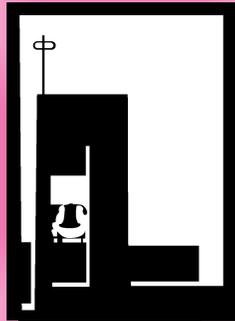
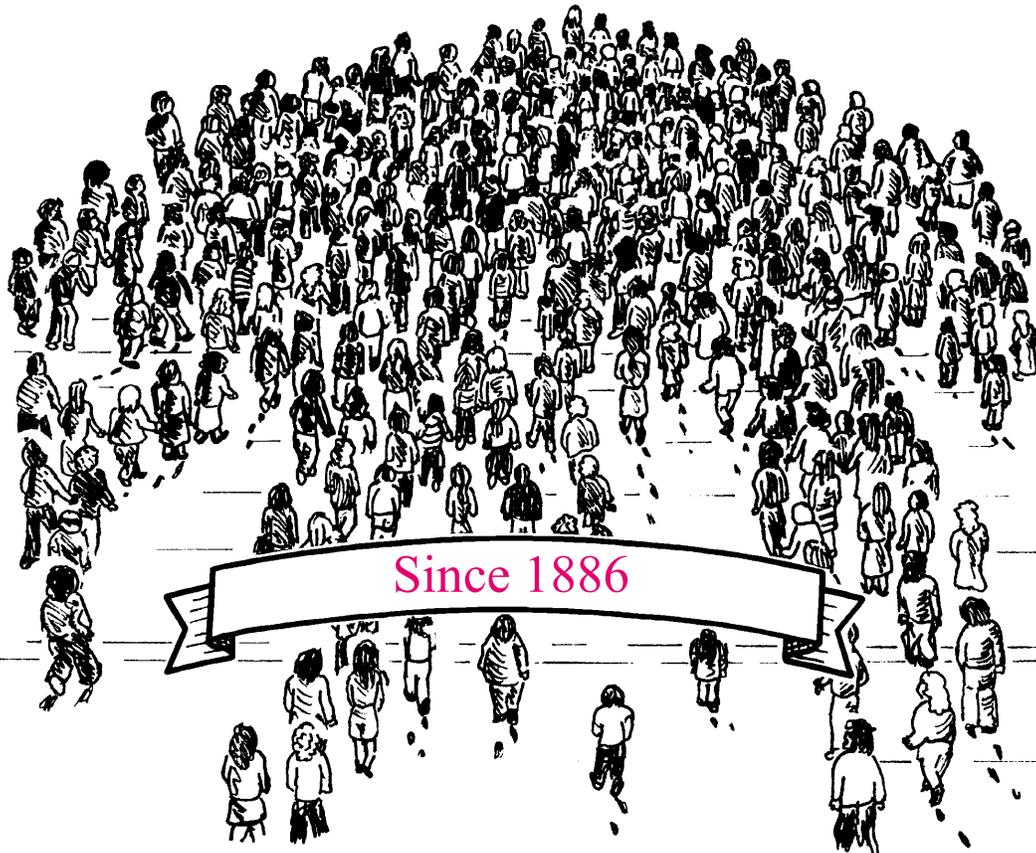


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The Fourth of July, Independence Day, marks the height of the summer season; the hazy, lazy days of summer. Images abound of picnics on the beach or in the park: brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, slaw, grandma's potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob watermelon – always large slices of juicy watermelon; swimming, water skiing, fire works – and mosquitoes – hordes of mosquitoes, swarms of mosquitoes, 5,000 mosquitoes per person!

The day marks that fateful moment in history – July 4th, 1776 when our founders declared independence from foreign domination, independence. The day marks the beginning of the "great experiment" we know as the United States of America. Names and images rush to mind – Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Adams, Madison, Franklin – and of course, the man with perfect penmanship – John Hancock.

The movement for independence was not wide spread; some historians indicate that less than 4 percent of the colonists were willing to go to war with England. The vast majority – while they found the life of colonialism frustrating nevertheless were not so inconvenienced that they would look to war as a solution to their inconveniences.

The members of the Continental Congress and the signatories of the Declaration of Independence were a small group of community leaders, many of them very wealthy people, who dreamed about a new day, a new opportunity, and a new way of living. They believed that God-given rights endowed human beings; they believed that these rights were human and not civil -- although the state had the responsibility to protect and advance these human rights in citizens.

Jefferson wrote: ...we hold these truths to be self evident, that all are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The right to life is that recognition that the gift of life is foundational for the survival of a people. The right to liberty would be further enshrined in the Bill of Rights. The right to pursue happiness -- what is that about?

