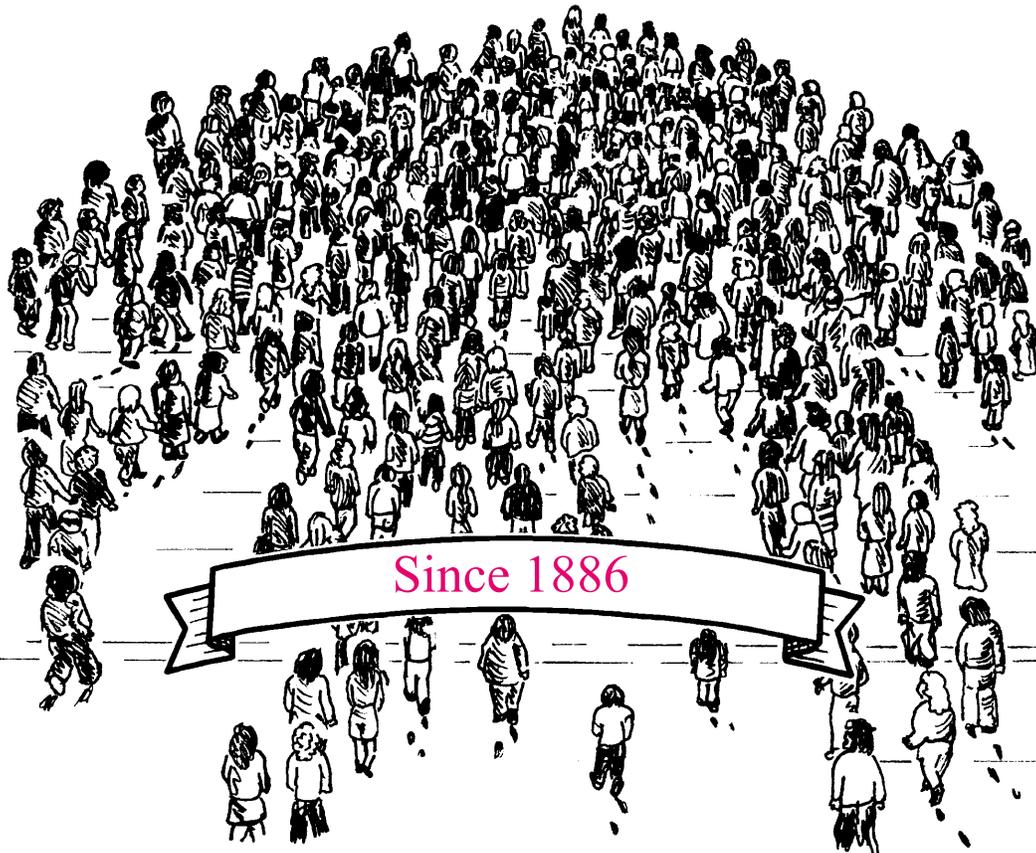


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

In the last few weeks there have been a variety of news stories and reports about Benedict's request that a review be undertaken of the use of condoms as a preventative of AIDS. He asked that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith provide him with a draft statement.

Earlier in the month Cardinal Martini, the retired bishop of Milan, encouraged the use of condoms to stem the growing epidemic in Africa. For years the bishops of Africa have asked the church to support the work of the international health organizations in providing condoms.

The rationale of the African bishops is that the use of condoms is not to prevent conception, but to prevent the spread of disease. There is a long standing moral principal called "the double effect". This principal holds that the primary effect of an action may well also have a secondary effect, and the secondary effect does not invalidate the primary effect.

By the end of 2003 more than 23,000,000 African adults are infected. In some nations the percentage of adults

infected is unbelievable – Botswana 38%, Namibia 21 %, South Africa 21%, Swaziland 38% and Zimbabwe 24%. More than 12,000,000 children have been orphaned.

Married couples infect each other, they get sick, they die and a generation of parentless children populates the continent.

If for no other reason, for the sake of children, every effort must be made to stem the tide of this epidemic and to provide whatever help is available to relieve this suffering.

For the Church to support and advance this effort is nothing less than a consistent expression of our commitment to the value of life and the dignity of the human person.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### RED AND WHITE DINNER UPDATE

The Red & White Committee would like to say thank you for all the support and contributions by St. Matthews parishioners. Without your support and contributions our Red & White Gala would not have been as successful as it was. We raised approximately \$9200 for the Endowment fund and approximately \$7600 for St. Matthews School. ADDITION: The following were missed in the thank you insert last week, the committee wishes to express their thanks to Nowak Liquor, Smith Avenue Liquor and the St. Matthew's Lunch Ladies for their contributions to the Red and White Dinner. Thanks again for all your support

### FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 13, 5:00 PM Mass—Jared Garibay, Aytiana Franco, Monique Plaster.  
Sunday, May 14, 10:30 AM Mass—Ellen Ahern. Please welcome them to the Lord's table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

### SCRIP MAKES A GREAT GIFT

You can find a great selection of gift cards at the St. Matthew's Scrip table for Mother's Day, Graduations, and Father's Day. Get Mom a gift card to Bath and Body Works or to one of the many available restaurants. 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! New information - Marshall Field's now accepts the Macy's gift cards.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—10:30 AM MASS

Next Sunday, May 21 will be the last Children's Liturgy of the Word for this year. Special thanks to Shannon Morrisey, Lisa Klein and Gloria Deziel and all the young helpers. Children's Liturgy of the Word will return in the fall, anyone interested in helping with this program should call the parish center and leave your name with Nicole.

