

# The Community of St. Matthew

## **Congratulations!**



### **St. Matthew's Graduating Class of 2005**

**Bottom Row:** (left to right) Casey Viellieux, Andreanna Flores, Daniella Garcia, Jake Nielsen, Ben Kempe

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Amanda Rosario, Bre-Ana Arredondo, Melissa Mike, Sylina Lopez

**3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Michael Pearsall, Bryan Nowak, Willie Faricy, Reena Rosas, Marisa Bryan

**4<sup>th</sup> Row:** Billy Jungbauer, Joe Sontoya, Ricky Jenniges, Ben Vasterling

**Top Row:** Thomas Mahowald, Jacob Castillo, Antonio Resendez

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

Each year I try to write an open letter to graduates. What follows is the letter to the graduates of 2005.

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations!

You have successfully completed a significant part of your education and you are ready to take the next step in academics or in the work world.

Older people are expected to give advice to younger people on occasions like this, so for better or worse, here goes.

1. You have grown-up in the age of cyberspace. For you communication is instantaneous and a bazillion pieces of information are available to you at the click of a mouse. Through IM (Instant Messaging) and Cellular Text Messaging you can “talk” with people across the city or around the world. Instantaneous and immediate communication does not insure quality communication or relationship. Relationships take time, demand attention and often seem to be time-wasting. Yet more often than not, it is the time wasting things in life that makes life worth living and souls worth saving. Use the technology, and also cherish the face to face opportunities. As efficient as email is, nothing beats a hand written letter between friends.

2. The internet provides you with more information in a few hours time than you can digest in a life time. We have become use to e-information, e-reading, e-study. There is something to be said for the “hard copy”, the book you hold in you hand, the pages you turn with your fingers. The “feel” of the printed word helps establish a relationship between you and what you read. I also suggest that you plan to re-read a lot of what you have already read when you are the age of the author at the time he/she wrote the novel, short story, poem, etc. See if your “life experience” meets up with the author’s.

3. While our world grows smaller and more interconnected the lot of so many human beings continues to decline. 85% of the worlds population really wants the “good life” you and I and people of western Europe experience. In fact the disparity between peoples more than anything else is responsible for terrorism. Unless we can drain the

swamp of injustice we will never be free from the mosquito of terrorism. I challenge you and encourage your generation to seek and find the path to justice and peace, the road to economic justice and the opportunity for genuine unity between peoples and nations. No small task. My generation took it’s turn at this, and we didn’t do very well. I pray that your generation succeeds where my generation did not.

4. Above all, you are the very image of God. In your face and in your mind and heart dwells the presence of God -- and the same is true of every other of the 6,000,000,000 people who populate this earth. Never forget where you come from, and where you are going -- you originate from the hand of God and you are destined to life in the presence of God. You are eternal! Be faithful to your prayer life, worship with your community of faith, come together with people who share faith and value to do the work of God; feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, give drink to the thirsty, stand with those imprisoned, visit the sick, welcome the outcast -- these are the “works of God”. These are the marks of holiness

A final piece of advice:

Watch your thoughts, they become your words.

Watch your words, they become your actions.

Watch your actions, they become your habits.

Watch your habits, they become your character.

Watch your character for it will become your destiny.

I am proud of you. I pray for you. I stand willing to help you in any way. I respect you, I will not interfere or presume to wander into your life. So, if you want or need me, you know where to find me. Thanks for the energy and spirit and hope and dream you bring to my life.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### HELP OUR SCHOOL GARDEN GROW

This summer we will have 12 weeks of SCRIP blooming at St. Matthew's. You will receive a raffle ticket for every \$50 in SCRIP purchases during the 12 weeks from June 11 to September 4. Watch the bulletin board in the back of the church to see our garden grow.

