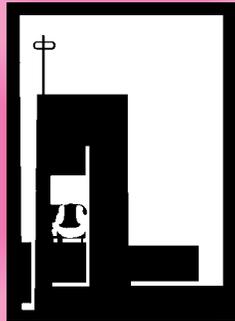
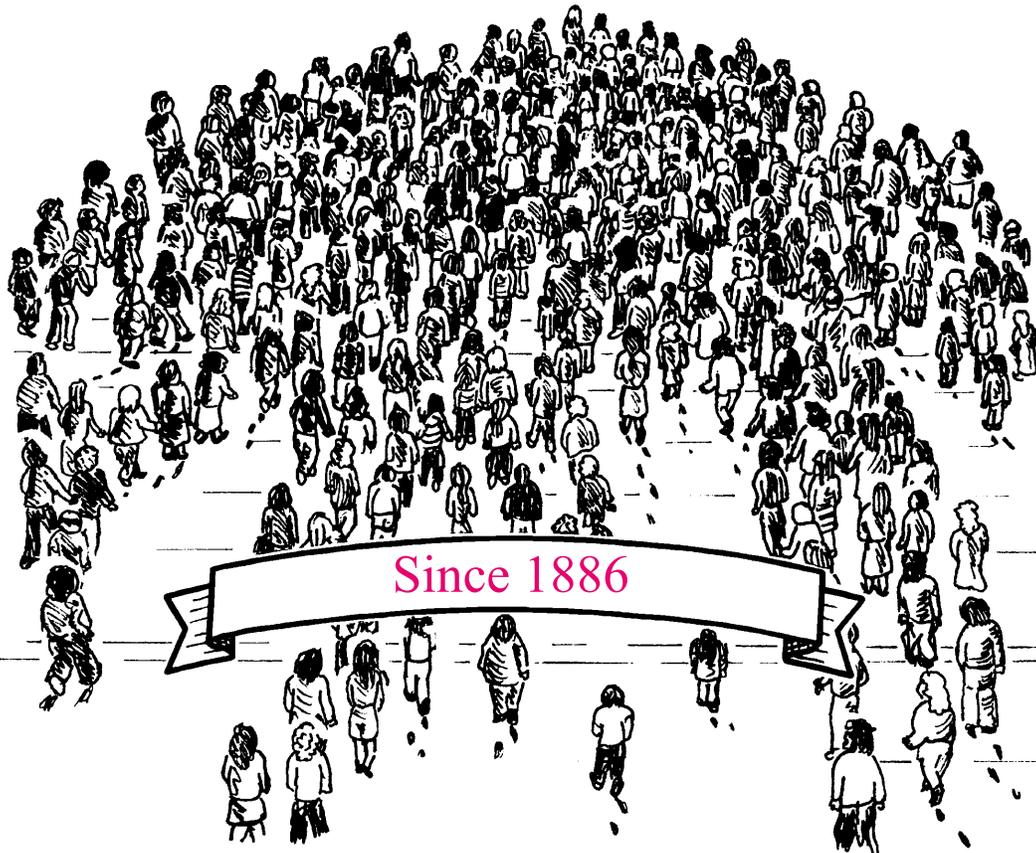


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew community and Visitors:

### Mass Begins at Home

We refer to our arrival in the church before the celebration as “the gathering rite.” Most of us think of it as the moment when we meet and greet our brothers and sisters in Christ early in the liturgy. But we can think of it as a rite that begins much earlier: Even as we arrive on the church grounds and get out of our cars in the parking lot, as we greet and talk with the others about the weather or about which of our children caught the chickenpox—the gathering rite is in motion. Even earlier, roused from our sleep, we have begun to gather our wits and collect our thoughts and intentions. Hauled from our beds, we have migrated from all directions to form this gathering. For we are hungry to break the bread that is Christ’s body and share the cup of our salvation.

The gathering rite is our invitation to hone our awareness of this migration we make on Sunday morning. It gives the chance to make a transition from the sacrament of daily life to the sacrament of our gathered community. We do not want to find ourselves in this migration out of habit or duty—but we want to reach that level of awareness that knows our deepest yearning

for an experience of the holy in communion.

