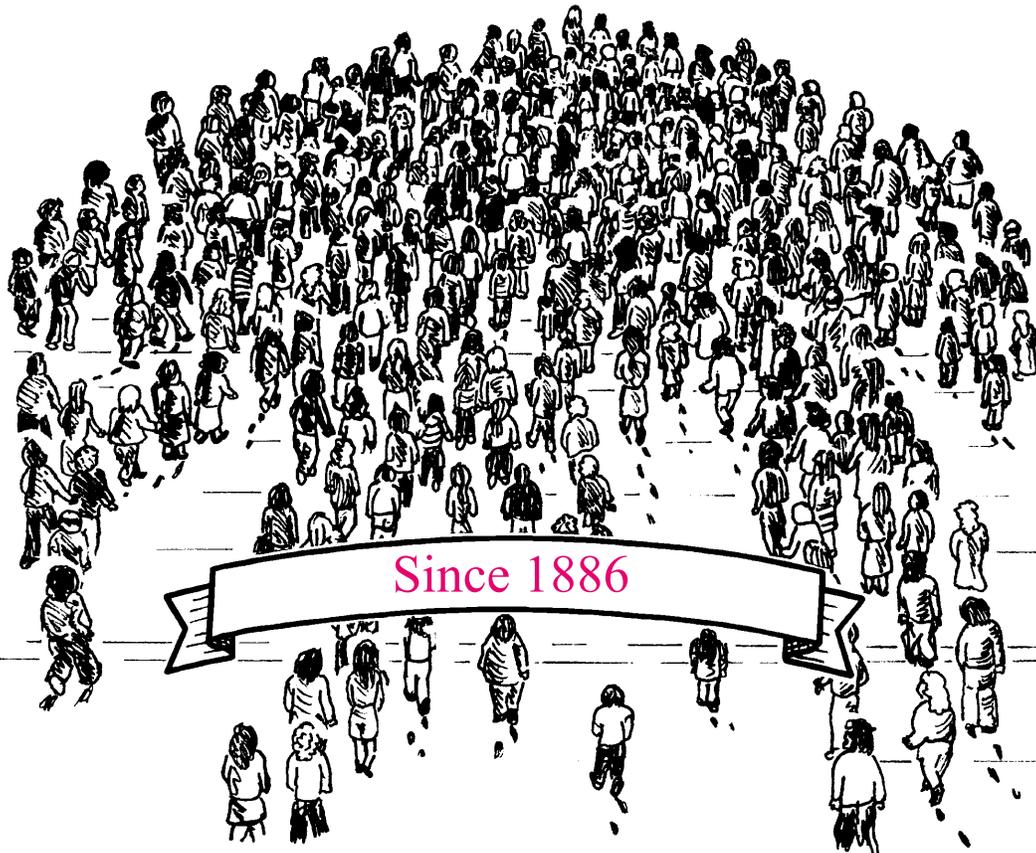


The Community of St. Matthew



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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

*“The bread which I do not use
is the bread of the hungry;*

*The garment hanging in my closet
is the garment of the one who is naked;*

*The shoes that I do not wear
are the shoes of one who is barefoot;*

*The money that I keep locked away
is the money of the poor;*

*The acts of charity that I do not perform
are so many injustices that I commit.”*

St Basil the Great

The moral teaching of Jesus is rooted in the truth that truly I am my brother's keeper. The Gospel of Matthew outlines in so many instructions and parables the moral imperative of a disciple. Chapters six and seven of Matthew – the Sermon on the Mount – are the corner stone of this instruction. The teaching of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel reaches its apex in the 25th chapter – the parable of the final judgment – “I was hungry, and you gave me to eat.....”

Gospel morality is not only to govern my personal life; it is also normative for the life of a church institution. Our parish must be visible and conspicuous for living this Gospel morality. In this way Saint Matthew's gives witness to the love of God and truly becomes “a visible sign of God's love”.

During the coming months the Saint Matthew Parish Pastoral Council and parish organizations and ministries will once again review our parish mission statement and evaluate what we do and who we are in light of that mission.

Those simple 13 words – *Saint Matthew's exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love* – are the measure by which we measure who and what we are.

