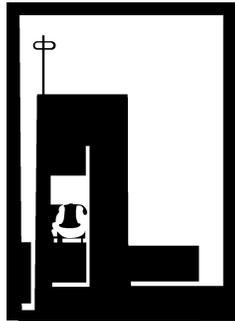


# The Community of St. Matthew

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

It is Saturday morning June 21st, the first day of summer, and I have my copy of THE book. I am deep into it. THE book. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. I did not attend the "Potter Parties" at local bookstores last night -- this guy needs to be in bed before midnight.

The Potter series is now composed of five titles -- each title gets progressively longer; the new book is 900 pages long! The first volume was published in 1997, and there are two more books to be done for the series to be complete.

The first four titles sold 192,000,000 copies. They are published in 55 languages and are distributed in more than 200 countries.

Children and adults have been marking the days until "H. P. Day"; Harry Potter Day -- the day of the new release.

Young people by the millions have become avid readers because of the series. Who would have thought that tens of millions of young people would line up to get a 900 page book and then go home and start reading.

Some people disparaged the books, vilified the stories as promoting witchcraft and Satanism.

The reality is that these are engaging action adventures involving children and adolescents; stories in which there is danger, mystery and surprise; stories in which good overcomes evil, truth vanquishes falsehood, friendship and loyalty are celebrated.

The stories are not about "super heroes". Harry is a rather shy young man, he is an orphan, is a not very handsome. Harry has ordinary social skills and is devoted to his friends. Harry is an ordinary boy -- who is involved in extra ordinary escapades.

Almost all young people have read the books, and so the books could well be used as a resource in teaching moral values and cardinal virtues. It is difficult to make the study of virtues interesting for children and adolescents.

The cardinal virtues -- prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude -- are exemplified in the stories. This summer I hope to spend some time doing an outline on the cardinal virtues for young people using the five Potter books; perhaps in the fall I will experiment with this devise in religious education and school settings.

In the meantime, I am deep into Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix -- and enjoying every page.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This weekend and next are the sign-up times for Habitat for Humanity. Our week will be August 11th-15th in Hastings. Not only do we need people for the construction work, we need people who can help with feeding those workers, site hosts, photographers and various other jobs. Saint Matthew's has in past years supplied medical people for most of the week. Let's try to keep that up. It is really nice to have knowledgeable personnel on-site. Any questions? Please call Ginny Roethler at 651-222-2867.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

A volunteer is needed for delivery once a month on Wednesday from 10:45 AM to about noon. Please call Ron Finnegan at 651-457-9183.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Joseph A. Marthaler on the occasion of his 100th birthday on July 17th!

### GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Father Steve will concelebrate with Father Kevin Spiess from Chicago in a Mass of Thanksgiving here at Saint Matthew's on Sunday, July 20th at 1:00 PM to commemorate Sister Joanna Illg's Golden Jubilee of Profession. You are welcome to attend the liturgy.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### RED AND WHITE PLANNING IS UNDERWAY—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Saint Matthew's Home & School Association is in the preliminary stages of planning the next Red & White Dinner, which is scheduled for April 24, 2004. Volunteers are needed to assist with all aspects of the event. The planning committee meets every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the school. **Our next meeting is July 16th.** If you are interested in assisting with this important school endowment fundraiser, please call Lynda Nelson at 651-455-3685 or Donna Jenniges at 651-222-1077.

### SAINT MATTHEW'S WEBSITE

Have access to the Internet? Check out the new homepage of the parish website at [www.st-mats.org](http://www.st-mats.org).

### PARISH PICNIC AND ASSUMPTION MASS

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 14th for the parish picnic at Cherokee park. Mass for the Assumption will be celebrated at 6:00 PM followed by good food and good conversation. Please bring a dish to share. Hamburgers and brats will be available for a nominal cost. Also bring chairs, paper products and a beverage for your family. Watch this space for more information.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Desire the best marriage possible? Attend a Marriage Encounter the weekend of August 22nd, September 5th or sign up for the Retreat for Seniors (+50) September 12th-14th. Weekends are held on beautiful Rogers Lake, six minutes from the Mall of America. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for information and a listing of monthly retreats or call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238.

This is an excellent program that has been celebrating and serving marriages since 1972 and encourages couples to renew and restore their commitment to Christian marriage.

### VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL

You are invited to an organizational meeting for a Twin Cities regional affiliate of Voice of the Faithful (VOTF). It will be held on Thursday, July 31st, at Pax Christi Catholic Community, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie. VOTF is a nationwide group of Catholics who love the Church but feel there is a need for change. VOTF started in suburban Boston in 2003 in response to the clergy sex abuse crisis. VOTF's mission is "to provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the Faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church."

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 13</b>
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 14</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 15</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 16</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, SC	Red & White Planning Committee
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 18</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 19</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 20</b>
1:00 PM	Sister Joanna Illg's Golden Jubilee of Profession

### Abbreviations:

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 6 Envelopes and Plate: \$7903.95  
 Holy Day: \$5.00  
 Vigil Lights: \$14.00  
 Children's Envelopes: \$5.50  
 School Envelopes and Plate: \$1215.56

*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 13	8:00 AM George Gubash Matt Schleicher
	10:30 AM Larry Simmons Parishioners
Monday, July 14	Jim and Jeanette Dieter
Tuesday, July 15	Robert Norton Albert Hartmann
Wednesday, July 16	Agnes Meisinger Joseph Plantenberg
Thursday, July 17	Carol G. Schubring Margaret Johnson Joseph A. Marthaler (100th birthday)
Friday, July 18	
Saturday, July 19	Joseph Karas John and Irene Pacht
Sunday, July 20	8:00 AM Clarence Kammerer Elias Uribe (birthday)
	10:30 AM Juli Hafiz Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 13, 2003

Sunday, July 13	Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13
Monday, July 14	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday, July 15	Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday, July 16	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday, July 17	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday, July 18	Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday, July 19	Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday, July 20	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

## 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*  
 Pastoral Administrator  
 Dir. Education & Formation ..... *Beth Behnke*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Dana McCarthy*  
 Dir. Pastoral Ministry ..... *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*  
 Dir. Child Care ..... *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