

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends:

Jesus singled out those engaged in fishing to be his closest disciples – Peter, James, John, Andrew, etc.

What is there about fishing that especially suits people to be disciples?

I suggest that the invitation to leadership in the community of faith, in the church, turns on two primary works – to preserve and enhance the community's life of faith and to go out and proclaim the Good News: "Go out and teach all nations".

Jesus finds James and John in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their nets. The work of mending nets is very important and I guess that a fisher might spend more time actually tending and mending the nets than fishing. Without secure nets there is no catch.

The first job of church leadership is to pay attention to the nets – the community of faith; and the relationships that make up the fragile fabric of the community of faith. A rending of the community can make everything else meaningless.

When the nets are strong and secure there can be a large catch which can safely be brought to shore – "Go out and teach all nations"; the job of the

community of faith – a community that is connected, strong and vital; a community that tends to the multiple relationships that make up the web of life for that community.

This past week the Bishops of the United States met in San Antonio for their semi annual meeting. My prayer for them this past week has been that as successors to the apostles, as successors to the fishermen of Galilee they both mend the nets and put out into the deep for a bountiful catch.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor



## PARISH EVENTS

### OUTDOOR BASEBALL

Come with the St. Matthew's Men's Club to a Miesville Mudhens baseball game on Sunday June 28 in beautiful downtown Miesville, MN. Game time is 2pm. Leave St. Matthew's at 12:30. The cost will be \$10 per adult, \$7 children under 18. Contact Tim Nowak to reserve your tickets, 612-269-9471.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

At St. Matthew's we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament only one day a month, each first Friday. We need those willing to spend 1 hour with the Lord, to make a commitment to be in the Chapel at that hour each First Friday. If you would like to spend a very peaceful and rewarding hour, please call Nicole at 651-224-9793 .

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for two days of family fun! Our Lady of Guadalupe Church invites you to our annual Parish Festival, Saturday, June 27th from 5:00-9:00 PM and Sunday, June 28th from 12 noon to 6:00 PM. Each day is different! Something for everyone! Experience delicious and authentic food (Tacos, Enchiladas and Tostadas); cold beverages, excellent entertainment (Mariachi music, live bands and dancers), and a raffle drawing with great prizes and games for the children. Fun for the entire family! OLG Church, 401 Concord Street, St. Paul 55107 (Hwy 52 and Concord Street) 651-220-0506.

### ROMANIAN FESTIVAL

Saint Stefan Romanian Orthodox Church is asking for help for their third annual Romanian Festival on July 25th. Lili Manole helped us put on our Romanian Dinner last fall, so she is asking for our help to put on their Romanian Dinner. Anyone who would like to get involved in this project, call Joe Stevens for details at 651-224-8270.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

THE 2008-2009 C4AC SEASON RAISED \$2,492.00 FOR THE FOLLOWING CAUSES:

St. Mary's Clinic, Neighbors, Inc, School Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Matt's 8th Graders in Government, Loaves and Fishes, St. Matthew's Religious Education Program, St. Matthew's Scouting Program, St. Matthew School Alums and Friends Tuition Assistance Fund, St. Matthew's Men's Club, Holy Family Adoption Agency, European Children Adoption Services, The Dispute Resolution Center, Lost Children of Romania, Empty Bowls Program, Minnesota Labourer Vocation Society, St. Matthew's Rosary Society, St. Matthew's Family Fun Night, Neighborhood House Food Shelf, St. Matthew's Hot Lunch Program, Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning, St. Matthew's Choir, Casa Guadalupana and St. Matthew's Church.

Thanks to everyone who served, supported and attended.

C4aC is on vacation for the summer and will return on Sunday September 13, 2009. Now is a good time to get involved for the Fall. Any parish organization/person can host both Sunday coffee hours, bring the treats, promote a cause in keeping with the mission of St. Matthew's and apply the proceeds accordingly. It's a great way to raise awareness and support for your group or a cause. Call John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871 to set it up.

FALL FESTIVAL

Kids and the young at heart will enjoy the fishpond. No fishing license needed. Smallish fun and useful items needed. (kids stuff, kitchen gadgets, stationery etc.)

IN GRATITUDE

The School Staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Men's Club, Rosary Society, Catholic Order of Foresters, School families and Staff that worked together to make our Spaghetti Dinner a success. Thank you to Beth Geis for calling the ladies to donate baked goods! Look forward to the next dinner. All the funds raised that evening are matched by the Foresters. Watch the bulletin and think about joining us.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 21, 2009

- Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 21</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 22</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 23</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 24</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 25</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 26</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 27</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 28</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died “so that those who live might live no longer for themselves.” What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!*

Prayer: Regular and daily...rosary, spiritual reading, Mass, meal prayers, morning and night prayers; 15 hours in prayer; 15 minutes each day in prayer

Service: Volunteered at Neighborhood House; served at Loaves and Fishes; brought Communion to some folks who are home-bound; ministered as money-counter.

Sharing Last weekend: \$6,880—a total year-to-date of \$452,138. Thanks to all. That amount is 5.39% behind the budget. Additionally: \$728 was given for Global Solidarity Sunday—thank you; also, \$143 in “school” envelopes and \$125 for food shelf.

Bequest: we had a wonderful reminder—through a gift—of the benefit that can accrue to Saint Matthew’s when the parish is remembered in a will [or in other ways]. Two or three years ago we buried a parishioner; this past week we received a bequest from that person’s estate of slightly more than \$50,000!

Have I/you included Saint Matthew’s in our will? As Father Steve suggests: add “Matt” to our list of children; then divide the estate by that number of children. Each of our children will receive a generous part of the estate; Saint Matt’s will receive a share as well. Please call the parish office if you’d like help or suggestions in doing this.

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Parish painting project July 30—August 2. A good-sized crew to paint the upper [3<sup>rd</sup> floor] of the parish center—the home of the SSND formation community. Sign-up will be in a couple of weeks. Can/will you spare an hour or two for the benefit of the nuns?

## Upcoming dates/events

Friday, July 3: Mass at 6:45AM; no monthly adoration; no 5:15PM Mass

Saturday, July 4: Mass at 9:00AM [Independence Day]. Mass at 5:00 is for the Sunday.

July 10/11: Guest preacher for Cross International Catholic Outreach [no extra collection]

July 17/18: Annual missionary preacher [with 2<sup>nd</sup> collection]

Friday, August 14: [observance of Assumption] 6:15PM Mass in Cherokee Park followed by a pot-luck picnic. There will be a Mass in the Church at 9:00AM on Saturday, August 15.

September 19/20 Parish festival. Plan to pick up your raffle tickets soon after July 4.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Web site: [st-matts.org](http://st-matts.org)

Bulletin Email: [bulletin.editor@st-matts.org](mailto:bulletin.editor@st-matts.org)

## Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*

Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*

Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*

Dir. Education & Formation..... *Doug Lieser*

Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Bonnie Faber*

Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... *Shar Lavelle*

Bookkeeper ..... *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

KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786

Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459

Prayer Line ..... 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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

Karen Thompson Georgann Henjum

Connie Aligada Joyce Osborne

Jason Delmont Anthony Minus

Dean Steinbrenner Chris Stevens

Stephen Adrian David Burrows