

The Community of St. Matthew

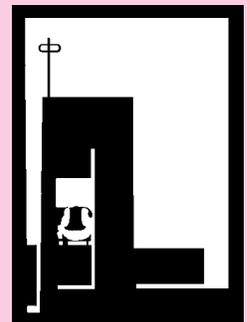
SUMMER SCRIP CHALLENGE

June 1 – August 31

Earn a raffle ticket for every \$25 in
SCRIP you purchase. Prize drawings
will be held the last Sunday of each
month!



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Since 1886

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

On Monday, July 26th the Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary the Mother of the Lord.

Not only are these two great people the parents of Mary, they are the grandparents of Jesus.

Truly an aspect of the mystery of God's love in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity is that God enters completely into what it means to live a human life. All of life is embraced by God in Jesus.

A part of life is grandparents.

Jesus had a grandma and a grandpa. I am sure that this was a most unique and wonderful relationship – as is the relationships between grandparents and grandchildren.

Older persons have a wonderful and unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and young people. Older persons can bring experience and wonder into the life of a child. Older persons can be cheer leaders and encourage the life and work and accomplishments of young people.

Grandparents can do this, and surrogate grandparents can do this too.

At Saint Matthew's we have a pen pal program called "Project Rainbow" in which older parish members

become pen pals with school age students. This relationship is important and is celebrated each year in the spring of the year when the children invite their pen pal to Mass and breakfast at Saint Matthew's.

In years past families lived in close proximity – grandma and grand pa, aunts, uncles and cousins lived in the same town or in the same part of the city. Children saw their extended family often. Older persons became surrogate parents and mentors to the children of the family. Today families are so mobile. Often family is located all over the country, and in many cases in our community in foreign countries as well. All the more reason for a parish community to identify with the children of the parish and become "family" to the children.

This week I invite older parish members to see themselves as surrogate grandparents to young children and youth. I invite parents to tell stories about grandma and grandpa, great grandma and great grand pa. I invite you to give thanks to God that the mystery of the incarnation is as close and immediate as family relationships, as close as community relationships, as close as daily life.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH PICNIC AND MASS

Join us at Cherokee Park on Sunday, August 15th at 5:00 PM to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. We will have Mass and a picnic to follow.

LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS HELP!

Saint Matthew's Loaves & Fishes needs help on the clean-up crew. Could you spare about 1 1/2 hours every other month? If interested, please call Lorraine Cook at 651-457-0899 or Marcie Kegler at 651-452-2485. Thank you.

VISIT SAINT MATTHEW'S TABLE AT LA PLACITA

This summer you will find food vendors, produce vendors, artists, and educators in La Placita to sell, display, perform and engage the community. Saint Matthew's has a table at La Placita. The marketplace is open every Saturday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM through August 28th. La Placita is located in District del Sol on Concord St., between State and Ada Streets. This is a great opportunity to support local youth, artists, and businesses and to engage people in dialogues and activities to build a stronger West Side for everyone. If you have questions, please contact Gunnar Liden at 651-283-0562.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SAINT MARY'S HEALTH CLINIC AT SAINT MATTHEW'S

The Clinic has been providing free medical services to the uninsured at Saint Matthew's for the past twelve years. The Clinic is open on Wednesday afternoon. In the past year, 770 patient visits occurred at our clinic.

58.6% of those visiting the clinic were non-English speaking patients. All of Saint Mary's clinics are staffed by volunteers (physicians, Nurses, drivers and admission personnel). Volunteers at Saint Matthew's contributed **1,774 hours of service** during the past fiscal years. The Clinic is part of our parish mission: **Saint Matthew's exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love.** Through the clinic, and so many other ministries, Saint Matthew's opens its doors to the community and the needs of community members—often the needs of the most vulnerable.

SISTER PARISH UPDATE—SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

One way we can help our sister Parish relationship grow is to attend St. Francis' Camp-Out at Afton Alps on Saturday, August 7. The registration form is in this week's bulletin. If you have any questions, or need transportation to the event, please call Maureen at 651-224-6912. Completed forms, with the fee, can be returned to the Parish Center Office.

CHILD CARE CENTER—SUMMER FUN!

Fieldtrips, water days, walks to the library and other activities are keeping everyone busy. Currently the Center is in need of arts and crafts materials that are suitable for young children. If you would like to donate items, please call Dimary at 651-224-1450.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

The Centering Prayer group will meet at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center on the following Saturdays: August 7th and 21st. You are most welcome to join us.

EVENTS AT OTHER PARISHES

- July 24-25 JuliFest at St. Mark's, Shakopee
Games, food, raffle
- August 1 New & Used Art Sale,
Temple of Aaron, St. Paul
for more info call 651-688-3030
- August 27-29 Silent Retreat at Christ the King Retreat,
Buffalo; for more info call 763-682-1394
- September 11-12 Outdoor Fall Festival, Holy Family
Maronite Catholic Church, St. Paul

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 25
Monday	July 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	July 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 28
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 29
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 30
Saturday	July 31
Sunday	August 1
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 18, 2004

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7434.57
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$2.40
School Fund	\$73.00
Holy Day	\$5.00

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 25	8:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
	10:30	Parishioners
Monday, July 26		Schleicher Family
Tuesday, July 27		Jean & John Suchanek
Wednesday, July 28		Conrad Gross
Thursday, July 29		Earl Caflisch
Friday, July 30		
Saturday, July 31	5:00	Ignatius & Marie Marsollek Rose & Charles Thomas Arlene & Clarence Kammerer
Sunday, August 1	8:00	Agnes DeFoe Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
	10:30	Parishioners World Peace

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2004

Sunday, July 25:	Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday, July 26:	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 27:	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 28:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday, July 29:	Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27
Friday, July 30:	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, July 31:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday, August 1:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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*
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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 Members

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

Committee Chairs

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