The pursuit of happiness is not about trivial pleasure seeking. It is fundamental to the conditions of people's lives and to their efforts to change and to improve them. It is about what we call today "empowerment". Aristotle reminds us that all people seek happiness and that each and every act a person performs is done in the search of happiness. Acts and insights may be misguided, they may be wrong, they may be harmful -- but they are "seen" by the person as helping to achieve happiness.

The teaching of our church recognizes those inalienable rights, and teaches us to foster and protect those rights for all people. We are reminded that the quality of a society can well be judged in light of the least of the society to advance. We are called to see these rights as not the private possession of one nation or one culture; but that all people are endowed with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH GARDEN

I am grateful to Catherine Fee who offered to finance the development of a garden in front of Saint Matthew's Church. With the help and direction of Master Gardener Jim Bukowski, others have joined in the planting of the garden—Lynn and Doug Kennedy, Lynn Volkenant, Shirley and Larry Smith, Dick Litfin. The garden is a beautiful enhancement of our church building, thank you one and all.
Fr. Adrian

RED AND WHITE PLANNING IS UNDERWAY—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew's Home & School Association is in the preliminary stages of planning the next Red & White Dinner, which is scheduled for April 24, 2004. Volunteers are needed to assist with all aspects of the event. The planning committee meets every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the school, our next meeting is July 16th. If you are interested in assisting with this important school endowment fund raiser, please call Lynda Nelson (455-3685) or Donna Jenniges (222-1077).

SOCIAL HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

The Social Hall Renovation Committee is happy to report—new faucets are being installed in the kitchen and bathrooms. The metal cabinets in the kitchen will be painted on July 24th. The parking lot repair has been approved and will begin soon. We need volunteers in all phases of this renovation. Please leave your name and number at the Parish Center Office (224-9793) if interested in volunteering to assist. Thank you.

JUNE BAPTISMS CELEBRATED

Blessings of welcome to following who were baptized at the Church of Saint Matthew during the month of June:
 Margaret Schmitt; Emily Schmitt; DaMico Arredondo;
 Omar Arredondo; Isabella Lopez; Cody Edward Volkenant;
 Hunter Jacob Johnson; Amaiya Lucio.

SCRIP AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES

Don't forget to purchase your SCRIP certificates after masses. This is a fundraiser for the school, and the certificates are available for most major merchants. Thank you.

PEACE QUOTE

“We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.”

General Omar Bradley



JUNE FUNERALS AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW

Prayers of peace and condolence to the family and friends of Shirley Shepherd.

SOCIAL HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee members are reminded to attend the meeting this Friday, July 11, at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. Updates and project outlines will be discussed. Questions? Call Wayne Gilbertson (451-9726).

FAMILY VIDEOS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT IN PARISH CENTER

Need a movie for a hot afternoon? Or perhaps you need a video for a rainy summer night? Check out the selection of videotapes available in the Parish Center. The videos have been donated by parishioners, and are available for 1 week check outs, the cost is FREE.

**THIS WEEK AT
 SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	July 6
Monday 3:00 PM, SH	July 7 Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	July 8 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 10:00-11:30 AM 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	July 9 School Office Open St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SH	July 10 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Men's Club Meeting
Friday 7:00 PM, SH	July 11 SH Renovation Committee Mtg
Saturday 12:00 PM, CH 2:00 PM, MC	July 12 Baptism Wedding
Sunday 10:30 AM, MC 12:00 PM, CH	July 13 Baptism during Mass Baptism
Thursday	August 14 Plan ahead for the parish mass and picnic at Cherokee Park! Watch the bulletin for details.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, June 29 Contributions: **\$7756.92**
 June 29 Youth & Children's Envelopes: **\$12.80**
 Holy Day Envelopes: **\$20.00**
 Peter's Pence Envelopes: **\$457.00**
 School Education Envelopes: **\$75.00**

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 6: 8:00 am Bernard Ferber
 10:30 am Agnes DeFoe
 Parishioners

Monday, July 7:
 Tuesday, July 8:
 Wednesday, July 9:
 Thursday, July 10: Marc Ortega
 Clarence & Irene Bunde
 Carol G. Schubring

Friday, July 11:
 Saturday, July 12: 5:00 pm Bernard Ferber
 John & Irece Pachel

Sunday, July 13: 8:00 am George Gubash
 Math Schleicher
 10:30 am Parishioners
 Larry Simmons

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2003

Sunday, July 6: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10;
 Mk 6:1-6

Monday, July 7: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 8: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 9: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,
 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 10: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29;
 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 11: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30;
 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 12: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a;
 Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday, July 13: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14;
 Mk 6:7-13

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 Priest in Residence.....*Father Marty Warren*
 Deacon *Rev. John Murphy*
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Dana McCarthy*
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 Dir. Child Care..... *Maureen Gitlin*
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 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

Tuesday7:15 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