

The Community of St. Matthew

SUMMER SCRIP CHALLENGE

DO YOU SHOP AT:

R.C. Dick's

Cub Foods

Super America

Barnes and noble

Kohl's

Old Navy

New Holiday Station ***New***

DO YOU EAT AT:

Awada's

Burger King

Cherokee Sirloin Room

McDonald's

Pizza Hut

Outback Steakhouse

WE CARRY SCRIP FOR ALL OF THESE PLACES AND MORE!

EARN A RAFFLE TICKET FOR EVERY \$25 IN SCRIP YOU PURCHASE.
PRIZE DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
THROUGH THE SUMMER.!

Scrip is available after all Masses in the back of church
or at the school office during regular business hours on weekdays.

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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The following is a reflection on the “Green Times” of the Church year, the time we call “Ordinary Time”. This time of the Church year makes up 60% of time. What does ordinary time mean? I am grateful to the Liturgy Training Office of Chicago for this reflection.

Yours truly,

Stephen Adrian
Pastor

A Sense of the Season

What do the words Ordinary Time mean?

Dorothy Day said, “The words ‘Ordinary Time’ in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary.”

She was right. The Ordinary in “Ordinary Time” refers to ordinal—counted—time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, says: “Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Easter time], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.”

How do we celebrate “the mystery of Christ in all its aspects”? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every

Sunday—the day of Christ’s resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The church reads straight through “the gospel of the year,” either Matthew, Mark or Luke, each week often picking up where we left off last week. (We read John during Lent and Easter, and on feasts.) The first readings, from the first testament of the Bible, have been chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. Many voices are heard throughout summer Ordinary Time. We also read through some of the letters of the second testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ “in all its aspects” unfolds. What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

“What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.” (Saint Andrew Bible Missal [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.]

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PARISH EVENTS

WELCOME FATHER JEROME KEISER!

This weekend Father Keiser of St. Francis of Assisi on Lake Saint Croix Beach will celebrate the weekend liturgies with us. St. Matthew and St. Francis of Assisi have been working together to forge a partnership— a sister parish relationship. Over the past year a committee of a dozen people—half from St. Francis and half from St. Matthew—have met regularly to explore ways to share ministry, engage the Gospel together and enrich each other with a deeper sense of Church. This weekend St. Matthew and St. Francis take a further step in the partnership.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Mobile Unit will be here at St. Matthew on Monday, June 28, 2004 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Please watch for more information on signs and in the Bulletin. We are in the vacation season and it is during this time that the “gift of Life supply become depleted. Please mark your calendars. Thank you.

CHILD CARE CENTER SEEKING SUMMER DONATIONS

Now that summer is here the child care center is in need of water shoes and extra clothing for our children. If you have water shoes size 2-8 (childrens), clothing size 18 month plus that you would like to donate please either drop them off at the Center or call Dimary at 651-224-1450 to make other arrangements.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



HOME AND SCHOOL AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the St. Matthew Home and School sponsors a scholarship program for students entering middle school at St. Matthew's and for graduating students going on to attend a Catholic high school. This year the scholarships were awarded to: Rebecca Goldenstein (6th grade), Melissa Lopez (7th grade) and Dani Garcia (8th grade). Rachel Goldenstein and Theresa Schletty were awarded the scholarships for high school, both girls will be attending Cretin-Derham Hall in the fall. Thank you to the Home and School for sponsoring this program.

8TH GRADERS TRYOUT JOBS

Shortly before graduation the 8th Graders from St. Matthew's had the opportunity to spend the day on the job with a variety of business on the West Side and downtown St. Paul. Thank you to the business and organizations that supported our students: Alliance Bank, Anchor Bank, Burger King, Carpets by Lindsay, Community Neighborhood Housing Services, St. Paul Police-West Side Sub Station, Jerry's Service Center, Cherokee Bank, Pyramid Sign, Rodriquez Auto, NeDA, Novedades, El Burrito, Wabasha Caves and the St. Matthew's Men's Club.

DOES YOUR CAR NEED A GOOD WASHING?

St. Matthew's Child Care will be conducting a car wash on Wednesday, June 30 from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM. Cost is \$3.00 per car. Money raised will be used for field trips and educational materials in the Preschool Program.

A MISSIONARY'S GRATITUDE

I am happy and grateful that I had the opportunity to visit your parish last week. On behalf of all our Dominican Missions in Haiti, I wish to thank you sincerely for the help you so generously gave, in response to my appeal. Please pray that the poor Haitian people will never lose hope. As I leave you to return to the mission, I would like to share with you the beautiful inspiring words of the late Pope Paul VI. "Let us maintain, therefore, our fervor of spirit. Let us preserve the sweet and heartfelt joy of evangelizing, even when we have to sow in tears. We must be possessed of the same eagerness of spirit that inspired John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, the other apostles and all the multitudes of wonderful evangelizers down through the ages—a spirit which neither people nor circumstances can ever extinguish. May it be a great source of joy to us who have dedicated our lives to the task, and may the world of our time, which is searching, now in anguish, now in hope, receive the gospel not from evangelizers who are dejected or dispirited, not from those who are anxious or impatient; let them hear it from ministers of the gospel whose lives glow with fervor, from those who, having received the joy of Christ into their hearts, are ready to risk their lives, so that the kingdom may be proclaimed and the church established throughout the world." (Pope Paul VI: Evangelization of the Modern World. No. 80)

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 20
Monday	June 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	June 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	June 23
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
6:00 PM	Alumni Picnic
	Playground
Thursday	June 24
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Mtg.
Friday	June 25
Saturday	June 26
Sunday	June 27

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 June 6, 2004

Sunday Envelopes & Plate	\$ 8307.00
Youth & Children's Envelopes	1.55
School Fund	254.000
Holy Day	10.00
Haitian Mission	\$ 5290.82

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, June 20	8:00 AM George Bohrer, John Bandholz, Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners, Juli Hafiz, Bernard Bukowski
Monday, June 21	Ed L'Allier
Tuesday, June 22	Agnes Allers
Wednesday, June 23	Shirley Capistrant
Thursday, June 24	Elouise Lang
Friday, June 25	
Saturday, June 26	Leonard Voto, George Lackner, Ignatius & Marie Marsollek
Sunday, June 27	8:00 AM Rosemary & Robert Preuss 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 20, 2004

Sunday:	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

PRESCHOOL TRIKE-A-THON

With their teacher, Christine Joa, the preschool class of St. Matthew's Child Care will be holding a trike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on Thursday, July 1. If you would like to sponsor a rider please call Christine at 651-224-1450

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor.....	Father Stephen Adrian
Priest in Residence	Father Marty Warren
Deacon.....	Rev. John Murphy
Dir. Education & Formation.....	Beth Behnke
Dir. Music & Liturgy	Dana McCarthy
Dir. Child Care.....	Maureen Gitlin
Business Administrator	Debra Lindstedt
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
Child Care Center.....	651-224-1450
Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....	651-310-0830
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

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

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	