

# The Community of St. Matthew

## Congratulations!



### **St. Matthew's Graduating Class of 2006**

Front Row: Melissa Lopez, Samantha Napier, Oscar Marfori, Vincent Abrego, Jordan Nowak, Mark Heinen

Middle row: Samantha Casillas, Paige Barrera, Jasmine Johnson, Isaac Maldonado, Jeremy Lee, Ciana Gurley, Morgan Roberts, Alan Owens

Back row: Hannah Couch, Johnathan Arnold, Carlos Samperio, Daniel Hernandez, Mike Sticha, Matt Molina, Evan Nelson, Brian Edwards, Jenna Firner, Maya Hunt, Nikki Karas

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

### An Open Letter to Graduates of 2006

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations!

Your parents and family, teachers and neighbors rejoice with you and are proud of you as you mark this accomplishment in your education. Over the years I have taken this opportunity to offer a bit of advice, a few thoughts; and hopefully a bit of encouragement.

1. You live in a global village. Long gone are the days of national isolation. The rapidly advancing technology of communication links us to each other more securely and quicker every day. Economics is global; when someone in Tokyo gets a cold, someone in San Paulo sneezes and someone in Montreal says "God bless you". It is absolutely essential that we know and understand each other, that we walk in each other's shoes, that we can speak each other's languages, that we know each others cultures and stories.

Most of all, it is important to learn how to listen – to listen with my ears and also with my heart. Opportunities increase day by day. You will truly be a world citizen.

2. The disparity between the rich and the poor is growing – some are growing richer and richer, most are growing poorer and poorer. You and I have been blessed to be those who grow richer and richer; we enjoy opportunities and a way of life denied to most others. Jesus tells us, "to those who have been given much, more will be demanded". As a world community we will prosper and grow to the extent that the goods of the earth are the mutual possession of all. In every age women and men have struggled to alleviate poverty, provide opportunity and bring peace for all. You will have the chance to do that in your generation; you will do it

differently than I did because your world is vastly different from mine.

3. Increasingly men and women are being drawn into a serious reflection on God and the will of God for creation – Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, etc. People of every religious tradition call upon God, seek the will of God. Perhaps for the first time in the history of the human family you will have an opportunity to enter into meaningful and serious dialogue with men and women of faith – vastly different from you. The challenge is to understand our differences; but more than that, to understand our common faith. To do this work well you must know your faith, you must be able to articulate your beliefs and you must be able to listen to another without becoming defensive.

4. Remember who you are, where you have come from. Remember what your parents and grandparents have given you – materially and spiritually. Remember your teachers – remember their encouragement and their faith in you. Most of all, remember that you are a child of God, individually and personally loved by God. You bear the very image of God and you reflect the very face of God. It is your vocation, your destiny to be a walking, talking, breathing sacrament of God's gracious love for the world. You will find the strength and the power to do that in your weekly celebration of the Eucharist. To live well and to do good, be a Eucharistic man/women.

Congratulations. I am proud of you. I admire you. I wish to help you in any way I can – for my sake, for your sake, for the sake of the world.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### PULPIT EXCHANGE—NEXT WEEKEND

The weekend of June 10 and 11, Father Adrian and Father Jerry Keiser will participate in a pulpit exchange. Father Adrian will be celebrating mass at St. Francis of Assisi, our sister parish in Lake St. Croix Beach. Father Keiser will be celebrating mass here at St. Matthew's.

### FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, June 3, 5:00 PM — Mason Gilberg, Omar Graham, Fernando Grassi Cueto, Samantha Villalva, and Justin Villalva. Sunday, June 4, 8:00 AM — Christian Staples, Jose Salazar Mejia and Victor Salazar. Please welcome them to the Lord's table with open arms and offer your congratulations. This weekend concludes the celebration of First Communion at St. Matthew's. Forty-nine young people have celebrated their First Communion over the past 6 weeks of this Easter Season.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### REGISTRATIONS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ONGOING

Registration for the 2006-2007 school year is ongoing for all grades. Call the school office (651-224-6912) to request a registration packet or to set up a time to tour the school, visit with staff and learn more about what

St. Matthew's school has to offer your child.

