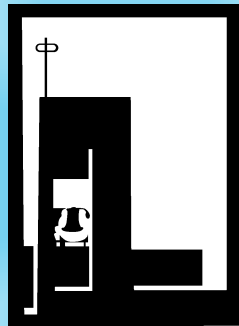


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Friends,

Monday is Memorial Day. We remember those who have given their lives in the defense of our nation. The day has also come to be a day of remembrance for all who have died – it is a kind of “civic all souls day”. Tens of millions of people will visit cemeteries and place flowers on the graves of loved ones. This decorating of graves caused the day to be known as Decoration Day for many years.

In addition to remembering family and friends who have died, I encourage you to remember the young men and women of our country who have recently given their lives in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

When I was a grade school child it was common for children to memorize **In Flanders Fields** for Decoration Day.

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

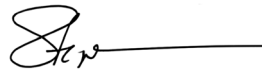
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

This was the poem written by World War I Colonel John McCrae, a surgeon with Canada's First Brigade Artillery. It expressed McCrae's grief over the "row on row" of graves of soldiers who had died on Flanders' battlefields, located in a region of western Belgium and northern France. The poem presented a striking image of the bright red flowers blooming among the rows of white crosses and became a rallying cry to all who fought in the First World War. The first printed version of it reportedly was in December 1915, in the British magazine *Punch*.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee hours after both Sunday masses are hosted and served by Daryl, Kristen, Elise, Drew and Dane Johnson in support of St. Matthew's Church. All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee and caramel rolls made by Kristen Johnson and hot coffee. Thanks to the Johnson family for serving and supporting St. Matt's.



THINK FALL FESTIVAL-SEPTEMBER 19-20

SAVE PLASTIC BOTTLES! Fill them with kid friendly items: toys, stuffed animals, money, balls, etc. Bring them to the Parish office M-F, or to Church on weekends. Thanks-Angie, Elaine, Jan, Joan.

PENTECOST—NEXT WEEKEND—MAY 30/31

Help create the environment by wearing red!

PARISH COUNCIL

So far, these are the names of the people who are discerning membership on St. Matthew's Parish Council: Karen Thompson, Dean Steinbrenner, Sr. Virginia Bieren. We will pray for these and others who may be considering membership on the council. The drawing by lot will be on the weekend of May 30-31.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS TUITION ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS
 Membership with the Catholic Order of Foresters has opportunities for K-12 Catholic School tuition assistance and future college scholarships. K-12 tuition assistance will be available through the local court and COF main office. June 15th deadline for the 2009 awards. Membership with the Order can simply be a \$15 one time premium. For more information contact Larry Poppler, 651-454-8906 or lpoppler@yahoo.com.

SUMMER SPLASH WITH THE NOTRE DAMES

The School Sisters of Notre Dame invite moms and daughters to “Splash” into the beginning of summer for a little bonding time on Good Counsel Hill. Summer Splash includes a blend of activities designed to strengthen the mother-daughter connection and provide an inside look at the Sisters’ lives. The camp is open to girls completing grade 6-8 and their moms or significant female adult. It begins at 1:00 PM Friday, June 19 and ends at 6:00 PM Saturday, June 20. Highlights include an overnight stay, arts and crafts activities, swimming, BINGO with our senior sisters and prayer in beautiful Good Counsel Chapel. The cost is \$60 per pair. Register online at www.ssndmankato.org or contact Sister Julie Brandt, 507-389-4296 or jbrandt@ssndmankato.org. The deadline to register is June 10.

Dear St. Matthew’s Parish Families,

I have been blessed for the past nine years to be a part of this community. Now an opportunity in my professional life will take me to St. Bartholomew’s in Wayzata, as their principal. I am thrilled for the chance to spread my wings and put to use all the things I’ve learned here at St. Matthew’s, however I am very sad to leave our school, the children, families staff and volunteers.

I am grateful to this community for many reasons. You have been supportive, kind, and generous with time and talent. You encouraged me to be the best teacher and leader I can be. I felt your prayers each and every day, and have prayed for you. Your support for the school has made a huge difference in the lives of many children.

St. Matthew’s School will always hold a special place in my heart and mind and I hope that you will wish me well and continue the prayers that have held me up for the last nine years. If ever you feel I could be of help to you or your children, in successes or in challenges, I hope that you will call me or stop me after Mass.

Thank you, thank you for sharing your lives and your children with their many unique gifts. I will miss them all! May God bless you and your families.

Lynn Volkenant

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 24
Monday	May 25
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	May 26
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Committee Mtg.
Wednesday	May 27
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	HummDingers
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Thursday	May 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	May 29
Saturday	May 30
Sunday	May 31

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

If we, like the apostles, are confident in the promises of the Lord, then we will be able to be great stewards—using all in our power to proclaim the kingdom of God. “...they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere”

“Each of us has been given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” Our task is first, to pray about and discover what those gifts are, and then to be stewards of those gifts, using them to the best of our ability, for the good of the Church and the world.

Sharing Thanks to all for \$7,667 last weekend. The total to-date [\$417,281] is \$22,119 behind the budget.

Additional thanks for: \$749 for the parish project at Casa; \$365 for the food shelf; \$240 for holydays [Easter and Ascension]; \$50 in school envelopes and \$42 to help with fuel costs.

And; thanks to the Rosary Society for its annual gift [this year: \$2,000] to help defray the costs of the elements of Communion: hosts and wine. And thanks to everyone who participated in their fundraising efforts.

Prayer: daily rosary... spiritual reading... daily prayer

Service: volunteered at Neighborhood House... member of the choir... money counter

Young People’s Stewardship: \$ 2.00 Thank you! They wrote: cleaned the house... farmer’s market

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 24, 2009

- Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- Next 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

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Dir. Child Care and KLT *Shar Lavelle*
Bookkeeper *Cindy Hoffman*
Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459
Prayer line 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

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 Anthony Minus
Jason Delmont Chris Stevens
David Burrows Joyce Osborne
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