### "THANK YOU" TO OUR GUITAR GROUP!

To every choir there is a season, but the Guitar Group is a monthly (plus) ministry that continues throughout the calendar year. Our dedicated guitar group has been making music together for over 4 years now. Thank you to guitarists Mark & Dan, to guitarist & bass player Chris, to bass player & percussionist John, and to vocalists Michelle & Beth. Thanks also to Jacob for his assistance in set up & take down. Your ministry adds an energy to our worship that is downright "electrifying"!

### FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETINGS

St. Matthew's Festival weekend is September 17 and 18. Kick-off meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 PM and Sunday, June 12 at 9:15 AM in the Social Hall and should take 1 hour. Come to either meeting with an idea, come to help, or come to listen and express your opinion, but do come! Do you have an idea for a booth your family or friends would be willing to operate? We'll pay the expenses, you do the work. Can't make the meeting, stop by the Scrip table after any mass and talk to me. If you have any questions or comments, please call or email Tim Nowak @ 651-687-2850 weekdays or 651-450-4975 evenings/weekends. Email address: [timothy.nowak@usfamily.net](mailto:timothy.nowak@usfamily.net). Summer will be a good time to start gathering the items that will be needed: theme baskets, collectibles, pristine items, donated services, antiques. THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL IS DEPENDENT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY! The festival committee members are the coordinators of the event.

### CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

The Centering Prayer Group will meet Saturdays, June 11 and 25 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center. The topics are Reverence and Characteristics of a Helping Relationship. You are more than welcome to attend.

### CITY WIDE FUNDING AVAILABE FOR DEFFRRED LOAN PROGAM

Spring has arrived and now is the time homeowners look to make improvements to their homes. The City of St. Paul currently has city-wide funding available. Repayment terms: this loan is secured with a mortgage at zero percent interest. Loan repayment is deferred until the borrower sells, transfers title, or no longer lives in the property. Depending on funding sources available, the loan may be due in thirty years. Maximum loan amount: \$25,000. Household Income limits apply. Eligible improvement: Basic and necessary improvements that directly affect the safety, habitability, energy efficiency and accessibility of your home. Correction of lead-base paint hazard is required. For more information contact: Pattie Kelley at 651-266-6592 or by email [Pattie.Kelley@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Pattie.Kelley@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or Tchu Yajh at 651-266-6621 or by email [Tchu.Yajh@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Tchu.Yajh@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 10:30 AM, MC	<b>June 5</b> 8th Grade Graduation Mass
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	<b>June 6</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>June 7</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM, MC  12:00-7:00 PM, PC	<b>June 8</b> School Prayer Service St. Mary's Clinic
	1:00 PM, SH Leisure Club
	3:00 PM, SH Loaves and Fishes
	7:00 PM, SH Men's Club
<b>Thursday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC	<b>June 9</b> St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 10</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 9:30 AM, PC  5:00 PM, MC	<b>June 11</b> Centering Prayer Group Baptism
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	<b>June 12</b> Baptism Baptism

### 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 MAY 29, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$5,964.85
Youth and Children Envelopes	\$2.75
School Fund	\$85.00
Holy Day	\$35.00

*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 5	8:00 AM Florenz Kolb Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society
Monday, June 6	10:30 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, June 7	Lorraine Heinisch
Wednesday, June 8	Lorraine Toth
Thursday, June 9	Parishioners
Friday, June 10	Jim & Jeanette Dieter
Saturday, June 11	Parishioners
Sunday,	8:00 AM Larry Simmons
	10:30 AM Agnes DeFoe Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 5, 2005

Sunday:	Hos 6:3-6/ Rom 4:18-25/ Mt 9:9-13
Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7/ Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/ Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/ Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday:	Ex 19:2-6a/ Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8

PARISH DIRECTORY

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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
Priest in Residence ..... *Father Marty Warren*  
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Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Dana McCarthy*  
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*  
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
Business Administrator ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
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Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
Extended Day..... 651-228-1535  
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 three months prior to wedding.

**Parish Council Members**

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Larry Sachi	Connie Aligada

**Committee Chairs**

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