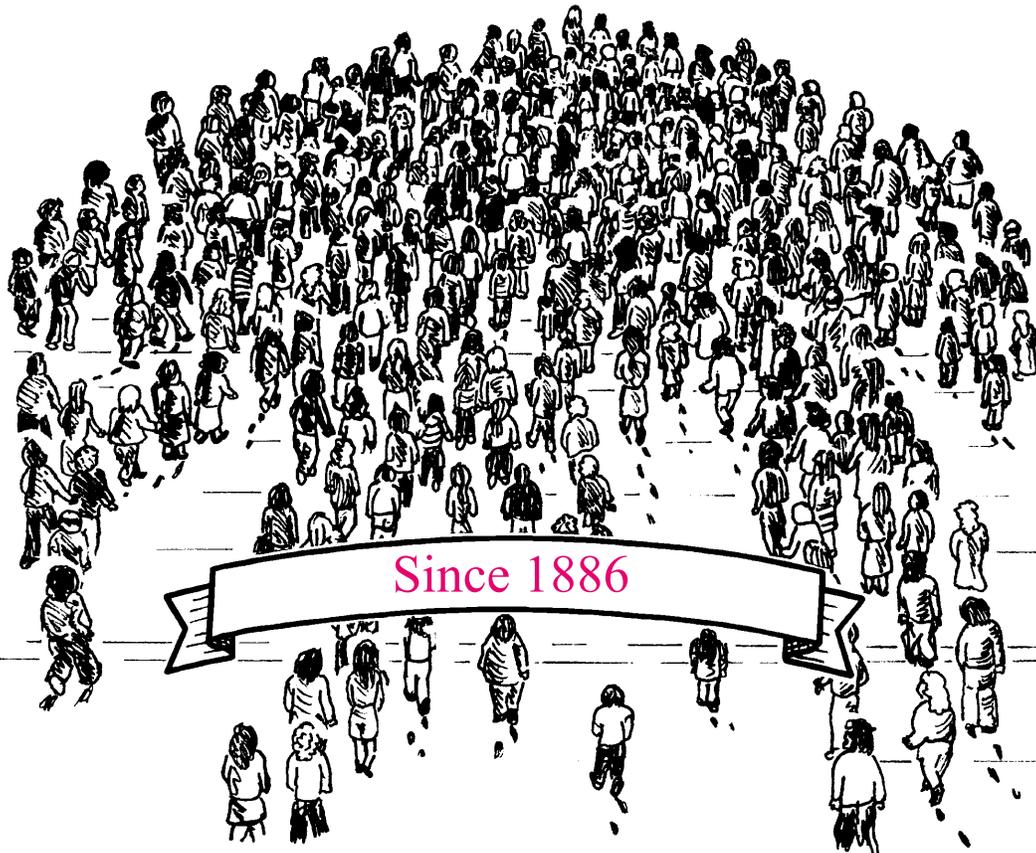


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend is “Fourth of July Weekend”, “Independence Day Weekend”. We commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on that hot muggy summer of 1776. We celebrate “the great experiment” – a people so brazen as to believe they can live a secure and productive life in a free society.

The rights enshrined in the Declaration and in the Bill of Rights are essential guarantees for citizens against the intrusion of government. The framers believed that a people, with the guaranteed freedom to do the good, can be held accountable and in such a way can regulate their lives without direct governmental interference. The role of government is to assist the citizen to live a free and productive life.

The object of this freedom is the pursuit of the common good. The greatness of a society, a community a human endeavor is found in the promotion of the ideals and values by which all people are made able to achieve their destiny.

At the heart of this freedom is the free-exercise clause of the First Amendment – for this is the lynch pin of the freedom of conscience – the basic human freedom flowing from the very nature of the human person.

American Catholics are a unique breed of Catholic. We are borne and bred with the ideals and values of American democracy, and we are passionate and faith filled members of the Roman Church.

The first Archbishop of Saint Paul, John Ireland, saw no

intrinsic contradiction between being an active and committed citizen of the United States and a passionate and faith filled member of the body of Christ – the Church.

This conviction was not shared by the majority of the universal church. The Catholic Church has until recently exhibited a distrust for democracy. After all, the Catholic Church institution is a hierarchical and monarchical structure. Nevertheless the unique contribution United States Catholics can bring to the universal church is an experience of Catholic life lived out in a democratic and pluralistic society.

