

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Of the many developments that have taken place in our church over the past forty years certainly the development and spread of lay ministry must be numbered near the top of the list.

Flowing from our baptismal call we take hold of our church community and we bring our talents to work.

The following is a reflection offered recently by Bishop Blase Cupich from South Dakota.

Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

During one of her frequent trips to the United States, Mother Teresa of Calcutta granted an interview to a well-known American talk show host. The host began with a friendly tribute, lauding her heralded reputation for caring for the poorest of the poor, even calling her “extraordinary” and “saintly.” It was a trap. His words of acclaim were designed to tee up his first question, a whack at the church: “Now Mother, aren’t you just a little bit angry that the church isn’t with you on this? After all, aren’t you doing this work with the poor almost single-handedly?” With characteristic serenity and poise she replied, “Oh, but you see, when I do it, the church does it.” Her response left the interviewer speechless, as though the petite founder of the Missionaries of Charity had just answered him in an alien tongue.

A conversation I had with an elderly grandmother comes to mind. Mary Alice has been a commissioned lay minister for some years. I asked her to tell me in her own words

what lay ministry means to her. She prefaced her remarks by noting how our belief in the resurrection of the body has been a constant source of comfort to her. The prospect of eternal life heartens her in the face of life’s trials. Yet now as she considers how lay ministry has so enriched the church, to the point that future generations will benefit from the works she and others are doing, she has come to believe with equal conviction that “something of me,” as she put it, “will also continue to live on in the church after I die, because this is Christ’s work and we believe nothing of his is ever lost. In many ways that is even more consoling, since I can see that lasting reality now.”

Lay ministers like Mary Alice are not only giving a theological framework to their ministry but also to their lives. I was struck by Mary Alice’s ability to express her awareness of the integration between her call to holiness as a disciple and her ministry of participating in the work of Christ in building up the body for the salvation of the world. Her comment that “something of me” will live on in the church because she is doing Christ’s work is remarkably close to the language we find in Paul, for instance in Gal 2:19: “The life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me. I still live my human life, but it is a life in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” It suggests that while the formation of lay ministers must begin with sound instruction, it does not end there. Attention must be given to helping these lay leaders develop the skills for the kind of reflection needed for integrating life and ministry.

## PARISH EVENTS

### FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Fall Festival is 10 weeks away. Start checking grocery stores for specials on cake mixes so we will have lots of cakes for the cake walk. How are you doing at locating some vintage items for our jewelry booth? Continue to save and fill those plastic bottles for the bottle lotto. Thank You



### THANK YOU FROM MAUREEN GITLIN

It is with sadness that I leave the Parish Community after 9 years. I am fortunate to have been involved with such a caring, compassionate community. During my time here I learned many things about the Catholic faith, what true caring is, and how much of a difference one place can make in the larger community. I will keep this community in my heart and prayers forever.

### HABITAT GOODIES

If you would like to contribute baked goodies, individually packaged chips, soda pop or bottled water to keep our workers well fed and hydrated please bring them next week end and leave them in the back of church in the table next to the Scrip table with a note they are for Habitat. Thanks we're looking forward to another good year.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

GUEST PRESIDERS

this weekend Father Bryan O'Rourke, a priest of this archdiocese, will preside at each Mass and speak about *Cross International Catholic Outreach*—a program seeking to serve the poorest of the poor. There will be no second collection; however, information [with returnable envelope] about the program is at the doors of church.

Next weekend there will be another guest presider—from an order of missionaries. There will be a second collection. Each summer there is a mission appeal in each parish in the diocese.

THE THIRD ANNUAL TWIN CITIES ROMANIAN FESTIVAL

Join us on July 25th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on the grounds of the St. Stefan's Romanian Orthodox Church, 350 5th Ave. N, South St. Paul, MN! We promise that you will enjoy: Tasty Romanian food (Romanian sausage, chicken on the grill with salad & side dishes, pastries, beverage and some culinary surprises). Traditional Romanian dance with the famous dance ensemble Izvorasul. There will be books and icons available at the St. Stefan bookstore, historic guided tours of the church and media presentations, games and entertainment for children of all ages, and much more! Visit our website at [www.sfantulstefan.org](http://www.sfantulstefan.org) or call 651-451-3462 (leave a message) for more information.

JOIN US FOR A SAINTS GAME!

The St. Matthew's Men's Club outing to a St. Paul Saints game is scheduled for Wednesday August 19. Meet at St. Matthew's (rectory lot) before 5:30 pm to bus to the game and tailgate in the parking lot. Game time is 7:05. Cost \$25 per adult and \$10 per child 16 or under. Price includes ticket, bus, food, refreshments. Contact Tim Nowak – cell 612-269-9471, HM 651-450-4975, or email to [timothy.nowak@usfamily.net](mailto:timothy.nowak@usfamily.net)

ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD SHELF

We need one or two new volunteers to help us with our ministry. It entails periodic transport of several bags of food from Church to the Neighborhood House. It is easy but rewarding. For more information, call Judy DeNardo at 651-686-5463.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

At St. Matthew's we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament only one day a month, each first Friday. We need those willing to spend 1 hour with the Lord, to make a commitment to be in the Chapel at that hour each First Friday. If you would like to spend a very peaceful and rewarding hour, please call Nicole at 651-224-9793.

ASSUMPTION MASS IN THE PARK AND PARISH PICNIC

Friday evening, August 14. Mark your calendars now.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 12
Monday	July 13
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	July 14
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 15
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 16
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 17
Saturday	July 18
Sunday	July 19

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been/am I being chosen? To whom have I been/am I being sent?*

Prayer and Service: An invitation and a reminder to use the weekly envelope to record participation by prayer and by serving others [time and talent]. We each are members of a/this Christian community; as such our salvation is not simply "between God and me." We each owe it to others in the community to be a witness by our Christian life; we each should invite others to join us.

When the witness of prayer and service is put in the bulletin it is simply because of that: witness and invitation.

Sharing Last weekend, the first of the new fiscal year, parishioners and visitors gave \$9,917 through mailed-in envelopes; electronic transfer; envelopes in the collection and cash and checks in the plate. Thank you to each member and visitor.

Additionally: \$768 was given for school programs; \$192 for Peter's pence and \$5 for the food shelf. Thanks for each of these.

TWO ACTIONS TODAY—before leaving church.

**SIGN UP** for a couple of hours for the Parish Painting Project [at the Scrip table]

**PICK UP** the envelope of festival tickets for your family [back corner of Church]

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 12, 2009

- Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... Father Stephen Adrian  
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 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... Shar Lavelle  
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 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Prayer Line ..... 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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

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