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS FOR JUNE

The school office will be open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday during the month of June. Scrip will be available during regular office hours.

### STEWARDSHIP

The weekly stewardship has dropped in the past few weeks. We need an average of \$9500 per week to meet our obligations. Please be generous and consistent in your stewardship. Thank you to the Rosary Society for the donation of \$2,200 to support the material needs of the Eucharist. Thank you to the Saint Matthew Century Club who has undertaken the task of coordinating the fund raising for the new windows of the Parish Center. More about this later.

### GUIDED RETREAT THIS SUMMER

Loyola presents a summer guided retreat Sunday June 25 through Friday June 30 at the Franciscan Retreat House in Prior Lake. The retreat includes each day: one presentation by a member of the retreat staff, 45 minute individual session with a spiritual director, Mass, morning and evening prayer, and group centering prayer. A massage is available on request (\$65). Retreat cost is \$450. Contact Loyola at 651/641-0008. Register by June 15, 2006.

### SCRIP AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES

You can find a great selection of gift cards at the St. Matthew's Scrip table (which has migrated to its new corner -the southeast corner of the church) for Graduations and Father's Day. Dad can always use a Menard's or Home Depot gift card. Get the graduate a gift card to Barnes and Noble or a gas card. There are many choices available. Stop by the Scrip table and see what we have. There are also great selections for Birthday, Anniversaries and Weddings. Every purchase you make provides funds to St. Matthew's at NO COST TO YOU! Don't forget that Marshall Field's now accepts the Macy's gift cards.

### NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES READY FOR PICK-UP!

If you are a Communion Minister, Altar Server, Lector, Usher/Greeter or Gift bearer please pick up your schedule in the back of church. The schedule runs from June 11 until September 3.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 10:30 AM, MC	<b>June 4</b> St. Matthew's School Eighth Grade Graduation
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	<b>June 5</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>June 6</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM, MC  12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	<b>June 7</b> School Prayer Service St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	<b>June 8</b> Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 9</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM, MC	<b>June 10</b> Pulpit Exchange Welcome Father Jerry Keiser, St. Francis of Assisi
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM, MC          2:00 PM, CH	<b>June 11</b> Pulpit Exchange Welcome Father Jerry Keiser, St. Francis of Assisi Baptism

### Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-May 28	\$5,991.07
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$431,186.00
Need to date:	<u>\$454,026.00</u>
	-\$22,846.00
School Fund	\$12.00
Holy Day	\$445.45

*Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished. s.j. adrian*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 4	8:00 AM +Roger Klingner Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM +Harold Licha Parishioners
Monday, June 5	World Peace
Tuesday, June 6	+Mildred Lasch +Lorraine Heinisch
Wednesday, June 7	Parishioners
Thursday, June 8	+Joe & Marcella Befort +Bernie Befort
Friday, June 9	
Saturday, June 10	+Harry & Margaret Newmaster, +Stanley & Amelia Burgy
Sunday, June 11	8:00 AM +Joseph Kammerer +Richard Charbonneau, Jr. 10:30 AM +Harold Licha Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 4, 2006

Sunday: Vigil:	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39; Day: Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday:	2 Pt 1:2-7/ Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15/ Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	2 Tm 3:10-17/ Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8/ Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/ Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office ..... 651-224-9793  
 Web site: st-matts.org  
 Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon.....*Rev. John Murphy*  
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Dana McCarthy*  
 Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
 Business Administrator..... *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  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail ..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayerline Receiver ..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

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	Larry Sachi
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch*
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian
*- Facilitator	

Committee Chairs

Finance..... *Linda Sellars*  
 Education Advisory..... *Richard Dunn*