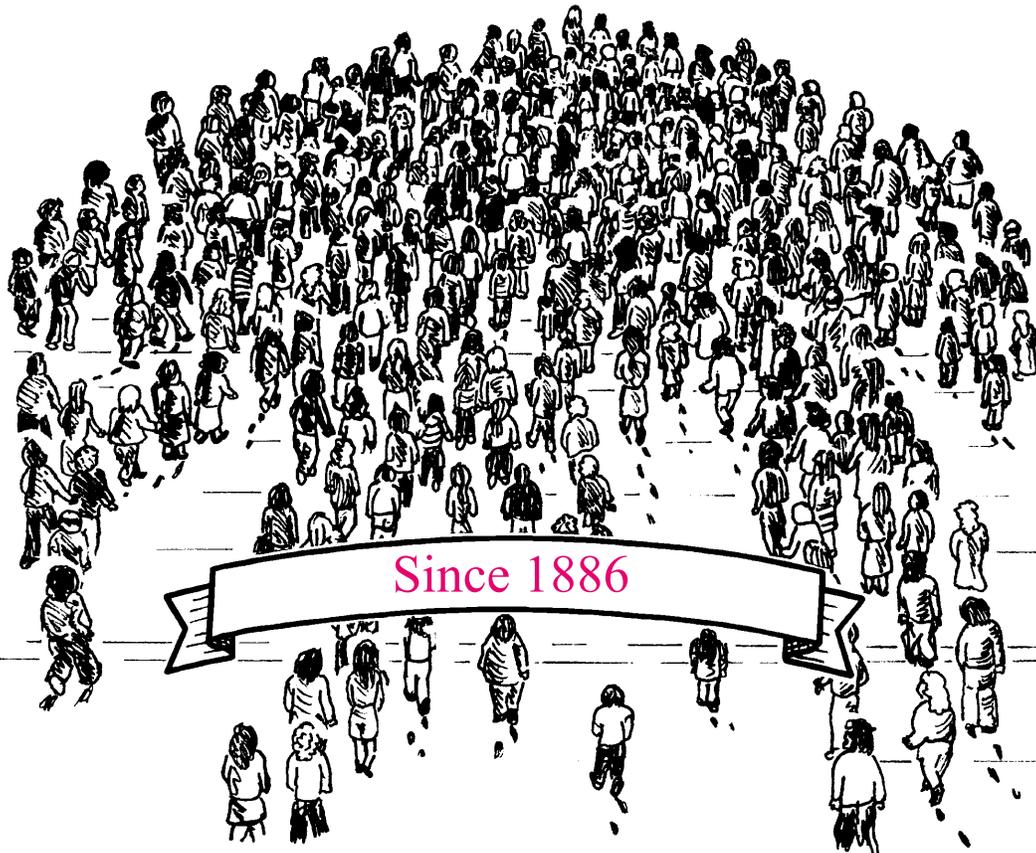


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This Sunday the Saint Matthew Men's Club hosts the annual athletic lunch and awards ceremony for the young people on the Saint Matthew's teams.

Mens sana in corpore sano a healthy mind in a healthy body. This recognition dates from the ancients and is true today.

We read and observe the growing obesity among young people, a sign that healthy living is observed with "a lick and a promise" as my Dad would say. We owe young people good nutrition and healthy exercise if they are to grow into healthy and productive adults.

School athletics helps young people learn physical skills, how to be a team player, good sportsmanship. It provides opportunities for adults to mentor and influence young people. It is one of the ways we have to assist young people grow strong.

Sports at Saint Matthew is about healthy competition – not "win at any cost"; it is about team play and not "lone rangers"; it is about good sportsmanship not arrogance.

Both men and women devote time and energy to coach these teams. Parents support their student by coming and rooting at the games. Students experience satisfaction.

So, the annual athletic lunch and awards ceremony presents an opportunity to thank those who participate and to reflect on the meaning of our athletic program.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNIONS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 6, 5:00 PM: Hannah Delmont.
Sunday, May 7, 10:30 Claudia Rosario, Albert Burns, Maya Tackaberry. Please welcome them to the Lord's table with open arms and offer your congratulations.

NO COFFEE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

There will be no coffee and donuts after the 8:00AM and 10:30 AM masses this weekend. The Men's Club is sponsoring the St. Matthew's School Athletic Banquet after the 10:30 AM Mass. Coffee hour will return next weekend after Masses on Sunday, hosted by the St. Matthew's School Student Council.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING –MAY 9

All parishioners are invited to join us for the Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel on May 9 at 6:45 p.m. Officers will also be installed. Afterward we will move to the Social Hall for our meeting and refreshments.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't forget to purchase tickets. Our prizes include gift certificates to six local restaurants and two gas stations. We will accept your raffle tickets through Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. The names of winners will be drawn at our meeting and will receive their gift certificates by Friday, May 12. This raffle helps fund our activities which include St. Matthew's and several social action programs. Thank you very much for your support.

MOTHER'S DAY IS NEXT WEEKEND—BUY YOUR SCRIP TODAY!!

