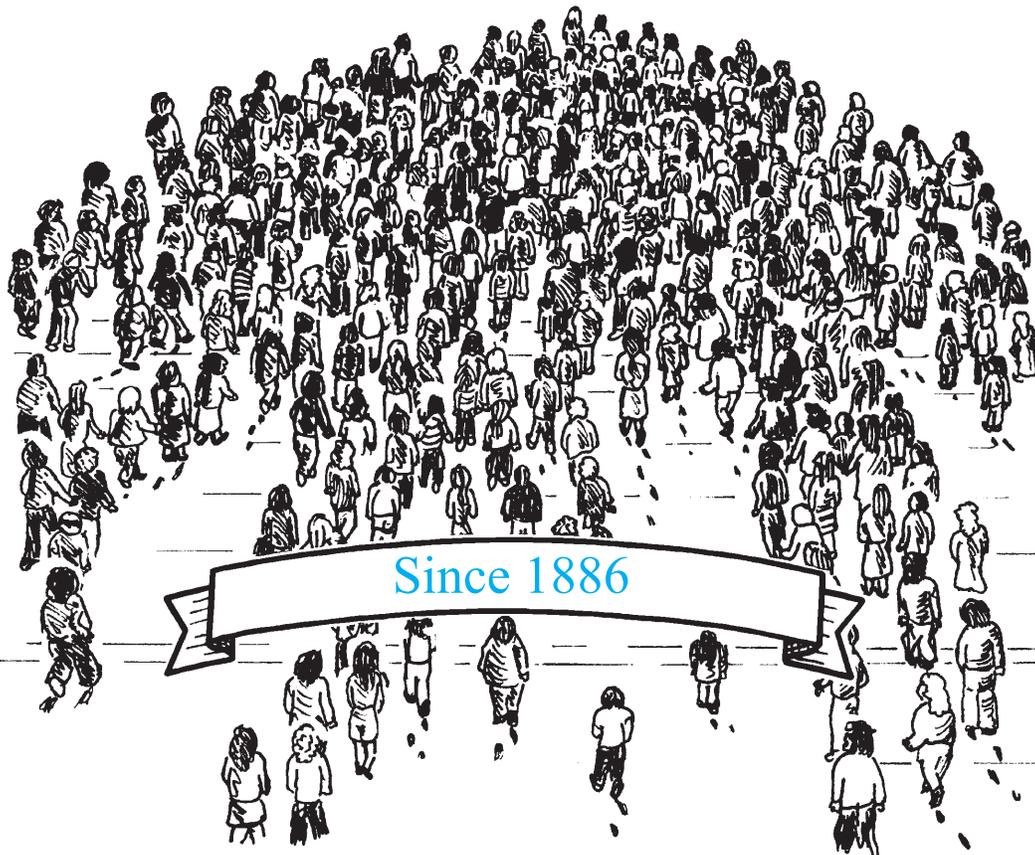


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

People have lots of prayers that they would like answered. Whether it is petitions written into the Book of Intercessions at church, requests made of a priest or a friend, entreaties offered to God before bed, or appeals made in the midst of a crisis, we are always looking for an answer. Sometimes we pray knowing what we want, like a child sitting on Santa's lap with a list of Christmas toys. And many times we pray with the expectation that God will see things our way and give us what we ask for.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is a little different from Matthew's, but it is essentially the same. In Jesus' methodology, prayer starts with praising God (hallowed be your name) and then asks God to do what God wants (your kingdom come). Only then does prayer move on to posing our requests for God's consideration (give us each day our daily bread). And finally we ask for God's help (forgive us our sins). The Lord's Prayer became so much a part of Christian praying that the Fathers of the Church (early Christian writers like St. Augustine, St. Gregory, and St. Leo the Great) recommended that if a person couldn't remember

any other prayer (like a psalm) he or she should just pray the Lord's Prayer instead.

The method of prayer that Jesus lays out for his disciples includes one final aspect-one that we like to forget. Luke's version puts it this way, "for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us." More commonly we say, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." Are we ready to have God act that way toward us? Do we really want God to treat us the way we treat others? That is the challenge, if we continue to pray the Lord's Prayer day after day.

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## PARISH EVENTS

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The next scheduling period will run from September 11 through the Sunday before Advent, November 21st. Please get your scheduling requests in by no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday August 4th. Any one wanting to join one of the ministries should also contact us by Wednesday August 4th. We really are in need of you. Please give it serious consideration. Contact info [GBD1252@comcast.net](mailto:GBD1252@comcast.net) or Ginny at 651-222-2867. Thank you, Mary Ann, Joanne and Ginny.

### FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

The Fall Festival is less than 8 weeks away! We need as many volunteer workers as possible. Sign up with a committee member following Mass in the back of church.

Do you have a photo or photos of last year's Festival or any past Festival? We are looking for photos to use in the Good News. Please drop off your photo at the Parish Center anytime within this next week. We would greatly appreciate it!

Parishioner's envelopes for the Fall Festival are still in the back of church. Please pick yours up today. Check to see if your friend or neighbor's envelope has been picked up. If not, please take it and deliver it for us. This is another way for us to save costs (postage) for the Festival.

Any items you wish to donate to the Fall Festival be it for Fish Pond, Ring Toss, Bottle Lotto, Silent Auction, Theme Baskets, Holiday Booth, Jewelry, Tapes, CD's, Movies, etc. Bring them to the Parish Center or to Mass on the week ends anytime now. We thank you in advance for your great generosity!

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

WELCOME GUEST PRESIDERS

This weekend we will host Father Charles Muwonge. He will preach about the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging—a movement in many countries. There will be NO collection taken for this work; however, there will be a flyer in the bulletin which describes ways for interested folks to become involved. We welcome Fr. Muwonge; and we appreciate that his presence allows Father Steve to have some extended time away. He said he will return on July 31 rested and rejuvenated.

CHECK OUT THE MEN’S CLUB CONCESSION STAND-JULY 24 & JULY 25

Looking for a place to eat lunch or dinner on Saturday 7/24 or lunch on Sunday 7/25? Burgers, brats and hot dogs will be available at the West St. Paul Sports Complex soccer fields. The Men’s Club runs the concession stand for Super Soccer weekend and we’ll have plenty of food available and check out some of the games—you may see some familiar young faces playing.

ST. MATTHEW’S MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY

The Knights of Columbus would like to send St. Michael’s medals to members of St. Matthew’s serving in the military. If you are currently serving in the military or know of someone who is and would like to receive a medal please contact Joe Stevens at 651-224-8270. He will take the name of the service member and address information so a medal can be sent. Or if you wish you can contact the parish office with this information and we will forward it to Joe. Thanks for your service to our country.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION AT ST. MATT’S

St. Matthew’s Preschool offers a program that is both convenient for parents and engaging for preschoolers. If you want your preschooler in a caring Christian learning environment, St. Matthew’s Preschool will fit your needs. **Enroll before September 1 and we’ll waive the \$60 administration fee.**

Our Preschool educates children ages 3-5. St. Matt’s understands that child care isn’t cheap, which is why we offer unique ways for parents to cover the cost. In addition to participating in the Federal Food Program so kids can have breakfast and lunch at no additional cost to parents, hourly rates for child care are offered instead of the typical daily rates charged at other facilities. That way parents pay only for the actual time their child requires care between 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Preschool is also offered free to any child enrolled full-time in child care. Creative and engaging activities prepare kids for kindergarten and create a strong foundation for life-long learning. A licensed, highly qualified staff teaches kids both in the classroom and on field trips. Call Shar Lavelle at St. Matt’s. 651-224-1450.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 25
Monday	July 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	July 27
9:00 AM, PC	Alums & Friends
2:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 28
1:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 30
Saturday	July 31
Sunday	August 1

**Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives, whoever seeks, finds, whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service of others.*

Sharing: Thanks for \$6,643 given in the four usual manners. A reminder to all: though we may vacation during the summer, the expenses of the parish and its program do not vacation. [Example: school faculty is paid over 12 months.] Maybe this is the ideal time to begin electronic giving?

Other money: \$260 in school envelopes; \$110 for the food shelf; \$5 for Peter's Pence. Thanks for each.

Service: Money counter... Food shelf delivery... Fall Festival planning

Prayer: Daily mass, prayer, rosary... spiritual reading

Children: \$4.50, Thank you!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2010

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
 Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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## PARISH DIRECTORY

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### Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*  
 Dir. Education & Formation..... *Doug Lieser*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care and KLT..... *Shar Lavelle*  
 Bookkeeper..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant..... *Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service..... *Donna Jenniges*  
 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

### Phone Numbers

Parish School.....651-224-6912  
 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)

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
Mark Thomford	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	Becky Montgomery