

The Community of St. Matthew

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



MOST
HOLY TRINITY

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

We live in a global village.

Forty-one years ago when Pope Paul VI reminded the Church to rethink its geography he asserted that this “global village” draws all into deeper solidarity with each other. He also reminded us that the “new” name for international justice is “development” and that the development of peoples must be the lens we see through when ever we talk about international life.

Forty-one years ago this concept was rather new to many. Today there can be no doubt that the globalization of the world is not only “a” reality, but the principal reality of international life.

Interdependence rather than independence is the operative word. Individual nations can no longer ignore global partnerships; no one can go it alone. The energy crisis alone drives this truth home to each one of us daily. The common good must prevail over the private good.

We are called to a different way of looking at life.

Next Sunday is **Global Solidarity Sunday**.

We are asked to reflect upon the common heritage of the human family and to see women and men of

other cultures and races as truly our family members – our sisters and brothers, all of us created in the image and likeness of God and all of us revealing the face of God.

We are asked to support the efforts of development and mission by our generosity. Apart from particular and immediate crisis and need and the annual appeal through the Propagation of the Faith, the collection on Global Solidarity Sunday is meant to be the annual appeal for all areas of church mission – Latin and South America, Asia and Africa, the Middle and Far East as well as US home missions.

An envelope for this collection is found in this week’s parish bulletin. I ask you to be generous in this annual collection.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Bill Lynch, Anne Votel, Maria Votel, Camille Creamer, Grace Creamer and Bob Creamer - thanks.. . All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall.

ST. MATTHEW’S SCHOOL LAWN SIGNS

Lawn signs have been created advertising the school and all the education and formation programs. Would you allow one to be put in your yard? We have installers; we are looking for hosts. The more traffic that goes by your house, the more desirable spot that would be. Please leave your name and address at the Scrip table.

PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations to the new Parish Council members, Anthony Minus, Joyce Osborne and Chris Stevens, who will begin their three year term on July 1. David Burrows is the first alternate, and will be seated if a resignation or vacancy occurs.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for another season. This year we know our work week early enough for everyone to work it into their summer schedule. We will be working July 14 through 18 at Van Cleve Court in Minneapolis. The only requirement is a willingness to be a good steward. Either catch me after church or call me at 651-222-2867. Ginny

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MINISTRY FAIR

St. Matthew's will be hosting the 3rd Annual Ministry Fair on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8 following all Masses. Everyone is invited to attend to see the many wonderful opportunities there are for involvement in our Parish. If you would like to be included in the Ministry Fair and have not been contacted, please call Jason Delmont at 651-225-8103 or e-mail at jandjdelmont@comcast.net. We'll see you there!

SSND GOLF AND CARD TOURNAMENT BENEFIT

Bring your friends to the 4th Annual School Sisters of Notre Dame Golf Tournament Benefit to be held at the Daytona Golf Club in Dayton, Minnesota on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Men and women are invited to play. It will be a four-person, 18 hole scramble format, \$400 per foursome- \$100 per person (includes golf, carts, range balls, buffet dinner and prizes). A card tournament offering Bridge and 500 will also be held at \$35 per entry (includes cards, buffet meal and prizes). All proceeds will benefit the SSND fund for Mission. For more information or a registration brochure, please call Golf Committee Members Dave Suman at 763-421-6495 or Charles Fitch at 651-982-9954 or visit our website at www.ssndmankato.org

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793.

ANNIVERSARY OF FR. STEVE'S PASTORATE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

On June 15, 1978, precisely at 12:00 Noon, Father Steve Adrian assumed the duties and responsibilities of pastoring Saint Matthew's parish. We will observe the anniversary of that event in 4 weeks [June 14/15] after each of the Masses. We'll potluck goodies and fruit [you'll have an opportunity to sign up for that on the first two weekends of June]. Plan now to take a few minutes to congratulate and thank Father Steve for his indefatigable ministry and service for these 30 years.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Here are some upcoming school events: The last school mass for the year will be on Wednesday, May 28 at 9:00 AM. 8th Grade graduation will be at the 10:30 AM mass on Sunday, June 1.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Rosary Society for their annual donation of \$2000.00! Their contribution helps us purchase wine and hosts for the entire year.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 18
Monday	May 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 21
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	May 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	May 23
	Activity Day at School
Saturday	May 24
Sunday	May 25

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The citation of the Gospel today [chapter and verse] is probably the most widely known among people who are casual readers of the Bible, but avid sports' fans. John 3:16 is the sign held up most frequently at those kinds of events.

The Gospel today is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form: "God loved...God gave..." it is the paradigm for stewardship—we give because we love.

Sharing: Last week a family gave a gift of stock as a way of being faithful stewards. Thank you.

Last weekend \$11,355 was counted from envelopes, plate, mail-ins and electronic. Thanks to every person practicing stewardship. Current totals: actual year-to-date: \$431,543; budget: \$436,400. That shortfall of \$4,857 is 1.1%.

Also received: \$127 in education fund envelopes; \$80 in holyday envelopes and \$8 for the food shelf.

Service Last week was Pentecost—the birthday of the Church—a time when we acknowledge and celebrate all the gifts that we have been given. What are the specific gifts that each of us has been given? How are those gifts being used?...are they being used to build up or tear down?

Young people's Stewardship: \$8.25 Thank you! They wrote: I helped to fold clothes, I helped my mom do a lot of chores, I played with all my brothers at the same time.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2008

- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
- Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/ Jn 6:51-58

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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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*

Becky Montgomery	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
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Joyce Osborne	Stephen Adrian