

The Community of St. Matthew

Congratulations!
St. Matthew's Graduating Class
2008



Names from left to right Girls- Marissa Franco,
Amber Pearsall, Emily Smith, Alexis Hernandez,
Karina Calero, Sylvia Owens Boys- Jose Diaz,
Zach Wenner, Nathan Delmont, Sam Sontoya

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

There are many ways to tell the story of Saint Matthew's School and the great educational opportunities our school offers to parents and students.

This message is one of the best kept secrets on the West Side and in West Saint Paul.

During the summer months THE focus for our school and early childhood programs is to introduce ourselves to the community, welcome people into our buildings and tell our story.

I am convinced that once people are "in the building" and see us up front the story is compelling and they want for their child what we can offer.

The challenge is to get families into the building.

You can help. You can invite friends and neighbors to investigate Saint Matthew's as a place for their

child. You can "advertise" our school.

Are you willing to have a lawn sign placed in front of your house? Are you willing to use your lawn as a way of telling the story, giving the message?

If you will help in this way, please call the Church office (651-224-9793) or the school office (651-224-6912) and leave your name, address and phone number. A sign will be placed in your lawn.

Thank you.



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL MEETING

Next meeting: 9:00 AM Sunday, June 22. Come share your interest, your passions and your enthusiasm. Decisions need to be made as we approach the 3 month mark until Sept. 21—the feast of St. Matthew and festival weekend.

OUTDOOR BASEBALL

The St. Matthew's Men's Club will be going to Miesville on Wednesday June 18 to attend a Miesville Mudhens, 2007 state amateur baseball champions, baseball game. Depart St. Matthew's at 5:30 pm, game at 8 pm, returning after the game. Adults \$5.00, children under age 18 \$2.00. Food and refreshments are available at the ballpark and within walking distance.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Thanks to all who supported The European Children Adoption Services at last Sunday's Coffee Hours. \$126.80 was gifted to ECAS from St. Matthew's Church. There's no coffee hour this Sunday and best wishes go out to St. Matthew's School graduating class of 2008 who'll be celebrating in the Social Hall with a luncheon. Coffee hour will return on Sun. June 8.

MINISTRY FAIR

St. Matthew's will be hosting the 3rd Annual Ministry Fair on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8 following all Masses. Everyone is invited to attend to see the many wonderful opportunities there are for involvement in our Parish. If you would like to be included in the Ministry Fair and have not been contacted, please call Jason Delmont at 651-225-8103 or e-mail at jandjdelmont@comcast.net. We'll see you there!

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 31, 5:00 PM - Patrick Butler. Please welcome him to the Lord's Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

LITURGY

We are looking for servers to assist at our weekend liturgies. Being a server means *servicing God and God's people at Mass*. The name "server" clearly points out what you do at Mass: serve God and God's people by helping the priest and his fellow worshipers to praise God as well as they can. By helping the priest and people carry special objects and carry out special actions at Mass, you are really *servicing* God. If you are going into the 4th grade or above you can be a server! Do you need something to commit to this summer? Are you interested? Call Bonnie at the parish office: 651-224-9793.

THE WORDS OF PRAYER

Prayer words can float by so quickly. The opening prayer of today's liturgy is a good example. It asks that we might "be like Christ who loved the world and died for our salvation." The alternative opening prayer speaks of Christ's suffering on the cross. It asks God to "help us to embrace the world, that we may transform the darkness of its pain into the life and joy of Easter." When we said "Amen" to either of these prayers, we made them our own. We committed ourselves to what they say. But in the liturgy they rush by so quickly that it's hard to remember what we are saying "amen" to. What are we praying about and for? The more time we take to think about the images, the more we will see in them, and the more of our lives we will bring to our liturgy.

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**Community of St. Matthew
Parish Council Meeting**

**June 5, 2008
6:45 p.m.**

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer, Reflection – Nicole Johnson, Facilitator
- II. Public Comments
- III. Approval of Minutes, May 1, 2008
- IV. Review Parish Life in light of Long Range Planning
- V. Discussion about orientation for new Council members
- VI. Fall Festival
- VII. Census Update
- VIII. Ministry Fair
- IX. Adjournment

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday 10:30 AM, MC	June 1 8th Grade Graduation
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	June 2 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC	June 3 Loaves and Fishes Kindergarten Celebration
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:00 PM, MC 3:00 PM, SH	June 4 St. Mary's Clinic School Prayer Service Loaves and Fishes
Thursday 3:00 PM, SH	June 5 Loaves and Fishes
Friday 7:15 AM-5:15 PM	June 6 Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday Ministry Fair	June 7
Sunday Ministry Fair	June 8

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Moses said: So now, Israel, what does the Lord our God require of you? Matthew says: Not everyone who says: Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom; rather only the one who does the will of the Father.

And further: the counsel is to heed the words and build upon a solid foundation—to build on rock. Have we taken time to plan our living in such a fashion? How close might we come to the 80-10-10 solution? That would be solid living [and we believers might do it out of spiritual motivation, not just for an orderly, less-stressful life.

Prayer: Examples from recent envelopes: both regular and “special intention” prayer: spiritual reading everyday; scripture reading everyday; daily rosary; morning, evening and meal prayers daily; prayer for those in recent disasters; remembering different intentions in prayer.

Service: Helped with cleaning for a lady who is blind; wrote sympathy and get-well cards; visited some people in a nursing home; volunteered at Roosevelt school; volunteered at Neighborhood House; took grandchildren to Religious Education Classes

Sharing Thanks to all for \$9113 on last weekend—a holiday weekend. Some families have found it helpful to donate electronically—the contribution will still get to Saint Matthew’s even if they are not in town for weekend Mass. The amount above includes donations from 14 parish families who give weekly and 15 who give monthly on the 20th day and 1 who gives monthly on the 25th day.

Sunday giving is averaging \$9329 since July; it is \$175 per Sunday behind the budget.

Thanks, too, for other monies given: \$763 for Global Solidarity Sunday; \$116 for the food shelf; \$90 for the Catholic Communications Campaign; \$78 in school fund envelopes and \$35 for holyday envelopes.

Young People’s Stewardship: \$9.19 Thank you! Prayers: At meals, and for the sick. Service: Visited at Wilder

Father Steve’s 30th anniversary of pastorate here—June 14-15. Potluck goodies and fruit—please sign up at the back of church.

Food Service at Saint Matthew’s. Alice Schletty began working in the kitchen as part of the food service team more than 18 years ago. For the past 10+ she has been the sole director. Alice plans to direct the kitchen and all the food service efforts for one more year.

We are deeply indebted to her for delicious meals prepared on site by the wonderful workers whom she supervises. We appreciate the hours that Alice has spent both in the kitchen, in her storeroom office, and at home doing all the things necessary to produce a successful food program.

Are you interested in interning this next year, and directing the program thereafter? If so, or if you have questions, please call John Riehle at the parish center.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office.....651-224-9793

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*

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Dir. Child Care..... *Shar Lavelle*

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Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448

Parish School..... 651-224-6912

KLT Kids 651-665-0786

Child Care Center 651-224-1459

Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830

Prayerline..... 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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 Nicole Johnson

Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg

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