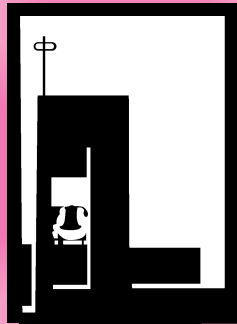
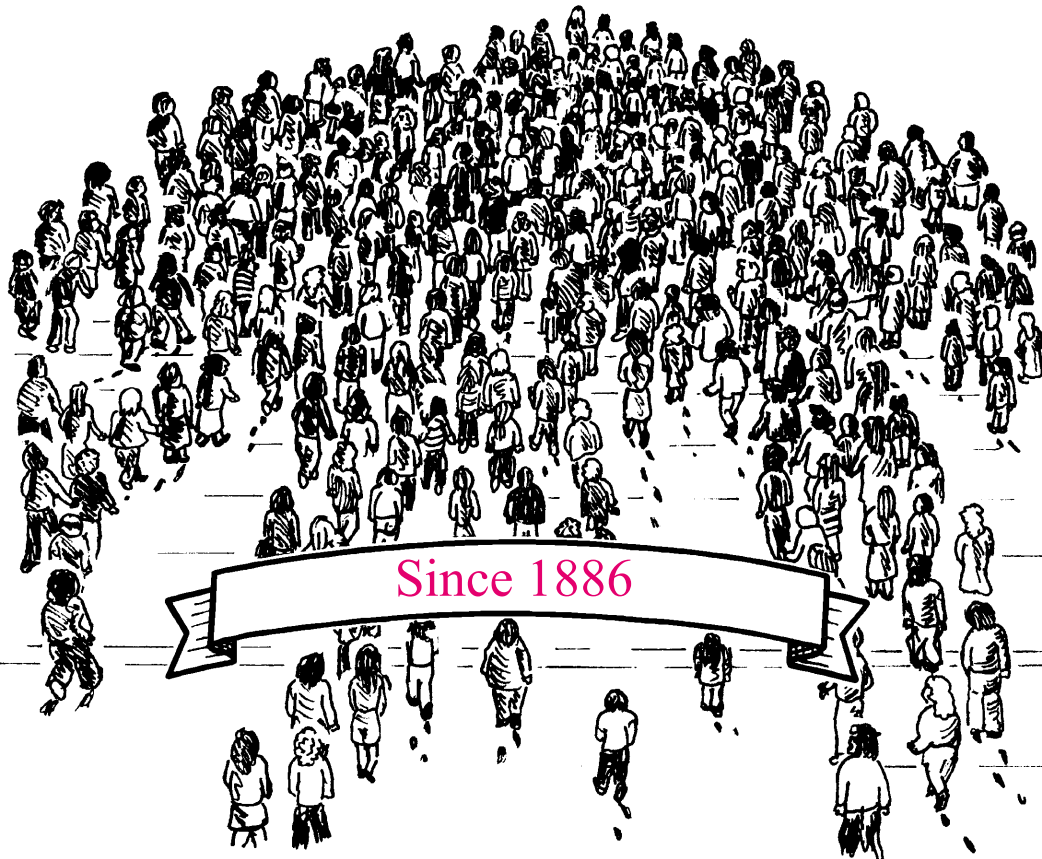


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The following is #2 in a series of articles that reflects on the reform of the liturgy, commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

No activity so marks the life of the Catholic Church, as does the liturgy. We gather in small and large groups to celebrate the Eucharist for every conceivable occasion and opportunity. We are “a eucharistic people”.

It is not surprising that 40 years ago, as the Church came together in council, that the reform and strengthening of the liturgy would be the first priority.

It is often in the introduction or preface of a document that we find the motivation for its composition, the direction of its development and the desired result of its composition. This is true of the documents that flowed from the prayer and deliberations of the Second Vatican Council.

The introduction to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy affirms the goal of the whole council:

1. to impart an ever increasing vigor to the Christian life;
2. to adapt more closely to the needs of our age those institutions which are subject to change;
3. to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ;
4. to strengthen whatever can help call all people into the Church's fold.

The council then affirms: “Accordingly, we see particularly cogent reasons for undertaking the reform and promotion of the liturgy.”

The reform of the liturgy did not come as a bolt out of the blue. Groundwork had been prayerfully and seriously laid for generations. For more than 50 years before the council a strong and active liturgical movement was taking place throughout the Catholic world. This movement began in the monasteries of Europe, mostly the Benedictine monasteries. Quickly the movement made its way to the United States and took root both in monasteries and parish communities.

In the early 1900's, spurred by the writing and actions of Pope Pius X, the restoration of the study of church music occurred and the call to regular and active participation in Sunday worship. Pius X encouraged regular reception of communion and lowered the age of First Communion to the age of seven.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's Pius XII encouraged renewed study and translations of the scriptures, the vocal and sung participation in Sunday Mass, the restoration of the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, and in some areas of the world – the introduction of vernacular language in the liturgy.

