

The Community of St. Matthew

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



IN MEMORY *of* ME

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

From age 5 to 26 I spent my life as a student – elementary, high school, college, graduate school. I thought of myself as a student and people regarded me as a student. For forty years – age 26 to the present – each and every day of my life has been associated with education – as a teacher or counselor or administrator or board member or pastor – elementary, secondary, college.

This in mind I write an open letter to all Graduates of 2008.

Dear Graduates of 2008,

Ave atque vale (greeting and farewell), the typical sendoff given by commencement speakers, reminds graduates that “commencement” means beginning and marks a launching into a new phase of life.

People tell you so much about the world you are facing – its challenges and its blessings; its dangers and its opportunities; its goodness and its evil. An assessment or analysis of your world is not my project. I propose to do something simpler and more personal.

You will receive many gifts to acknowledge your academic accomplishments and your new beginnings. These are the gifts I pray that you receive and use.

I pray that you have a good eye, a good ear and a good heart.

A Good Eye: Most people see what they want to see. In the home I grew up in Saturday morning was the time for cleaning. To encourage children to do a good job cleaning their room mother would say; “If you look for clean, you will find clean. If you look for dirt, you will find dirt.” More often than not “the truth” lies below the surface of daily life. The truth of who you are is deeper than how you may appear to others; how you look and talk and walk; what you own and what you desire; where you come from and where you plan to go. The truth about you and six billion other people on the face of the earth is that you are a walking, talking, pulsating human image of God. Before there was the DNA given you by your parents there is a kind of Divine DNA you carry – just because you are a human being. There is nothing you can do to erase that Divine image in whom you have been created; nor is there anything that can erase the Divine DNA in the other six billion inhabitants of this planet. With a good eye you can “see” in yourself and in others that Divine image; and in seeing you can recognize that you are blessed with six

billion brothers and sisters with whom you share a common ancestry. If I truly see in the face of the “other” a sister or brother; then the fate of the other becomes my fate as well; the longing of the other becomes my longing. Then I “see” the truth: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

A Good Ear: We tend to hear what we want to hear. How many times do we assume we know how the sentence will end and thus finish the sentence for another? How many times do we double and triple task – talk with someone while we are doing one or two other things? How many times do we really listen to each other – not just hear, but really listen? A good ear can hear what is behind and beneath the words spoken. Often words hide more than they communicate. A good ear is tuned to the soul of another – can truly hear the cry of a child, the sigh of lovers, the groans of those burdened and weighed down. A good ear hears the whisper of God. The Spirit of God is gentle and patient; waits for us before speaking. To hear the voice of God in the voice of my neighbor, the sounds of my world, and the events of my day demands a good ear – an ear tuned to hear.

A Good Heart: A good heart is a large heart, an open heart, a welcoming heart – a heart where another can find comfort and safety. A good heart welcomes another just for who he/she is – no need to put on airs, no place for pretense, no show of partiality. A good heart is inclusive; a good heart loves as God loves. A good heart allows a person to step beyond his/her fears – “perfect love casts out fear”. A good heart is big enough to embrace all people; a good heart loves the truth.

So, my prayer for you is that you be blessed with a good eye, a good ear and a good heart; then you truly are a blessing for your world.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FALL FESTIVAL MEETING

Next meeting: 9:00 AM Sunday, June 22. Come share your interest, your passions and your enthusiasm. Decisions need to be made as we approach the 3 month mark until Sept. 21—the feast of St. Matthew and festival weekend.

VATICAN EXHIBIT AT MN HISTORY CENTER

The Minnesota Historical Society is looking for volunteers to assist the public during the “Vatican Splendors” exhibition, beginning September 27. To get more information or to apply, please visit www.mnhs.org/volunteers or call the Volunteer Vatican Hotline: 651-259-3188.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT OMISSION

Two weeks of contributions did not survive the transfer of data from one software program to another. [The archdiocese is asking every parish to move to a common software program for biography, contributions and accounting. They have move in the information—wholesale—from one to the other.] For some reason, the records for the last week of January and first week of February, though clearly on the old software did not appear on the new one. The experts from the company are working to move those records. Thanks for bringing the inaccuracy in your statement to our attention; thank you for your patience through the completion of this process.

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

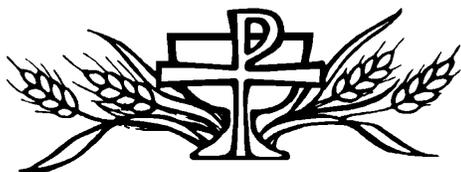
Mass on Memorial Day is scheduled at 9:00 AM.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee hour after both Sunday masses features delicious treats gifted to St. Matthew’s from the new owners of Jerabek’s New Bohemian at 63 West Winifred Street. Thanks to Russ Spangler and Ronda Vincent, Holly Wills and John Wills and best wishes for success as you carry on the Jerabek’s tradition. Coffee hours are being served by the Wallace and Del Vecchio. All proceeds of both coffee hours will be presented in the name of St. Matthew’s Church to the European Children Adoption Services, the non-profit agency that helped place Yuri and Alyssa Wallace and Anna and Alexei Del Vecchio. All are welcome in the social hall.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 10, 5:00 PM - Noah Gilberg. Please welcome him to the Lord’s Table with open arms and offer your congratulations.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 25
Monday	May 26
	Memorial Day
9:00 AM, MC	Mass
Tuesday	May 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Boy Scout Committee mtg.
Wednesday	May 28
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary’s Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, SC	Cub Scout Committee mtg.
Thursday	May 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	May 30
	Last Day of School for 8th Grade
Saturday	May 31
Sunday	June 1
10:30 AM, MC	8th Grade Graduation Mass

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

The Scriptures today remind us that “we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf.” And we reminded that the cup of blessing and the bread we break, are both acts of “sharing.”

How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?

Sharing: Thank you to stewards of all descriptions: \$7,146 was given last weekend.

Thank you, too, for \$211 given to the communications campaign, \$25 in holyday envelopes; \$12 for the missions; \$10 in school fund envelopes; and \$7 given for the food shelf.

Service: Thanks to the gardening angel! Thank you to the angel who weeded and planted in front of the parish center. Your acts certainly add to the hospitality we try to be good at.

St. Matthew’s Lawn Signs: We still have some signs that are looking for a home. Will you let your lawn be home to one? These signs advertise the school and the education and formation programs. They’ll withstand almost any weather; they’re eye-catching and they might be just what is needed to invite someone to explore our programs. We believe our programs are the best; but we do need help getting people in the doors. 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

Father Steve’s anniversary of pasturing St. Matt’s. We’ll observe that on June 14 and 15 during and after each Mass. You’re invited to potluck some goodies and fruit for after Mass. Please sign up at the Scrip table after Mass the next two weekends.

Alumni and Friends
This group continues to seek out both students and dollars for the next school year. More than 100 alumni have sent in donations from small to large. It’s refreshing to receive a donation—this past week—from someone who graduated just 2 years ago. It’s both testimony to the wonderful education that was received as well as it’s a challenge to each person who has graduated to make a donation for the benefit of those who will come after us.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2008
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
 Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
 Next Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27

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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*

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