t enough of a break from work.

“For the past three-plus years, I simply take a Friday or Monday off when I can,” says Alison Bailin, 26, an account executive at HMA Public Relations in Phoenix. “It takes a toll. I’ve become addicted to e-mail, and I have yet to take a vacation without a computer.

In most industrialized countries workers take a four to six week vacation annually. Studies indicate people are more productive with significant vacation time. The same studies show that people who have significant vacation time and take it are healthier and cost their employer and the society less time and money because of illness.

Beyond that, leisure time is essential for the fully human life. We are not machines—we are human beings—embodied of spirits who must nurture and nourish their spiritual life. The spiritual life demands leisure time

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian,
Pastor

—and following my own advice, I will take almost two weeks of vacation: July 9-20. There will be prayer services at 6:45AM daily.

MASS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Mass on the fourth of July will be at 9:00 AM in the main church. There will be no 6:45 AM mass on July 4th.

NO ALUMINIUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troop 107 will no longer be doing aluminum can recycling here at St. Matthew's. The troop wishes to thank everyone for their support of this fundraiser which has been ongoing here at St. Matthew's for more than 10 years. The troop encourages you to continue to recycle through your local garbage hauler. Watch the bulletin for new fundraising activities the troop will be pursuing in future months.

FOOD SHELF

If you forgot to bring the grocery bag—filled—please do so next weekend or/and any and every time you come to church. Thank you very much in advance.

ISAIAH PROJECT BAKE SALE

Last year, St. Matthew's became a member parish of ISAIAH, a collection of congregations who have committed themselves to each other in order to build power to act effectively in the community. Each parish has a core team that helps facilitate participation in various activities that are open to the whole parish. One opportunity open to everyone at St. Matthew's is leadership training. This year the training takes place in Chicago. Nicole Johnson, parish secretary and member of St. Matthew's ISAIAH Project Core Team will be attending. To help with the cost of registration and the trip, the core team is having a bake sale on July 21 and 22 after each mass. Stop by the back of church to purchase some goodies, chat members of the core team, and learn more about St. Matthew's membership in ISAIAH.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The week of work is fast approaching [July 16-20]. We're extending the Habitat for Humanity sign-ups another week end. There are still a lot of slots to fill. Please stop at the table in the back of church or call Ginny at 651-222-2867. Admittedly not everyone can work: first—there is not room for all; second—the ability to wield a hammer is not everyone's gift. There are two ways to be involved—for everyone: 1) pray for the success of the project, pray for the safety of all workers, and pray for the success of the family who will live in the house; 2) contribute to help defray the costs of materials, etc. Each group [our three churches together] who works on a house for a week is asked to contribute \$6,000. There will be a second collection on July 14-15 to help with Saint Matthew's part of the total amount. Thanks in advance.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	July 1
Monday	July 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	July 3
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 4
Parish office, school office, KLT and Child Care - Closed	
9:00 AM, MC	Mass
Thursday	July 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 6
7:15 AM—	Eucharistic
5:15 PM, CH	Adoration
Saturday	July 7
9:30 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
Sunday	July 8
10:30 AM, MC	First Communion

PARISH BULLETIN

All parishioners should be connected to the parish, even those who are homebound and not able to get to church on an on-going basis. The parish bulletin can be mailed weekly. Let us know your name and address. [If you'd like to help defray the cost [about \$25 per year] you may send that money to the parish center.] Other parishioners are invited to "sponsor" the mailing of the bulletin to a member who is homebound. Please send your donation [properly marked] to the parish center.

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, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."

Thanks for both witness and the invitation to "do likewise."

Prayer: worshipped at daily Mass; prayed morning and evening prayers daily and faithfully; remembered to pray at meals; spend two hours each day in prayer

Service: visited the homebound; helped plan activities at school; helped a neighbor; washed dishes for a friend; visited the sick; spend about 25 hours volunteering in the community

Sharing: The usual weekly thanks for all the contributions in envelopes, the plate, or electronic from those who are regular, occasional, intermittent, or infrequent stewards. \$8,701. The fiscal year total is \$499,103. We came close to breaking the half million dollar barrier!

Remember the challenge to each is to continually reflect on the goodness we have received God and to respond accordingly.

Young people's stewardship: \$5.00 Examples of service this week: Helped with dinner, did my sister's chores, helped mom, helped cook with the scouts.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 1, 2007

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/
Lk 9:51-62
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/
Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12,
17-20 or 10:1-9

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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*

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Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
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