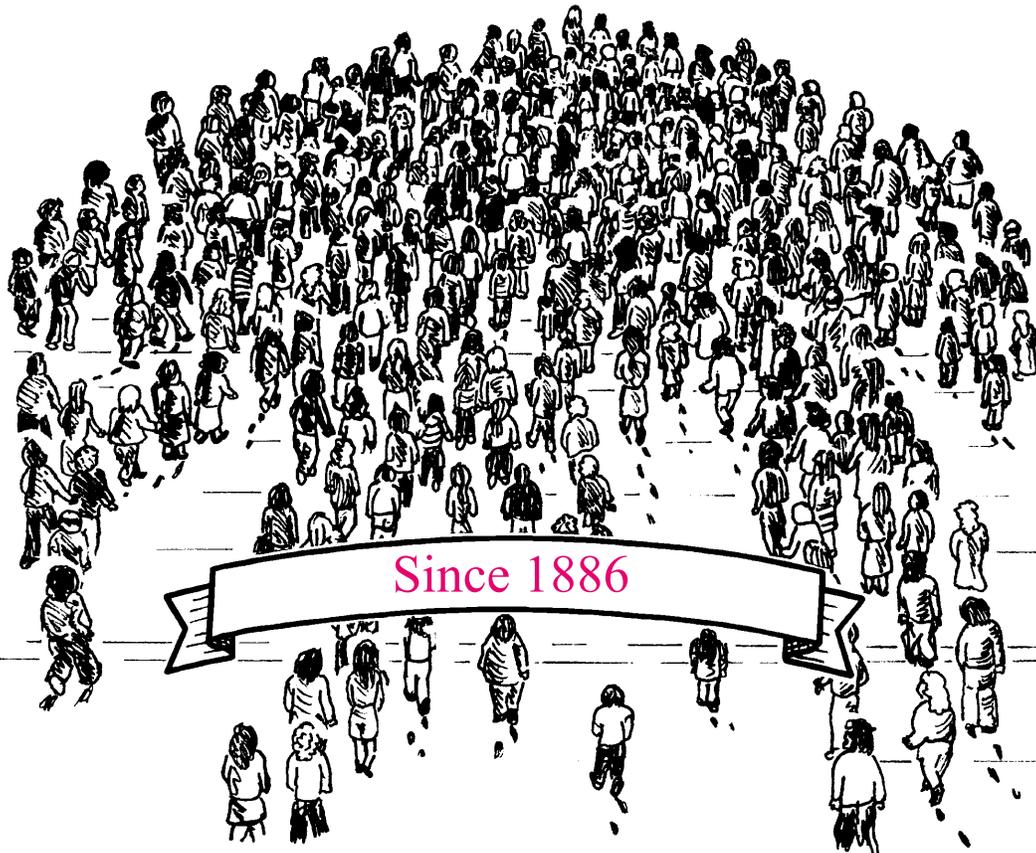


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the years I have heard and read accounts by Catholic neoconservatives about how the liturgy of Vatican II as practiced in the United States is not what the church intends. I have read and was told that the Vatican was going to rein in the so called "American abuses" of the sacred liturgy.

Four months ago Stephen Mike and I attended Mass together on the Fifth Sunday of Lent at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Rome. Not only is this church in Rome, it is located less than one block from Saint Peter's Square and the Vatican. It is within a stone's throw of the papal apartments. The church is located on that broad boulevard leading into Saint Peter's Square known as the Via Concilazione.

We arrived for the 10:30 Sunday morning Mass ten minutes early. The church seats no more people than does Saint Matthew's. The seating is portable pews and kneelers. The Church is decorated with frescos and much gilded statuary. Parts of the structure are in need of repair, or at least some cosmetic touch ups. There is a capital drive underway and the "thermometer" indicating stages of success was visible at the side of the church.

The church was pretty full. We took a place about half way back. A young mom and dad with their pre-school son were out "seat mates". The little tyke was quite taken with shoe laces and had free range to crawl and wander through the pews. A grand daughter escorted her aged grandmother into the pew in front of us. Grandma appeared to be less than aware of her surroundings. Half way through Mass the grand daughter escorted grandma out.

Mass began with a procession from the back of church. Five altar servers led the procession -- two carrying candles, one carrying the cross and two walking in front of the parish priest. All the altar servers were girls. The music of the liturgy was the music we sing week by week -- only translated into Italian.

At homily time the pastor called for a black board on wheels that had figures of the story of the raising of Lazarus. He proceeded to engage children and adults in a reflection on the Gospel. The three or four front pews were filled with grade school children. Children and adults entered into the question and answer dialogue with the pastor.

This is church, so a collection was taken up after the homily. Stephen gave the little tyke a few coins to put

into the collection basket. The gifts of bread and wine were brought forward along with the collection baskets and presented at the altar. Also, this Sunday a baptismal gown was carried forward at the offertory time. The parish was preparing to baptize infants and children at the Easter Vigil in two weeks.

