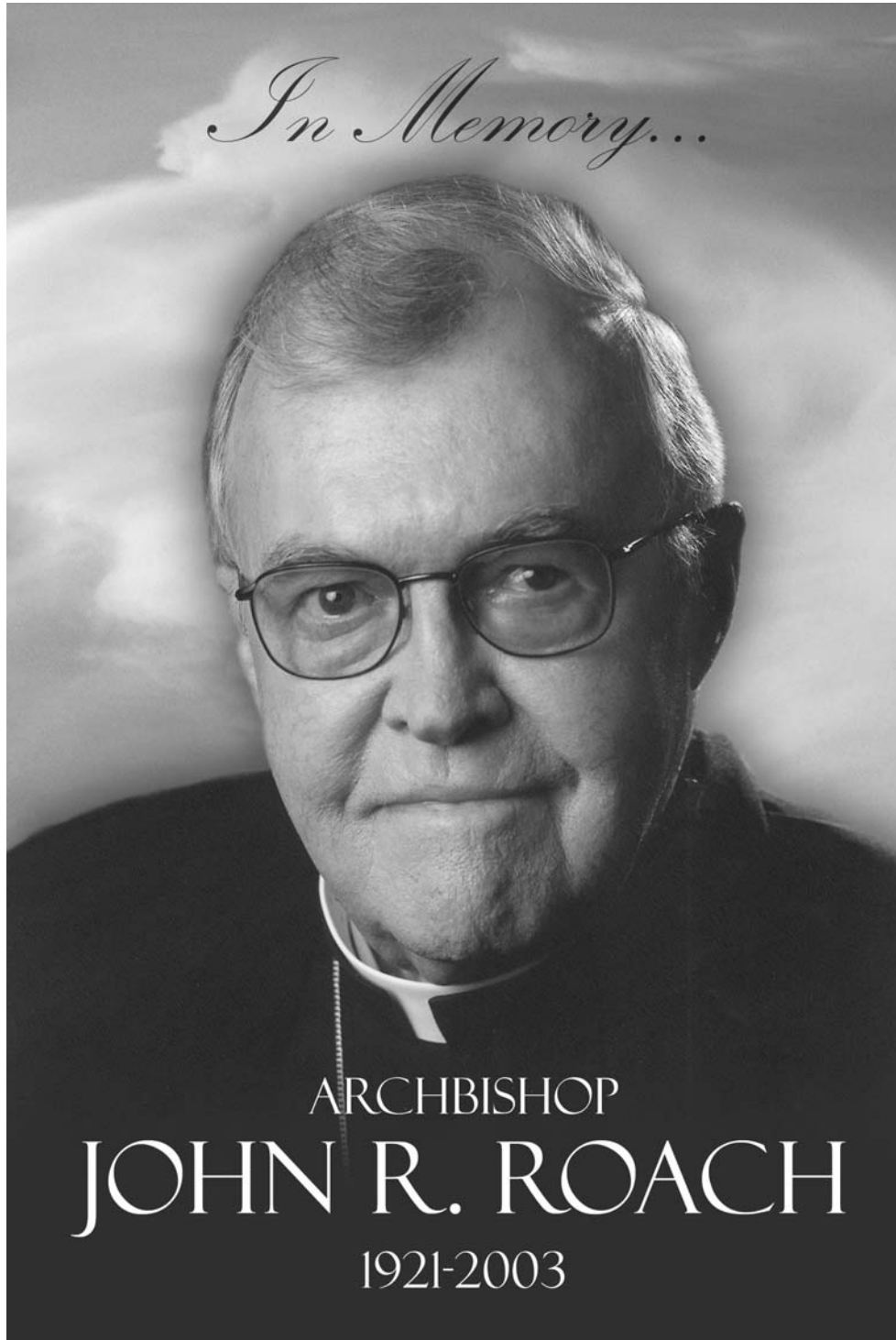


# The Community of St. Matthew



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week I write to children and grandparents. On Saturday of this week, July 26<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. These two wonderful people are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary – and so, the grandparents of Jesus.

Often we remember that Jesus shared the fullness of our human nature, that Jesus was fully a part of human life, that Jesus experienced everything that human beings experience. How often do we think about the fact that Jesus had a Grandpa and Grandma?

The Gospel stories don't tell us much about the life of Jesus' grandparents, all of that is left up to our imagination.

We know that Mary grew up in the little town of Nazareth and can assume that in this same small town her parents lived – maybe even lived in the same house as Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In those days extended families often lived together.