Here are some ideas to make the gathering rite a joyful, rich and pleasant experience before you even arrive at the church: Get up an hour earlier and read over the scripture lessons for the day so that you can really hear them at the liturgy. Make special coffee or hot chocolate and bring it around to family members inviting them to this Sunday rising with plenty of time to shower and dress in their Sunday clothes. Allow that the family retains a Sunday silence—no idle chatter—just the peace of silence and a gathering of our inner selves. Play “Sunday music”—to set the tone: chant or some meditative and beautiful religious music from our long heritage. Retain the silence as you walk or drive to church. When you arrive, make a point of greeting and engaging the others you meet. Greet someone you know already and greet and make the acquaintance of someone whom you have never met before. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of you.”

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## PARISH EVENTS

### FUNERALS THIS WEEK

I will be out of town the week of July 11th. If there is a funeral on this week, the pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will celebrate the funeral mass at Saint Matthew. When he is out of town, I will do the same for him at Our Lady of Guadalupe. With the diminished number of priests it becomes necessary to make such arrangements.—

Father Stephen Adrian

### DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

Father Adrian will be on vacation this week there will be no weekday mass at 6:45 AM.

### PARISH POTLUCK AND DISCUSSION

The Parish Enrichment committee is sponsoring a potluck and discussion on Thursday, July 22. Dinner will begin at 5:45 PM in the parish center, please bring a dish to pass. Members of the Parish Council will lead a discussion about the changes in Council membership and new governance models. The discussion will take place in the church at 6:45 PM. This is a family event, there will be activities for the children during the discussion portion of the evening.

### PARISH PICNIC AND MASS

Join us at Cherokee Park on Sunday, August 15 at 5:00 PM to celebrate the feast of the Assumption with Mass and picnic to follow.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### SCRIP RAFFLE UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have purchasing SCRIP. June prizes included a family electric toothbrush, Culver's frozen custard, pizza from Carbone's and a fresh Baker's Square pie. Our July prizes will include reserved Twins tickets, Carbone's pizza and more. Drawings for July will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, August 1. Remember, you earn one raffle ticket for every \$25 in SCRIP purchased. Thank you again for supporting the fundraiser that costs you nothing!

### LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

St. Matthew's Loaves and Fishes needs help on the clean up crew. Could you spare about an hour and a half every other month? Please call Lorraine Cook at 651-457-0899 or Marcie Kegler at 651-452-2485.

### WANTED! CLEAN RAGS OR TOWELS

Any clean old towels or rags that you could donate for cleaning and dusting for the church and school would be deeply appreciated. You could drop the off at the parish center. Thank you!

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR IN CONCERT

"Sing Psalms to the Lord," Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest, Coon Rapids at 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 15. Free will offering. Come and hear very talented youth from across the U.S. singing old favorite hymns, new hymns, and choral masterpieces from all eras on the theme "Sing Psalms to the Lord." The National Catholic Youth Choir is from Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. For further information: Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB, 320-363-3233/awruff@csbsju.edu or [www.CatholicYouthChoir.org](http://www.CatholicYouthChoir.org)

### FALL WEEKEND GETAWAY!

Looking for a special getaway weekend for just you and your spouse this coming fall? Attend a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter and fall in love all over again! Weekends this fall are scheduled for Sept. 10-12 and Nov. 19-21 at the Yankee Square Inn in Eagan and Oct. 8-10 at Kings House in Buffalo. For more information or to register call 651-426-4710 or visit our website at <http://www.owenblock.com/wwme>

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 11</b>
12:00 PM, Ch	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 12</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 13</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 14</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 15</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 16</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 18</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism

### 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 JULY 4, 2004

Envelopes and Plate	\$ 10,874.24
Youth & Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.00
School Fund	\$ 981.00

*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, July 11	8:00 AM Larry Simmons 10:30 AM Phyllis Exley Parishioners
Monday, July 12	
Tuesday, July 13	
Wednesday, July 14	
Thursday, July 15	
Friday, July 16	
Saturday, July 17	Leonard Voto, Joseph Karas Arlene and Clarence Kammerer
Sunday, July 18	8:00 AM Elias Uribe Ed Maher 10:30 AM Jackie Schultz Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 11, 2004

Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-41
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

## 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
Dir. Education & Formation.....	Beth Behnke
Dir. Music & Liturgy .....	Dana McCarthy
Dir. Child Care.....	Dimary Rosado
Dir. Marketing & Development.....	Maurcen 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 Member

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

### Committee Chairs

Finance.....	Peter Grayson
Education Advisory .....	Michele Edwards
Liturgy	