During the Eucharistic prayer some people knelt, some sat and others stood. The demeanor of all was reverent and informal. The acclamations were the same as we sing week after week. At the time of the peace greeting people eagerly and genuinely greeter their neighbors with a handshake and smile. While the sign of peace was being given the pastor prepared the plates for communion distribution.

All were invited to come forward and receive communion. People received communion standing in communion lines and almost all received communion in their hands.

Following communion god parents of those to be baptized came forward and were prayed over and introduced to the congregation to the sound of joyous applause. The Mass ended at 11:30 with a series of announcements and encouragement about participating in the upcoming Holy Week and Easter celebrations. As the recessional hymn was sung the servers and song leaders and pastor exited down the main aisle.

For all the world I was at Saint Matthew's for the Sunday 10:30 Mass. The feel was the same, the music was the same, the easy style and welcoming atmosphere was the same, the presence of children was the same. Here, less than a block from the Pope's residence the Sunday Mass a la Saint Matthew's is celebrated. So much for the criticism of the neo conservative Catholic.

Stephen and I exited the church at 11:30 and walked the block to Saint Peter's Square where a large crowd had gathered to pray the angelus with Pope John Paul. He was televised from the hospital and shown on huge screens surrounding the square. A little after 12:00 we headed back down the Via Concilazione to have a cappuccino and sit in the sun.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

THE FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING!

The St. Matthew's Fall Festival will be held on September 17 & 18 this year. The planning group will be meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Come be a part of one of the best fall weekends in the area. All ideas are welcome! Contact Tim Nowak at 651-450-4975 for more information.

MEN'S CLUB AT THE TWIN'S

The Men's Club will be taking a train ride to see the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday, July 19. Price is \$17 for the ticket and \$3.00 for the train ride to and from the Metrodome. The Club will be meeting at Fort Snelling for a pre-game barbecue (items will be available for purchase a la carte) between 5 and 5:30 PM, and riding the train to the game around 6:30 PM. Reservations must be made with Tim Nowak either after mass or by phone at 651-450-4975 prior to 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 17.

DO YOU LIKE TO GRILL?

You can win one of 2 gas grills, donated by Langula's Hardware and Menard's in Midway, in this year's Summer Scrip Blitz. Each week after mass SCRIP is available for purchase. You will receive a raffle ticket for each \$50 in SCRIP. SCRIP is available for Cub Foods, Rainbow Foods, Super America, Holiday Station Stores, McDonald's, Burger King, Applebee's, and many more places. Stop by the table in the back of the church and take a look. SCRIP is the fundraiser that costs you nothing extra!! Also- SCRIP will only be available after weekend masses during the month of July. We will resume weekday sales in the school office in August.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS AND AIDES WANTED

The Religious Education program is in search of people who would enjoy sharing their faith with the children of the Parish. We are also in need of post-Confirmation teens to volunteer in the classrooms. If this is a ministry that you are called to please contact Doug Lieser, Director of Education at 651-224-6912.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PAT REILAND

Best wishes to Pat Reiland as she celebrates her 80th birthday. Pat is a lifetime member of St. Matthew's.

SONGS OF HOPE CONCERT

Each summer, Songs of Hope brings to Minnesota children aged 10-13 from countries around the world. The children live together, making friends, rehearsing together, creating a musical concert to spread the idea that people can respect each other, and difference should be cause for celebration. On July 17 the children of Songs of Hope will present a concert of multi-ethnic songs, dances, etc featuring children from Singapore, Israel, Turkey, Costa Rica, Italy, the Czech Republic and the Twin Cities. Join us at the E. M. Pearson Theatre, Concordia University on Sunday, July 17 at 7:00 PM to celebrate with these children. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 17
10:30 AM, MC	Baptism
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	July 18
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	July 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:30 PM	Men's Club Twins Party—Fort Snelling Club-Metro Dome
Wednesday	July 20
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SH	Fall Festival Planning Meeting
Thursday	July 21
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 22
Saturday	July 23
Sunday	July 24

UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

Wednesday, August 10 & Thursday, August 11—School Family Information Night
Monday, August 15 - Parish Mass and Picnic at Cherokee Park.
Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18— Parish Festival

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 10, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,747.00
School Fund	230.00
Youth & children's envelopes	2.00

If you are going to be on vacation, you can drop off contribution envelopes in the Parish Office.

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 17	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society Robert J. Stickler, Sr. 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, July 18	World Peace
Tuesday, July 19	Parishioners
Wednesday, July 20	Ray Mosberger
Thursday, July 21	Sr. Colleen Hau, SSND Frank C. Willems
Friday, July 22	
Saturday, July 23	Ignatius & Marie Marsollek Harry Borowicz Tim Jack
Sunday, July 24	8:00 AM Mary Mike Ed Maher SSND Provincial Council 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2005

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/ Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/ Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/ Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/ Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian

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