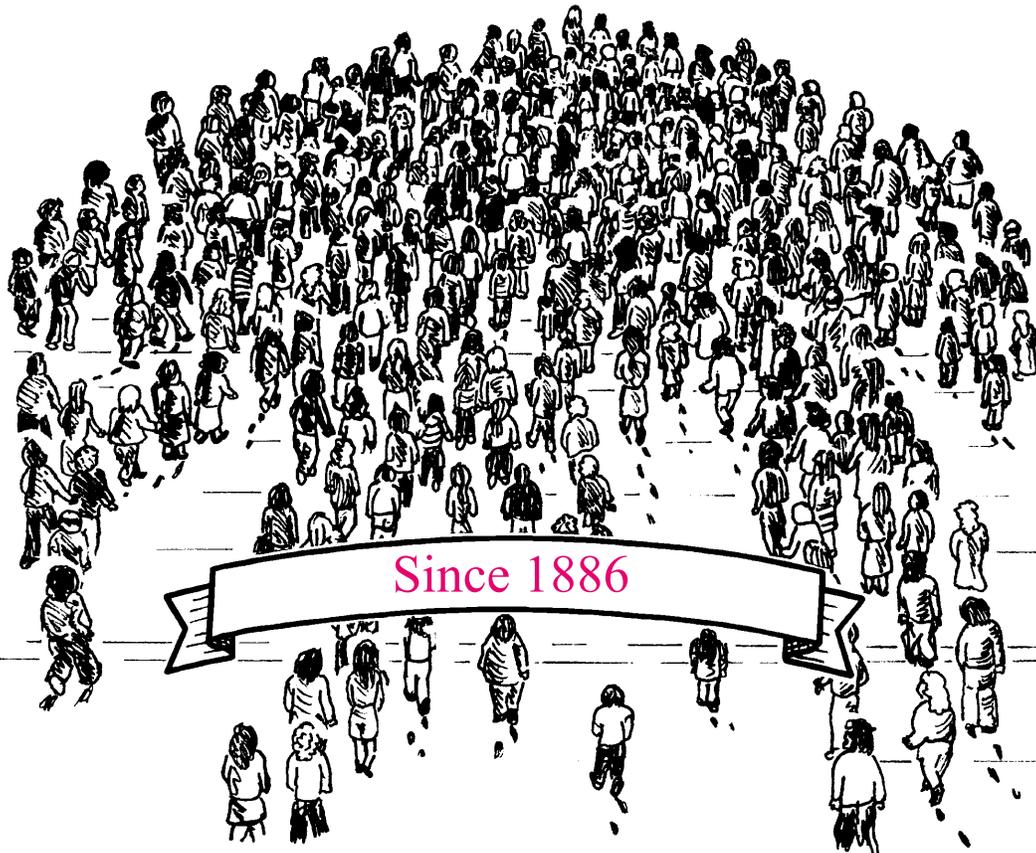


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This is Memorial Day weekend. When I was a child the holiday was called “Decoration Day” – the day we went to cemeteries and cleaned and decorated the graves of family members.

The holiday was established to honor and remember those who gave their lives in defense of our country. The holiday was a citizens “thank you” to brave men and women.

I clearly remember visiting my paternal grandparents in the mid 40’s and seeing displayed in the front window a flag bearing four silver stars – my dad and three uncles were in military service – two in the army and two in the navy. The flags reminded a neighborhood of the households where men and women were serving their country. Sometimes you would see a flag with a gold star – the gold star meant that the family member serving in the armed forces had died. The flags were proudly displayed.

While the origin of the holiday was to honor military dead, soon the holiday was popularly expanded to remember all family deceased. As a child I remember the family going to Calvary Cemetery – cutting the grass around the grave markers, washing the winter debris off the parkers and then placing mason jars containing lilacs on the graves. Finally, we would pause and kneel and pray for the family member.

The weekend is also regarded as the unofficial beginning of the summer season. In days gone past men would exchange their felt hats for straw hats on this day, and would wear the straw until Labor Day. It was also permitted to wear white shoes beginning on Memorial Day. Communities would host picnics and community gatherings. It was the weekend to till the garden and plant the flowers and veggies.

Truly Memorial Day weekend was and is a “change time”. The cycles of nature and the cycles of the year are important ways we have to mark and celebrate life. Take time this weekend to remember family members who have died; take time to get into the yard; take time to fire up the grill. Take time to give thanks for what has been and for what will be. The change of season can remind us of the provident care of God for all creation.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Graduation season is upon us. Our parish would like to recognize all the high school and college graduates of the community. If you are a graduating senior, or the parent of a graduating senior, please call the parish center (651-224-9793) with student’s name, school from which you are graduating, any honors or scholarships received and future plans. We will be printing this list in a future bulletin, please call prior to Wednesday, May 31. Thank you and congratulations on your graduation!

COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

All are welcome downstairs at the Social Hall for Coffee Hour after Sunday Masses. This will be the last gathering until Sunday September 10, 2006 when Coffee Hour returns after Summer Break. Thanks to all who stepped up and served. See you in September.

VOTE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

The ballot counter of the vote, Steve Grundei, reported the Constitution was passed by a margin 116-6. The Council wishes to thank all those who participated in the process and helped along the way and especially those who voted. One more of the nine initiatives of the council is now completed—the development and ratification of a new parish council constitution.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL SELECTION

Four parishioners have completed the pastoral council discernment process. They are Sheila Brunelle, Nicole Johnson, Becky Montgomery, and John Sekevitch. These candidates provide a wonderful mix of people that will enrich the Council’s work immensely. They will be introduced to the parish community on the weekend of May 27/28. Three of the candidates will fill vacancies that occur when Marty Olson completes his term on June 30th; Becky Montgomery and John Sekevitch also have terms completing on June 30. The fourth candidate will complete the last two years of a currently unfilled vacancy. The terms will be decided by drawing of lot on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, following the 10:30 Eucharistic celebration. The first three names drawn will fill the three year terms and the fourth name drawn will serve a two year term.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



REGISTRATIONS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ONGOING

Registration for the 2006-2007 school year is ongoing for all grades. Call the school office (651-224-6912) to request a registration packet or to set up a time to tour the school, visit with staff and learn more about what St. Matthew's school has to offer your child.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 27, 5:00 PM—Christopher Acesor. Sunday, May 28, 10:30 AM—LaBrea and Talia Vasquez-Milton, Amelia Franco. Please welcome them to the Lord's table with open arms and offer your Congratulations.

PULPIT EXCHANGE—JUNE 10-11

The weekend of June 10 and 11, Father Adrian and Father Jerry Keiser will participate in a pulpit exchange. Father Adrian will be celebrating mass at St. Francis of Assisi, our sister parish in Lake St. Croix Beach. Father Keiser will be celebrating mass here at St. Matthew's.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS ON MONDAY, MAY 29

Mass on Monday, May 29 will be at 9:00 AM in the church. There will be no mass at 6:45 AM on Monday, May 29.

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THIS TIME OF WAR

Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to add the names of family and friends to the book along the side of the church. Please remember in prayer those serving in the military, providing humanitarian aid or working in Iraq, Afghanistan, or other areas of conflict.

GUIDED RETREAT THIS SUMMER

Loyola presents a summer guided retreat Sunday June 25 through Friday June 30 at the Franciscan Retreat House in Prior Lake. The retreat includes each day: one presentation by a member of the retreat staff, 45 minute individual session with a spiritual director, Mass, morning and evening prayer, and group centering prayer. A massage is available on request (\$65). Retreat cost is \$450. Contact Loyola at 651/641-0008. Register by June 15, 2006.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 28
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	May 29
9:00 PM, MC	Memorial Day Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	May 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	May 31
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	June 1
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	June 2
Saturday	June 3
5:00 PM, MC	First Communion
	Mason Gilberg,
	Omar Graham,
	Fernando Grassi
	Cueto, Samantha
	and Justin Villalva
Sunday	June 4
8:00 AM, MC	First Communion
	Christian Staples
	Jose Salazar Mejia
	Victor Salazar
10:30 AM, MC	Eighth Grade
	Graduation

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 21	\$7,814.00
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$425,189.00
Need to date:	<u>\$444,569.00</u>
	-\$19,380.00
School Fund	\$50.00
Holy Day	\$77.00

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 28	8:00 AM +Marie A. Willems +Ed Maher, 10:30 AM +Agnes DeFoe +John Meyers, +Klotine Mosby, Parishioners
Monday, May 29	9:00 AM +Earl Cafilisch
Tuesday, May 30	Sr. Anne Becker, SSND
Wednesday, May 31	Klingner Family
Thursday, June 1	+Ray Haas
Friday, June 2	6:45 AM World Peace 5:15 PM +Roger Klingner
Saturday, June 3	+John Williams, +Arthur Geis, +Phillip Gilberg., +Joseph Karas, Sr., +Joseph Karas, Jr., + Blessed John XXII
Sunday, June 4	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Harold Licha

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 28, 2006

Sunday:	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:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Mass in the morning: 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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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator..... *Cindy Hoffman*
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KLT Kids 651-665-0786
Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
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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

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