Just as grandparents often spend time with grandchildren, so I imagine that Joachim and Anne spent time with Jesus. Maybe Joachim took Jesus fishing, or taught him how to build things, or taught him how to play games. Maybe Anne taught Jesus some of his lessons or taught him his prayers or helped him with his homework.

Maybe Jesus ran errands for his grandma and grandpa; maybe he helped with the cleaning or the things that

had to be done around the house. Maybe Jesus and Mary and Joseph and Joachim and Anne took vacations together, maybe they went on trips together. Maybe on family birthdays Jesus made special presents for his grandma and grandpa; and maybe on Jesus birthday his grandma cooked something special for him or made him a special gift.

Maybe Joachim and Anne had other children too, and that Mary had brothers and/or sisters. Maybe Jesus had lots of aunts and uncles and cousins. Maybe the family was very large.

Grandparents have a special relationship with children, and often have the time and leisure to do for children what parents are too busy or unable to do.

Sometimes children have a special relationship with grandparents, they talk with grandparents and share dreams and plans with grandparents.

As we approach Jesus' grandma and grandpa's feast day it would be well to imagine and think about what those relationships were all about; and it might also be a good time for grandparents and grandchildren to spend some time with each other and do something special.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### RENOVATION OF THE SOCIAL HALL

Social hall renovation is moving into high gear. We are looking at bids on painting, carpentry, carpeting, flooring, lighting and sound systems. If any members of the parish have expertise or skills in these areas we would like to hear from you. Leave your name and number with Nicole at the Parish Center.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

You still have the opportunity this weekend to sign-up 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 Rothler 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.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS—AUGUST 5 & 6

All families enrolled at St. Matthew's are required to attend one of these information evenings. The meeting will take place in the church beginning at 6:30 PM. Required forms for school will be completed and information on scouting, sports, music, etc. will also be available. Call the school office at 651-224-6912 to indicate which evening you will be attending. Registrations are still being accepted for the 2003-04 school year, please contact the school office if you are interested in registering your child/ren.

### ASSISTED LISTENING

Trouble hearing during mass: We have 4 assisted listening devices available for your use. We also have available for purchase at \$3.00 each, small personal ear phones which plug into these devices. You can take the ear phone home with you each week and bring it back for mass. We asks that you sign these devices in and out each week, in then notebook provided. This allows us to evaluate the use of our Assisted Listening Service as well as "track down" any devices that inadvertently follow someone home. If you need assistance, just ask an Usher. They will be happy to help.

### ALL SCOUT MEETING

There will be an all scout meeting on Monday, July 28 in the Parish Center downstairs in the Extend Day area at 7:00 PM. This is for all Boy and Girl Scout Leaders and any interested people. We will discuss the Fall Registration, Annual Sliding Party and Scout Sunday. If any questions, please call Diane at 222-3512.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This service, offered for children ages 3 through 6, during our 10:30 Sunday mass (September through May), is in need of volunteer leaders and helpers. This is a valuable ministry for the children who participate, the parents who benefit from their children's participation, and the volunteers who share their faith with the little ones. If you can give 25-30 minutes one Sunday a month to this ministry (or are interested information before you volunteer), please leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830. Remember: More volunteers = Less work for everyone. Perhaps we can expand our volunteer base by following a co-operative model. Training will be provided.

### 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.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 1:00 PM	<b>July 20</b> Sister Joanna Illg's Golden Jubilee of Profession
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 21</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 22</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 23</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	<b>July 24</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 25</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 26</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00 PM 12:30 PM	<b>July 27</b> Baptism Baptism

### **Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 13 Envelopes and Plate: \$7946.66  
 Food Shelf: 3.60  
 Children's Envelopes: \$5.10  
 School Envelopes: \$169.00

*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 20	8:00 AM Clarence Kammerer Elias Uribe (birthday) 10:30 AM Juli Hafiz Parishioners
Monday, July 21	Lillian LaRock
Tuesday, July 22	Marc Ortega
Wednesday, July 23	Francis Schleicher
Thursday, July 24	Jay Kelley
Friday, July 25	
Saturday, July 26	Bernard Ferber John and Irene Pachtl
Sunday, July 27	8:00 AM Shirley Shepard Sr. Mary Colleen Hau 10:30 AM Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2003  
 Sunday : Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34  
 Monday: Ex 4:5-18; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1; or, Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 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: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28  
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30  
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

### FOR SALE:

One burial plot at Resurrection Cemetery \$600.00. If interested call Jean Bagan (651)453-1023.

## 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