To do this successfully the Church must continue to find ways of entering into sincere and creative dialogue with all other elements of society in seeking the common good of all. The Church must accept the fact that this dialogue is not theological in nature. The foundation of the Church’s participation in this dialogue is found in faith and theology, the nature of the dialogue is fundamentally philosophical and cultural, political and economic. The dialogue is rooted in the dignity of the human person, the search for and commitment to the common good, the preservation of that fragile fabric of a free and pluralistic democratic society.

On this weekend let us take the time to reflect on the gift we have received from the founders, and the challenge we have as Catholics to live our lives fully within “the great experiment” which is the United States of America.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2006
9:00 AM
IN THE MAIN CHURCH

There will be no mass at 6:45 AM on July 4th. The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. The parish office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th at 9:00 AM. There will be no evening meal served by Loaves and Fishes on Monday, July 3rd or Tuesday, July 4th.

WELCOME JOHN AND MARY RIEHLE

This weekend we welcome John and Mary Riehle back to Saint Matthew’s. After a hiatus of five years, John returns to Saint Matthew’s as the Parish Pastoral Administrator. John will exercise the full pastoral office in all material, programmatic, personnel and financial matters. This opportunity allows me to be a teacher, leader of worship, counselor, and community builder.

In a few weeks, we will celebrate a solemn commissioning of John into the ministry of Parish Pastoral Administrator.

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

The school office will be closed from July 3-July 7, messages will be checked daily. The school office will reopen on Monday, July 10 at 9:00 AM. The balance of July the school office will be open, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – 2006—10 YEARS OF SERVICE

St. Matthew's parish will be involved again this summer in constructing a home with Habitat for Humanity. This will be the 10th year we have partnered with St. Thomas Beckett and Mount Calvary Lutheran to donate labor, donate supplies, and raise money for this project.

We will be working on a home during the week of August 21. Our project team will find out the location of the house in the next few weeks. Starting the middle of July we will begin to have sign up sheets in the back of church. We typically need about 50 volunteers to help one of more days during the week on the home construction site. If you can work for a half-day, that would be a valuable contribution toward this effort.

Between the three churches Habitat is asking us to raise \$6,000 in addition to the volunteer labor. Between the three churches, we already have \$3,000 contributed through the budgets of our respective parishes. Toward the end of July or early August, the second collection after communion will allow individuals and families to make an additional contribution toward reaching our financial goal.

If we are able to find an in-kind contribution of services or materials, the value of that professional time and items counts toward meeting our overall financial contribution. For now, we are searching for either donated professional services -- plumbers, electricians, etc. -- or donated supplies, such as new carpeting, bathroom fixtures, cabinets, door hardware, etc.

If you know of anyone who can volunteer professional services for a day or has new items they wish to donate, please contact Dave Haley 651-266-4114 (work) or 651-292-0521 (home).

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING THIS WEEK

Boy Scout Troop 107 will be recycling ALUMINUM cans before and after all Masses on July 1 & 2. Please bring your cans to the Boy Scout trailer in the parking lot. Thank you for your continued support.

SONGS OF HOPE

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 a cause for celebration. Join us at the EM Pearson Theatre, Concordia University on Sunday, July 23 at 7:00 PM to celebrate with these children.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	July 2
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	July 3
Parish Office & School Office Closed	
Tuesday	July 4
Parish Office, School Office, Child Care and KLT Closed	
9:00 AM, MC	Mass
Wednesday	July 5
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 6
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 7
Saturday	July 8
Sunday	July 9
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-June 18	\$6,413.32
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$465,041.00
Need to date:	<u>\$491,854.00</u>
	-\$26,813.00
School Fund	\$27.00
Holy Day	\$10.00

As you vacation, please do not forget your weekly contribution to this parish community. Our parish ministries do not enjoy vacations. Thanks for remembering

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished. s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 2	8:00 AM +Roger Klingner Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society
Monday, July 3	10:30 AM Parishioners +Arthur Geis +Freda Reiland
Tuesday, July 4	9:00 AM +Charles Otte (Anniversary) +Frank Stelter (Anniversary)
Wednesday, July 5	+Sr. Colleen Hau, SSND
Thursday, July 6	
Friday, July 7	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, July 8	+Joseph Palermo, +Joseph Karas, Sr., +Joseph Karas, Jr.
Sunday, July 9	8:00 AM +Joseph Kammerer +Richard Charboneau 10:30 AM +Harry and Margaret Newmaster Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2006

Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/ 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday:	Eph 2:19-22/ Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/ Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/ Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17/ Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/ Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15/ Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6

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 *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator *Cindy Hoffman*
Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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Parish School..... 651-224-6912
KLT Kids 651-665-0786
Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Nicole Johnson	*John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian
*—Facilitator	

Committee Chairs

Finance.....
Education Advisory Richard Dunn