

# The Community of St. Matthew

## SUMMER SCRIP CHALLENGE CONTINUES

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE IN THE JULY DRAWING. EARN ONE RAFFLE TICKET FOR EVERY \$25.00 IN PURCHASES! SCRIP IS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES. JULY DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE THE LAST SUNDAY IN JULY.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
JUNE RAFFLE WINNERS:

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KRISTINE ERICKSON  
TIM NOWAK  
LEO HUBER

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This is 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, Independence weekend, the Taste of Minnesota, the re-enactment of the Great River Excursion, fireworks galore and more than enough brats and potato salad and watermelon to feed the world.

With time the events of 1776 become mythical and lose the rough and tumble work of our founding mothers and fathers. Of late a variety of fine biographies have emerged. We have a fresh look at Thomas Jefferson, Abigail Adams, John Adams, Aaron Burr, Benjamin Franklin and so many others.

The crafting of the Declaration of Independence and further, the Constitution and Bill of Rights is the story of debate and intrigue and much compromise. After all, what took place was the “great experiment”. Was it possible for a diverse people in a new land to guarantee a republican form of government which would respect not only the individual rights of citizens but also the rights of a confederation of states?

It is difficult to understand who I am if I do not understand where I came from. And just as this is true for a person or a family, it is very true for a people.

The principles of government and the dreams of our founding parents invade and fill our souls. We are truly “an American people”.

In the past months much has been written about Catholic political figures and the positions they have taken that are at variance with Catholic church teaching. Some few bishops have called for the “functional excommunication” of these people.

I recommend a recent article by Joseph Califano Jr. Appearing in America June 21-28, 2004. Mr. Califano is a Roman Catholic and is presently is president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. He served as a White House aide in the Johnson Administration and as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the Carter Administration.

He write about being caught between God and Caesar. He is a thoughtful man and a person who has and does wrestle with the seeming contradictions between being a Roman Catholic and being a public servant is a diverse and pluralistic democracy.

He says: “Balancing my Catholic convictions with my obligations as a public servant was a wrenching intellectual, spiritual and emotional experience.” He concludes with this reflection: Determining appropriate public policy is often too complex morally and politically in our pluralistic democracy to be resolved by a jerk – or bend – of the knee by public leaders, legislators and judges who are Catholic – or by the Catholic bishops who seek to influence such policy.” I suggest it is time for dialogue and not condemnation. I suggest that some great Catholic Universities – such as Catholic University of America, Notre Dame, Georgetown, University of Saint Thomas – might well do a great service for the church and for Catholic public servants by opening some far reaching discussions, seminars, institutes and fora to assist all of us in addressing what seems today to be an irreconcilable situation.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### GRADUATION 2004 THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to the following individuals who assisted in making our 2004 8th grade graduation celebration a memorable one:

Peg Mike; Joyce Osbourne; Ann Olson;  
Sue, Bob & Jordan Nowak; Donna Jenniges;  
Kelly Villieaus; Casey Villieaus;  
Karyn & Nick Benish;  
Colleen, Mike & Matt Molina;  
Cheryl, Paul, Jake, Chris & Ben Kempe;  
Tami Phillipi; Tammy Acesor.

### LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS HELP!

St. Matthew's Loaves and Fishes needs help on the clean-up crew. Could you spare about a hour –and-a-half every other month? Please call Lorraine Cook 651-457-0899 or Marcie Kegler 51-452-2485.

### CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be next Saturday, July 10 in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join the prayer group. Upcoming meeting dates are: July 24, August 7, August 21.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS FOR 2004-2005

The school is still accepting new students for the 2004-2005 school year. Our day school provides a solid foundation in all academic areas as well as faith development. Classes are small and all students receive Spanish instruction. Tuition assistance is available. For more information, please call Beth Behnke, Director of Education and Formation at 651-224-6912.

### ST. MATTHEW'S CHILD CARE

There are openings in the Pre-School program. Children ages 3-5 participate in a variety of activities that assist in preparing them for Kindergarten. For more information, please call Dimary at 651-224-1450.

### SISTER PARISH UPDATE

On the heels of the weekend Parish exchange with St. Francis of Assisi it is time to become involved! Please mark your calendar for a Parish camp-out at Afton Alps on Saturday, August 7 and the St. Francis Fall Festival on Sunday, October 3. More information about these events will be available soon.

We also want to welcome the youth of St. Francis of Assisi to our campus. They will be here for 6 consecutive Thursday mornings to participate in service learning. We thank these youth for taking time to help our Parish.

The weekend bulletin from St. Francis of Assisi will be hung up each week in the back of church.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE THANK YOU!

On June 28th, the Bloodmobile was here at St. Matthew's in an effort to help the depleting supply of blood during the summer. We had a goal of 35 units of blood and we received several units. Thank you for being a donor. Your "YES" response will help many people who need the gift of life.

### THE CORRIDOR OF CARE

This organization brings congregations together across lines of geography, faith, race, and economic class to explore ways to develop just and compassionate responses to the issues facing our community. The July focus will be on supporting the only licensed group day-care facility on the West Side, here at St. Matthew's Catholic Church! Remember, the food shelves need replenishing during the summer months. Food donations can be contributed in the baskets at the entrances to church.

### BOY SCOUT TROOP #107 RECYCLING

The Scout's next aluminum can recycling collection will be next weekend, July 10-11. If you can not get the cans to church, please call Diane at 222-3512 and a Scout will come to pick up your cans.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

**Sunday July 4**  
Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

**Monday July 5**  
**Parish Office Closed**  
9:00 AM, MC Mass  
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes  
6:45 PM, XC Boy Scout Meeting

**Tuesday July 6**  
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes

**Wednesday July 7**  
12:00-7:00 PM, PC St. Mary's Clinic  
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes  
7:00 PM, SH Men's Club Board Meeting

**Thursday July 8**  
12:00-7:00 PM, PC St. Mary's Clinic  
3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes  
**Welcome to the St. Francis of Assisi youth service learning group!**

**Friday July 9**

**Saturday July 10**  
Parking Lot Scout Can Recycling

**Sunday July 11**  
Parking Lot Scout Can Recycling

**Saturday, July 17**  
West Side's Largest Garage Sale  
9-4:00

**Tuesday, August 3**  
National Night Out

**Sunday, August 15**  
Parish Picnic and Mass at Cherokee Park

**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 JUNE 27, 2004

Envelopes and Plate	\$ 7418.36
Youth & Children's Envelopes	\$ 6.40
School Fund	\$ 70.00
Holy Day	\$ 40.00

*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 4	8:00	Robert Stickler, Sr. Gladys & Ben Blaeser Elise & Jack Lonnee 50th Anniversary
	10:30	Parishioners Agnes DeFoe Michael Snaza
Monday, July 5	9:00 AM	Joseph Platenberg
Tuesday, July 6		Patty Lindstedt
Wednesday, July 7		Helen Brennhofer
Thursday, July 8		Sylvester Roering
Friday, July 9		
Saturday, July 10		James Jack George Lackner Freda Reiland
Sunday, July 11	8:00	Larry Simmons
	10:30	Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of July 4, 2004

Sunday, July 4:	Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Monday, July 5:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, July 6 :	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday, July 7:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 8:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday, July 9 :	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday, July 10:	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday, July 11:	Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

## 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.....*Maureen 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 Members

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

### Committee Chairs

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