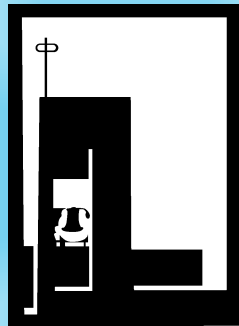
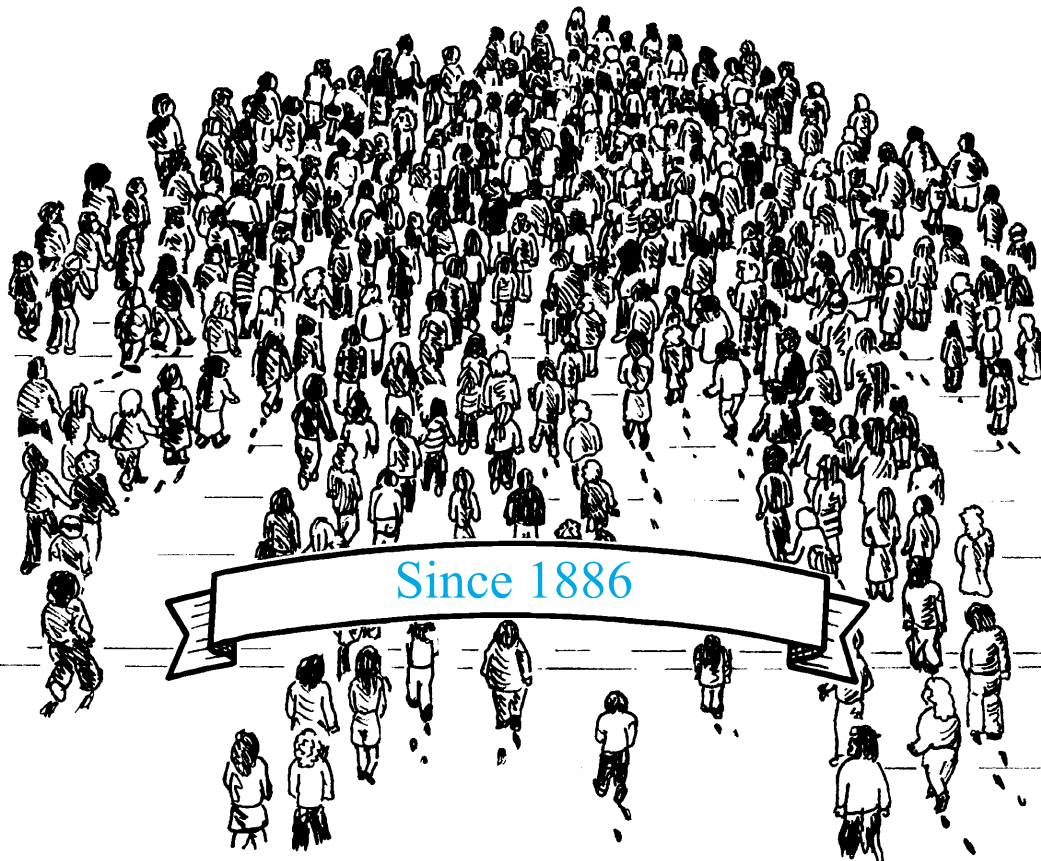


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The welcome days of summer are here! I hear the song birds at 4 am when I roll out of bed and by the time I set out for church the dawn is breaking and the soft morning light is such a counterpoint to the deep dark of winter.

The sounds of summer – lawn mowers, ice cream wagons, voices of children as they careen down the street on bikes, skate boards or scooters. The smells of summer – rose gardens, brats and burgers on the grill, fresh mowed grass and an early morning rain.

Summer is a time to slow down, step back from the pace of “the school year”. Many workers end their work week early – Friday noon – to take advantage of a semi-long weekend. Local playgrounds and ball fields are filled until well after 9 pm as the national pass time plays out.

Cherokee, Thompson and Kaposia parks are the sites of family, community and work place gatherings each day. Boats, large and small, wend their way up and down the Father of Waters.

We spend hours in the yard, on hands and knees, as we cultivate the land, tending beds of followers and nurture rows of vegetables. Friday mornings neighbors meet at Signal Hills parking lot, visit and

select fresh produce from the farmers market for the family table.

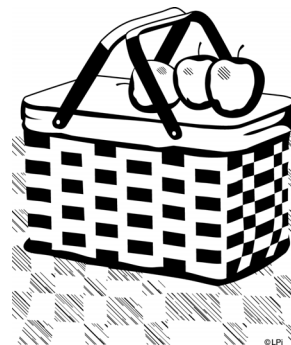
Summer brings a different rhythm, a different schedule, a different way of living.

Carpe diem! Grab hold of the day! Breathe in the gift of summer.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor



PARISH EVENTS

ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD SHELF

We need one or two new volunteers to help us with our ministry. It entails periodic transport of several bags of food from Church to the Neighborhood House. It is easy but rewarding. For more information, call Judy DeNardo at 651-686-5463.

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 .

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.

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. - Mk 5:41-42

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EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL

Cherries are in season now. Our Festival will have its own cherry tree. Small gifts \$3- \$5. Now might be a good time to "re-gift" some things you have gotten for yourself or received as gifts but not used.

THE HABIT OF PRAYER

What do I do each morning, in the first hour of my day? I usually read a biblical passage and reflect on it for a while. I pray the rosary and meditate on its mysteries. Sometimes I simply sit in the quiet and peace of the Lord's presence. And at times I fall asleep for a few moments!

There is no one particular hour each day that best suits everyone. The idea is to find the best hour — the one that fits your lifestyle, so that if you skip it you will miss it.

Similarly, there is no particular place for prayer that best suits everyone. Some like to pray in the privacy of their home or apartment. Others prefer to pray outdoors. Still others opt for the prayerful environment of their parish church.

The important thing is to pray each day. If you begin to set aside a definite time for prayer each day, you soon learn that it influences the rest of your day. And you will want to continue that habit of prayer every day throughout the year.

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THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	June 28
Monday	June 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	June 30
12:00-6:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
Wednesday	July 1
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	July 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	July 3
Saturday	July 4
Independence Day	
9:00 AM, MC	Mass
Sunday	July 5

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from Saint Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship—"The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; three should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

Sharing last weekend: \$8,472 was given in the four usual ways. Thanks to all. The year to date amount: \$460,610 is short of the budget by \$26,840. Other money given: \$165 in school envelopes; \$5 for the food shelf. Thanks for these.

Service: Visited some folks who were sick—in the hospital; gave rides to some folks who needed them; volunteered at Neighborhood House; served at a funeral lunch.

Prayer: "whenever possible;" two hours; daily spiritual reading; daily prayer

Young People's Stewardship: \$4.00 Thank you! They wrote: folded clothes... cleaned bedrooms

Festival meeting and plans: next gathering of the leadership: 6:30PM, Wednesday, July 1, in the parish center.

Painting project: Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2. The upper floor of the parish center [the large apartment where the Notre Dame formation community live]. Some prep is needed and much painting. Plan to give an hour or two during those days. Sign-up will be a couple of weeks.

Masses next Saturday, July 4: the 9:00AM Mass will celebrate our national Independence Day holiday. The 5:00PM Mass will be the usual anticipation Mass for Sunday—the 14th Sunday of Ordered Time.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 28, 2009
 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
 Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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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

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