May we truly live our mission in word and fact.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

VISITING PREACHERS

This weekend, Father Harvey Balance, representing Catholic Relief Services, will be presiding and preaching. He is here to spell Father Steve, but also to tell of the work of CRS. That is the organization through which most of the money for the tsunami and for hurricane relief was funneled. Take a bracelet and be certain to take a brochure describing their work. Each summer, there is a “missionary Sunday.” On August 5 and 6 representatives from the Franciscan Brothers, friends of the poor and elderly, will be here for that preaching. There will be a second collection taken up for their work.

THANK YOU MEN'S CLUB

A belated thank you to the Men's Club for co-sponsoring the Altar Servers Recognition Bowling Party in June. Thanks for your continued support of our youth at St. Matthew's.

HOMEBOUND VISITS

If you or a loved one would like a visit from our homebound ministry, please call Sr. Anne Becker at the Parish Center—651-224-9793.

COFFEE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a social hour after mass on July 30th with information about international students joining our local Catholic community: Host family needed for Yo Han, a 16 yr. old, 11th grade boy. He is from South Korea and will be attending Hill-Murray High School for the 2006-2007 school year. He speaks English, is fully insured, and brings his own pocket money. The host family provides room and board and receives a generous monthly stipend. There are also two great international students going to Totino-Grace next year in need of host families. Please join us after mass for coffee and be able to speak with someone about these students, or for more information, please call Sue Franck at 651-686-0080 ex 603 or email sfranck@nacelopendoor.org

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

WHY CHOOSE ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL?

1. The right blend of Christian values, high academic standards and achievement, positive self-worth, respect and discipline.
2. Core curriculum with specialist in technology, Spanish, physical education, art and music.
3. Small class sizes with a diverse population
4. Dedicated and licensed teachers with high expectations who give individual attention.



Invest in your child. Choose St. Matthew's School! Call or stop by and discover our parish school. We currently have openings in grades K-8 for the 2006-2007 school year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS AND AIDES NEEDED

The Religious Education program is in search of people who would enjoy sharing their faith with the children of the parish. If this is a ministry that you are called to please contact Doug Lieser, Director of Education at 651-224-6912 or Kathy Goldenstein, Coordinator of Religious Education at 651-455-8683.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship: managing the property, finances and household of Another... We can examine our lives of stewardship by using the three Ts--Time in prayer, Talent in and beyond the parish, Treasure for the support of the ministries of the parish. All of this to help the parish achieve its mission: to be a visible expression of the love of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

Time [in prayer]: can we/will we spend at least six minutes in prayer each day? What to pray for...peace in the world, the safety of everyone in zones of war, all the ministers and ministries at Saint Matthew's.

Talent: a group of "behind-the-scenes" volunteers who give their talent on a regular basis: the money counters. These teams of five women and men open envelopes, count the collection and prepare it for deposit. Thanks to each of them. We could make their job easier if we filled in the appropriate info on our envelopes. [There are a few openings on some of the counting teams. If you could help, please call Lu at the parish office.]

Treasure: thanks to all envelope users and those who gave through the plate: \$6,951 was put in the operating fund. Thanks for remembering this call to faithful stewardship. [Watch for news of the possibility of "electronic giving." It probably is a "win-win" situation. It's easier for givers; it's consistent; and the contributions are received on a regular basis by the church. We're aiming for January.]

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 23
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	July 24 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC	July 25 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	July 26 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	July 27 Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 28
Saturday	July 29
Sunday	July 30

Abbreviations:

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

HELP KEEP THE FOOD SHELF WELL STOCKED

The need for the food shelf is ongoing. St Matthew's Food Shelf

Ministry collects food every weekend for Neighborhood House. Please help us by bringing a non perishable item or placing a cash donation in the collection. The collection basket, donation envelopes and wish lists can be found in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for our annual bus trip to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Craft Fair in Mankato. This year's trip will be on Saturday, October 14, mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for further information.

M A S S I N T E N T I O N S

Sunday, July 23	8:00 AM +Ed Maher 10:30 AM +Vickie Traynor Parishioners
Monday, July 24	Prayer Service
Tuesday, July 25	Prayer Service
Wednesday, July 26	Prayer Service
Thursday, July 27	Prayer Service
Friday, July 28	Prayer Service
Saturday, July 29	+Earl Caflisch Jack Family
Sunday, July 30	8:00 AM +Larry Simmons +Alice Marthaler 10:30 AM +Agnes DeFoe +John Meyers +Klotine Mosby

W E E K L Y R E A D I N G S

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2006

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/ Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/ Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/ Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/ Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/ Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/ Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/ Eph 4:1-6/ Jn 6:1-15

P A R I S H D I R E C T O R Y

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Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
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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
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