### ATTENTION ALL LECTORS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS, GIFT BEARERS & USHERS/GREETERS!

It's time for another Liturgy Schedule. This one will cover June 10 thru September 3. If you have any requests or schedule conflicts for this period, please leave Ginny a message at 651-222-2867; or e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com. She needs to hear from you before May 20th. Thanks!

A SPECIAL READING FOR PENTECOST

Your Liturgy Committee is working on a special treatment of the Acts of the Apostles for Pentecost. If you speak another language such as Spanish, Filipino, Korean, Swahili, German, Italian, Czech, Croatian, etc. (& would be comfortable reading that language as a part of the Liturgy of the Word) please call the Parish Center (651-224-9793). Right now we are focusing on the 10:30 mass -- but if we have enough volunteers, we can extend the experience to other masses that week-end. ("Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to express themselves in foreign tongues . . .") We'll provide the text if you provide the "tongue".

VOTING ON THE PARISH CONSTITUTION

The vote on the constitution will take place next Sunday May 20 & 21 a half hour before and after each Mass. On Saturday it will be in the Church proper on Sunday it will be in the Social Hall. Copies of the Constitution are available in back of Church, or on the website, or can be obtained by calling the Parish office. If an absentee ballot is needed, please call the Parish Office.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Join the school community for the last Arby's night of the school year. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total purchase. Thanks for your support this past year, we have raised \$403, which is double what we raised last year.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE AND WAKOTA LIFE CARE CENTER RAFFLE

Thank you all for the support for the Tootsie Roll Drive. St. Matthew's Church donated a generous \$600 for the three masses last weekend. The funds will be used to pay for the Special Olympics activities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. St. Matthew's also purchased \$350 for the raffle of the painting of the Cathedral. These funds will be used for the funding for the Wakota Life Care Center on Robert Street.

The Knights of Columbus are also sponsoring a fund raising dinner for the Wakota Life Care Center. The Wakota Life Care Center gives women who are pregnant alternatives to having abortions. Many babies are adopted out of Wakota and many women keep their babies after counseling and support from Wakota. So thank you for supporting these very Christian activities.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 75TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE

You are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe's 75th Anniversary dance at Ideal Hall, St. Paul, on Friday, May 19, 8:00-11:00 PM. \$10.00/Single, \$15.00/Couple, \$20.00/Family. Tickets purchased at the door. Proceeds will be used to repair the Bell Tower. Ideal Hall is located at 1494 N. Dale St., St. Paul.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 1454 Charlton Ave., West St. Paul. All proceeds will benefit the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver.

**THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW**

<b>Sunday</b> 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	<b>May 14</b> Baptism Baptism
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, SC	<b>May 15</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	<b>May 16</b> Loaves and Fishes Cub Scout Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:00 PM, PC	<b>May 17</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Finance Council Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 6:30 PM, SC 6:30 PM, SC 7:00 PM, MC	<b>May 18</b> Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Cub Scout Meeting Brownie Meeting Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 19</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM, PC 5:00 PM, MC	<b>May 20</b> Centering Prayer First Communion William Hernandez Antonio Estrada, Emilio Estrada Cheyanne Schletty Miranda Herman- Crawford
<b>Sunday</b> 10:30 AM, MC	<b>May 21</b> First Communion Alyssa Wallace Sarah Beiza Athena Garcia Daniel Vega BriShaun Castilo Kearns

**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 7	\$11,020.74
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$409,636.00
Need to date:	<u>\$426,655.00</u>
	-\$17,019.00
School Fund	\$978.26
Holy Day	\$70.00

*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, May 14	8:00 AM +Joseph Kammerer +Robert J. Stickler, Sr. +Richard Charbonneau, Jr. 10:30 AM +Vickie Traynor +Dorothy O'Day Parishioners
Monday, May 15	Parishioners
Tuesday, May 16	+Sr. Colleen Hau, SSND
Wednesday, May 17	+John Klinger, Klinger Family
Thursday, May 18	World Peace
Friday, May 19	
Saturday, May 20	+Joseph Palermo, +Bridget Haas, +Joseph Karas, Sr., +Joseph Karas, Jr., +LaTeresa Schletty
Sunday, May 21	8:00 AM +Marie A. Willems +Ed Maher 10:30 AM +Agnes DeFoe +John Meyers, +Klotine Mosby

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2006

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/ Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

## 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  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450  
 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](mailto: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

### Committee Chairs

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