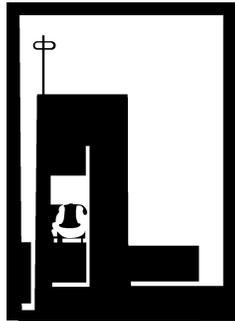


The Community of St. Matthew

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This week the Minnesota State Legislature passed the “concealed handgun law” and the Governor signed the bill into law immediately.

The effect of this law is that it will be very easy for citizens of the State of Minnesota to carry a handgun in public places. The estimate is that more than 90,000 additional handgun permits will be issued in the State of Minnesota in the next 3 years.

The argument that won the day in the legislature is that citizens have a right “to protect themselves.”

Persons who have been convicted of a felony, those who are mentally ill and those who are a danger to themselves will not be able to obtain permits.

Yet, we know convicted felons or the mentally ill do not perpetrate most handgun assaults and killings. Most assaults and killings are perpetrated by normal, garden-variety people who become angry, enraged and violent because of an altercation that has occurred within the family, between neighbors, among co-workers, etc. Instead of having to go home and get his gun, this angry person will legally be carrying a gun – and thus be able to use it on the spot.

This law will not make our communities safer. On the contrary, one may now assume that any average, ordinary individual over the age of 21 may be carrying a gun on his/her person – and doing so legally.

This law perpetuates and augments a sense of life enshrined in “the old west” and sparks the imagination and desire of individuals who live by a code of “rugged individualism”.

This is a law that further cheapens the right to life.

Concealed guns may not be carried in school buildings. This is the only restriction on place.

Any property owner who wishes to ban handguns from his/her property must post a sign to that effect at each and every entrance/exit on the property.

We shall do that at Saint Matthew. No gun will be permitted on our parish property.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND

Lanisa Galvan, Autumn Zuk, Nicole Sticha (5:00 PM), Monique Sierra, Anna Miller, Davon Massie (10:30 AM). Please welcome them with open arms and offer them congratulations.

WORSHIP SPACE EASTER GARDEN

This area of the sanctuary needs special attention every day from now through Pentecost (June 8th). If you can give Dana a hand once or twice a week, please leave a message for her at 651-310-0830. She will get back to you.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Everyone is invited to the chapel at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6th. CORRECTION: The Living Rosary and Benediction will be held on Tuesday, May 13 in the church at 7:00 pm. Installation of the new Rosary Society officers will follow the Rosary and Benediction.

TIME FOR A NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE!

If you are an Altar Server, Communion Minister, Lector, Usher/Greeter or Gift Bearer, please get your scheduling requests and conflicts in to the schedulers ASAP. The new schedule will run from June 15 through September 7. Please leave your information with Ginny Roethler at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at gbd1252@aol.com.

“Shalom! This beautiful word ...means salvation, happiness, harmony; it highlights the fact that peace is a gift of God, a fragile gift, placed in human hands, that has to be safeguarded by the dedication of our communities. “ Pope John Paul II, January 24, 2002

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



THANK YOU TO THE QUILTERS

St. Matthew's Home and School thanks the quilters for donating the beautiful quilt for the raffle this Lenten Season. Thanks to everyone who took a chance on it. Congratulations to Amy Grayson, parent of two recent St. Matthew's graduates, who was the lucky winner.

ROSARY SOCIETY SALAD LUNCHEON A SUCCESS

Thanks to all the great cooks who donated salads and the volunteers that helped make our annual salad luncheon a success. The Rosary Society made over a thousand dollars on this event. The raffle winners are: Amanda Weyer, Betty Lange, Geri LaDoucer, Marcie Kegler and Frances Wegluter.

PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Enrichment Committee is beginning to organize a parish picnic this summer. The date for the picnic is Thursday, August 14, Father Steve will celebrate Mass for the Assumption at 6:00 PM followed by the picnic. Watch the bulletin for further details. If you are interested in helping plan this event there is a meeting on Sunday, May 18 at 9:45 AM in the Parish Center.

LOAVES AND FISHES

We will be serving May 5th at Faith Lutheran Church. Please Contact Lu Keplinger (227-1441) if you are working. Thank you.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy planting and caring for a garden? Well, St. Matt's needs the talent of a group of gardeners to plant and care for the garden area created by the recent new church handicap ramp entrance. A parishioner has come forward to offer to pay for the Plantings, but before anything can happen, we need to be assured of the ongoing care and feeing of this "garden gateway." Please call the church office and leave your name if you can be a part of this ongoing effort. Thanks!

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to staff the front desk in the Parish Center in the evenings, Monday-Thursday from 5:00-7:30 PM. If you are interested please call Nicole at 224-9793. Training is provided.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 4
11:30 AM, SH	Athletic Banquet
12:00 PM, CH	Baptisms
Monday	May 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Cinco de Mayo	
Tuesday	May 6
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, XC	Brownie Bridging Ceremony
7:00 PM, CH	Rosary and Bendiction
Wednesday	May 7
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Board Mtg
Thursday	May 8
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
7:00 PM	Confirmation
Cathedral of St. Paul	
Friday	May 9
Saturday	May 10
Sunday	May 11
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for April 27: **\$731.23**
 Additional Easter envelopes on April 27: **\$710.00**
 Youth treasure for April 27: **\$11.50**
 School education envelopes: **\$62.00**

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me. SJ Adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 4	8:00 Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Society Clarence Kammerer Agnes DeFoe
	10:30 George W. Reiland Bertha Monzel Lawrence Lang
Monday, May 5	Clarence & Irene Bunde
Tuesday, May 6	Lloyd Erickson
Wednesday, May 7	Donald Neff
Thursday, May 8	Robert Stickler James Dieter
Friday, May 9	Pauline Reiland
Saturday, May 10	5:00 Bernard Ferber Edwin J. Maus John & Irene Pachl William Schmidt
Sunday, May 11	8:00 Rose Garcia Bernard Bukowski
	10:30 Parishioners George Gubash Ella Rosenberger

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 4, 2003

Sunday, May 4:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
Monday, May 5:	Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, May 6:	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, May 7:	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, May 8:	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, May 9:	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, May 10:	Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday, May 11:	Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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*
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 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer *David Rosas*

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 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