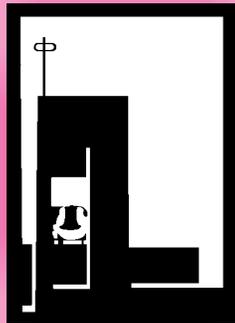
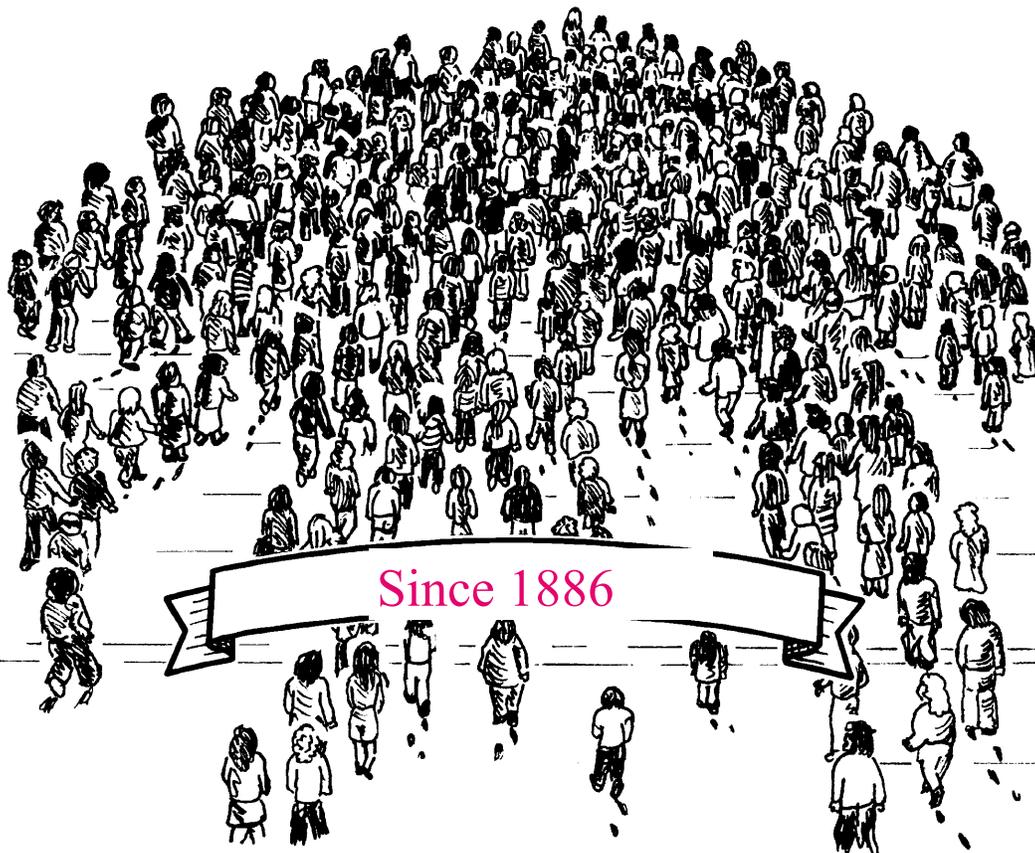


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The past few weeks have been unseasonable hot and humid -- when the dew point jumps to the mid 60's and 70's we are TROPICAL.

We often ignore the implications of a heat wave; we tend to continue life as usual and just assume that all will get done -- albeit, with a little more sweat. Last weekend a triathlon was held in 95 plus degree weather as part of the Minneapolis Aquatennial. Many people were rushed to the hospital -- participants and spectators. Heat exhaustion is no trivial matter. It is life threatening.

In the midst of a Minnesota blizzard we would know how to call off school and close businesses; we would be able to stay out of the blinding snow and freezing wind. Well, a heat wave is no different, no less threatening, no less dangerous.

The summer is a grand time to enjoy different ways of doing life. Go to the beach, enjoy the cool water, lay in the shade and allow the breezes off the water to cool you. Let kids play in the sprinkler. Make sure adults and children have lots of water -- this is the time to be conscious of taking water to avoid dehydration. Ten years ago when I spend a month in the Middle East I drank quarts of water daily;

tour guides would always have a huge supply of bottled water for their clients. The dry heat of the Arabian desert was no place to take chances; and when the heat is dry it is harder to tell that one is over heating.

Children and elderly especially need to be watched. Make sure children "take it easy". A heat wave is no time to do a soccer tournament! Many elderly live alone, often they live without air conditioning; and even if they have air conditioning sometimes they are so frugal they refuse to turn it on. If you have elderly neighbors, check on them, stop and see them, make sure that they are eating and taking fluids.

If you or family members have heart disease or asthma or other repertory conditions, try to stay inside, certainly do not exert yourself in the sun and humidity. This is not the time to "power walk" or take other outside exercise.

Let's enjoy the summer, and lets do it with sanity.



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH PICNIC—AUGUST 15, 2005

Join us at Cherokee Park on Monday, August 15 for Mass and a parish picnic. Mass will be celebrated at 5:45 PM with a potluck picnic to follow. Brats, burgers and buns will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Also bring beverages, paper plates and utensils for your family. You may also want to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Matthew's parishioners presently deliver Meals on Wheels every Wednesday. As a volunteer you are assigned one Wednesday per month. Delivery time starts between 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM and usually takes 30-60 minutes to deliver. Most of our volunteers have been doing this for years and find it very rewarding. We presently need on volunteer for Route 3. All delivers are on the West Side and are picked up at the West 7th Community Center. If you are interested, please call Ron Finnegan at 457-9183. Thank you.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ENROLLMENT ONGOING

St. Matthew's School, the Catholic School of the West Side, is currently accepting students in grades K-8 for the 2005-06 school year. Give your child the gift of a faith filled education in a school with a 118-year tradition of providing a high quality education. To schedule a tour or enroll call the school at 651-224-6912.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS FOR 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR

Attention parents of children entering grades 1-10, the St. Matthew's Religious Education Program is enrolling students for the coming school year. Classes meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM and are a wonderful way to teach your child about their faith. To register, please call the school office at 651-224-6912.

SIBLEY CLASS OF 1980 REUNION

The 1980 Class of Henry Sibley High School, is having a 25 year class reunion on Saturday, August 27, 2005 at the Croatian Hall, 445 2nd Avenue, in South St. Paul For details, please see the web-site at www.sibley1980.com or e-mail at sibley1980@aol.com

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	July 24
Monday	July 25
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	July 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	July 27
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 28
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
Friday	July 29
Saturday	July 30
Sunday	August 1
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

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,084.14
School Fund	55.00
Youth & children's envelopes	.40

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 24	8:00 AM Mary Mike Ed Maher SSND Provincial Council 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, July 25	World Peace
Tuesday, July 26	Parishioners
Wednesday, July 27	World Peace
Thursday, July 28	Earl Cafilisch
Friday, July 29	
Saturday, July 30	Alice Marthaler Louise Heller
Sunday, July 31	8:00 AM Parishioners 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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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 Extended Day..... 651-228-1535
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 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 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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Finance..... Linda Sellars
 Education Advisory Richard Dunn
 Liturgy