So, when the Catholic bishops of the world gathered in council the time was ripe to embark on a systematic and full reform of the worship of the Catholic Church – a reform that would make “full, active and conscious” participation in the worship of the church possible. Again, in the introduction to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the council reminds us: “The liturgy daily builds up those who are in the Church, making of them a holy temple of the Lord, a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND

Leticia and Monique Roquemore, Ashalee Moralaz, Dominic Pisco, Michael Pisco (5:00 PM), Allia Deloye, Cassie Ballin, Marizio Romo, Elina Silva-Fuentes (10:30 AM). Please welcome them with open arms and offer your congratulations.

### ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

On Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00 PM the rosary will be prayed in the chapel. Our special intention is world peace. We hope you can join us for rosary and benediction.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26. Staff will return on Tuesday, May 27.

**MONDAY, MAY 26TH**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MASS AT CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW'S**  
**9:00 AM**

### VIDEO LIBRARY NEWS

**MISSING: “FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING”**

This recent donation to our collection is currently missing. If you borrowed it, please check around your home in case you still have it. We would appreciate its return. Thank you.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### APRIL BAPTISMS CELEBRATED

Congratulations to the following who received the Sacrament of Baptism during the month of April: Sonti Diaz, Giovana Isabel, Mia Taylor-Abrego

### ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL GARDEN

The School Garden of Generations received some spring care, thanks to Mr. Francois Pomerleau's 6th grade class. Thanks also to Manuel, a Wilder/HealthEast neighbor, for again offering his expert trimming services. The 6th grade is hoping to plant some flowers in the next week or so. If you have extra annuals to donate, please call Pat Schletty at 651-224-6037.

### DO A SUMMER SPLASH

Girls—reserve a day or two in August to hang out and have fun with the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato. Plan on good food, prayer, crafts, swimming, workshops with the sisters, singing, Mass, discussion and more good food! Parents are guardians are welcome to join us for Mass at 11:00 AM and noon dinner on the closing day of your session. Don't wait! Our limit is 40 girls, and over 20 are already signed up. Contact Sister Mary Beth to register at 507-243-3010 or at smbs@hickoryteach.net. The deadline is June 15.

Session I: August 4, 1:00 PM—August 7, 1:00 PM, for girls going into 7th grade. Cost: \$25.00

Session II: August 5, 7:00 PM—August 7, 1:00 PM, for girls who have completed grade 10, 11, 12. Cost \$35.00

### ST. JOHN'S ABBEY DAY OF PRAYER

Celebrate Summer! God's abundant creating is exploding in an Alleluia chorus of praise. The Benedictines of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville invite you to join this chorus at a Day of Prayer on Friday, June 20 from 7:00 AM—3:30 PM. Call 320-363-3929 for more details, or register online at [www.saintjohnsabbey.org/slp/register](http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/slp/register).

### PEACE THOUGHTS

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible, will make violent revolution inevitable." John F. Kennedy

Think peace as we pray and remember on this Memorial Day weekend.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 1230 PM	<b>May 25</b> Baptism
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 AM (Parish Office Closed) 3:00 PM, SH	<b>May 26</b> Memorial Day Mass Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, CH	<b>May 27</b> Loaves and Fishes Rosary & Benediction
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	<b>May 28</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 6:45 PM, PC 7:00 PM, MC	<b>May 29</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Parish Council Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 31</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:30 AM, MC	<b>June 1</b> Eighth Grade Graduation

### Abbreviations:

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Contributions for May 18: **\$7322.74**  
 Youth and children's envelopes for May 18: **\$7.76**  
 School contributions: **\$45.00**  
 Archdiocese Communications Campaign: **\$296.00**

*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, May 25	8:00 AM John Bandholz Juli Hafiz
	10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, May 26	Miriam Germundson
Tuesday, May 27	Marie Willems
Wednesday, May 28	Carl Bisciglia
Thursday, May 29	Matt Adrian
Friday, May 30	
Saturday, May 31	John & Irene Pachl Margaret M. Johnson
Sunday, June 1	8:00 AM World Peace 10:30 AM Parishioners Ignatius & Marie Marsollek

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2003

Sunday, May 25 :	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Monday, May 26:	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday, May 27:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 28:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 29:	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20
Friday, May 30 :	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23a
Saturday, May 31:	Zep 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday, June 1:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together. For more information on June 6-8, July 18-20, or September 19-21 weekends, call toll free 1-800-795-5683.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office ..... 651-224-9793  
 Web site: st-matts.org

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor ..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Priest in Residence ..... *Father Marty Warren*  
 Deacon ..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
 Pastoral Administrator  
 Dir. Education & Formation ..... *Scott Breimhorst*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Dana McCarthy*  
 Dir. Pastoral Ministry ..... *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*  
 Dir. Child Care ..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
 Business Administrator ..... *Patty Flynn*  
 Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service ..... *Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer ..... *David Rosas*

### Phone Numbers

Fax ..... 651-228-9448  
 Parish School ..... 651-224-6912  
 Extended Day ..... 651-228-1535  
 Child Care Center ..... 651-224-1450  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail ..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayerline Receiver ..... 651-222-3622 or 651-224-2903-

### 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

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

### Committee Chairs

Finance ..... Peter Grayson  
 Education Advisory ..... Michele Edwards  
 Liturgy