

The Community of St. Matthew

St. Matthew's School
The Catholic School of the West Side
Family Information Night
August 10 & 11
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
In the Church

Join us for an evening to learn about
our school curriculum and policies.

New registrations for 2005-2006 for all grades
will be accepted both nights.

Give your child the gift of a faith filled education
in a school with a 118-year tradition
of providing a high quality education

Help us welcome our new
Director of Education,
Doug Lieser.

This is a mandatory event for families that are currently
enrolled for the 2005-2006 school year.

For more information call the school office at 651-224-6912.



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

I didn't go to the Harry Potter Midnight Party on July 16th, nor did I stand in line at Barnes and Noble for hours to get my copy. Young people of Saint Matthew's, Rachel, Bridget, the Becster, Samantha, Holly, D. J., Melissa and Mark, with more staying power than I have, did and got the book for me. To them I am grateful.

This is the biggest one day event in publishing history -- more than 8,500,000 copies sold. The Harry Potter devotees are not only youth; the fascination continues for adults who first discovered Harry in their high school years -- and the fascination has always been alive for those with an imagination and a desire for adventure. The same desire for adventure that sparked my fascination with One Thousand and One Arabian Nights.

On Saturday afternoon, before a wedding, I was talking with an 8th grade girl getting ready to be the altar server at the wedding. She told me that her father stood in line the night before to get her a copy of the book, then brought it home and she dived in -- reading 5 chapters before falling off to sleep.

Since Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone first appeared 8 years ago, in 1997, this series has captured the hearts and minds of hundreds of millions. It has been translated into both living and "dead" languages -- I own a copy of it in Latin, Harrius Potter et Philosophi Lapis.

This is a good strong value centered series -- the good guys win and the bad guys lose; honor, truthfulness, bravery, loyalty, friendship, courage, prudence and goodness win. Liars, thieves, braggarts, cowards and schemers lose. In the later books challenging moral issues are raised -- the issues surrounding racial prejudice, the question of censorship, class and many others.

I count myself to be one of the Harry Potter devotees. The altar server told me she heard a rumor that there are going to be two more volumes Huraaaaaaay!

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting and the Agenda for the August meeting are now available on the website or may be obtained by calling the Parish Office. Any question may be e-mailed to parishcouncil@st-matts.org or contact a council member.

NATIONAL NIGHT—AUGUST 2, 2005

Tuesday, August 2nd is National Night Out. An evening to be outside with your neighbors and celebrate your neighborhood. There are many parties happening on the West Side. To find the party nearest you either check on the web at www.westsidesafe.org or call the West Side Safe Neighborhood at 651-298-9727. It is a fabulous way to spend an evening!

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, GIFT BEARERS & USHERS/GREETERS

It's time to make your requests for the next Liturgical Ministry Schedule. The new schedule will cover September 10 through November 20. Our schedulers will be meeting Saturday, August 20th so please make your requests no later than Wednesday, August 17th. Call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com.

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 hot dogs 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 or blankets. Hope to see you all there!!

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CHILD CARE OPENINGS

Do you need, or know someone who needs high-quality child care on the West Side? St. Matthew's Child Care is now accepting children ages 6 weeks - 5 years. Children enrolled in the Center receive daily home cooked meals, outdoor play time, a school readiness multi-cultural curriculum, and tender loving care from a our long-term dedicated staff. Call Dimary or Denise today at 651-224-1450 to schedule your tour and/or enroll.

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 currently we are seeking an 8th grade teacher and aides for all 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.

IRISH FAIR MASS

Whether or not you be wearin' the green, you are invited to attend the 2005 Irish Fair Mass, Sunday, August 14, 9:00 AM , outdoors at St. Paul's Harriet Island park. Archbishop Harry Flynn will be the presider of this ethnic Mass that includes readings and prayers in Gaelic. After the Mass, enjoy the festivities of the Irish Fair; music, dance, crafters, athletics,—and great food and beverages. Admission to the fair is free. Handicapped parking available. For more information visit www.IrishFair.com or call 952-474-7411.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	July 31 Baptism
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	August 1 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC	August 2 Loaves and Fishes Guitar Group
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	August 3 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, PC	August 4 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes AA Meeting
Friday	August 5
Saturday	August 6
Sunday 12:00 PM, CH	August 7 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	\$5,444.00
School Fund	18.00
Youth & children's envelopes	2.00
Mission Sunday	2,379.00

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.
s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 31	8:00 AM Joseph Karas, Jr. 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, August 1	World Peace
Tuesday, August 2	Parishioners
Wednesday, August 3	Arthur Geis
Thursday, August 4	World Peace
Friday, August 5	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM Agnes & Philip Stefaniak
Saturday, August 6	Helen & John Leibl Babe & Florence Ernst
Sunday, August 7	8:00 AM Larry Simmons Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 31, 2005

Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/ Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/ Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/ Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org
Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
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

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
Education Advisory Richard Dunn
Liturgy