You can find a great selection of gift cards at the St. Matthew's Scrip table for Mother's Day, Graduations, and Father's Day. Get Mom a gift card to Bath and Body Works or to one of the many available restaurants. Dad can always use a Menard's or Home Depot gift card. Get the graduate a gift card to Barnes and Noble or a gas card. There are many choices available. Stop by the Scrip table and see what we have. There are also great selections for Birthday, Anniversaries and Weddings. Every purchase you make provides funds to St. Matthew's at NO COST TO YOU! New information - Marshall Field's now accepts the Macy's gift cards.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office when they or family members are in need of a pastoral visit or Communion. A priest is always available for the sacrament of the sick. Parish visitors will be happy to come for a home visit once, twice or regularly if you are in need of a visit; for example, after returning from the hospital, while in a rehab center or in your home if you are homebound. Please call the parish center at 651-224-9793 and Nicole will connect you to a parish visitor.

VOTING ON THE CONSTITUTION

Voting on the Constitution will take place before after in each Mass on May 20 & 21 in the Social Hall. Copies of the Constitution are available in back of Church or at the Parish Center. You must be a registered parishioner (16 years of age or older) to vote. You can register that day if you wish. If you will not be present that weekend, you may obtain an absentee ballot by contacting or stopping in at the Parish Center. All absentee ballots must be returned by May 19th.

LEISURE CLUB MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, May 10 at 1:30 Pm for our monthly meeting. Bring and friend and celebrate Cinco de Mayo day with us. Luncheon tickets for the June meeting will be available for purchase at the meeting.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAY

St. Matthew's School will host a Kindergarten Visit Day on Friday, May 12 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The Visit Day is open to all students who will be entering Kindergarten in the 2006 - 2007 school year and are either enrolled or considering enrollment at St. Matthew's School. Students will participate in free play, art, singing and other activities. To make your reservation please call Peg Mike in the school office at 651-224-6912. We look forward to meeting you.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Thank you to Cathy Fee and Jim Bukowski who have been cleaning up the garden in front of the church. Thank you to the Men's Club for providing music leadership on Easter Sunday at the 8:00 AM Mass. Thank you to Cheryl Kempe who prepared and served the confirmation meals to our candidates and their families during the past year. Thank you to Stephen and Josie Mike, Jan and Pete Casillas and Samantha Casillas for preparing the Confirmation Brunch. Thank you to the more than 80 families who have pledged more than \$43,000 to hire a Parish Pastoral Administrator. Thank you to all whose regular stewardship provides the funds necessary to do our parish ministry. Please be generous, our utility costs this fiscal year are already \$28,000 over budget.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS BEING SOUGHT

We are now beginning the discernment process for the next Parish Council members which culminates on Pentecost Sunday (June 4). If feel you are called or you know someone who you believe might be a good candidate, please give the name to the Parish Center office. These people will be contacted by a member of the current Parish Council. They will be expected to attend two informational and discernment meetings on Wednesday May 10 at 7:00 PM and Sunday May 21 at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center. This is a very important position in our Parish and we are looking for persons who are willing to help give direction to our ongoing mission. If you have any questions, please contact a current Council member or call the Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA

The Parish Council will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 6:45 PM in the parish center. Facilitator and Contact Person: Becky Montgomery

Draft Agenda:

- I. Approval of April 5th, 2006 Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Report from Finance Committee
- IV. Voting Process for Ratification of Parish Constitution
- V. Spring 2006 Discernment Process for Parish Council Membership
- VI. Review Written Committee and Task Force Reports
- VII. Report on Parish Council Initiatives
 - A. Brochures and Communications—Connie
 - B. Parish Council Annual Meeting—Becky
 - C. Parish Enrichment Plan for Lifelong Learning—Lucus
 - D. Stewardship—John
 - E. Hospitality Events
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Agenda Items for June 2006 Parish Council Meeting

Adjourn

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	May 7
Boy Scout Aluminum Can Recycling Before and After Masses 9:00 AM, MC	Question & Answer Session—Parish Council Constitution Baptism Baptism
12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	Baptism Baptism
Monday	May 8
3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 9
3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, CH	Loaves and Fishes Rosary Society Rosary & Adoration
Wednesday	May 10
12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:30 PM, SH 3:00 PM, SH	St. Mary's Clinic Leisure Club Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	May 11
3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
Friday	May 12
Saturday	May 13
5:00 PM, MC	First Communions Jared Garibay Aytiana Franco
Sunday	May 14
10:30 AM, MC	First Communion Ellen Ahern
12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	Baptism Baptism
Abbreviations:	
MC – Main Church	
CH – Chapel	
PC – Parish Center	
SH – Social Hall	
SC – School	
CC – Child Care	
XC – Extended Day	

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-April 30	\$7,112.29
Needed per week:	\$9,457.00
Plate & envelope to date:	\$390,350.00
Need to date:	<u>\$406,651.00</u>
	-\$16,301.00
School Fund	\$100.00
Holy Day	\$188.00

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 7	8:00 AM +Roger Klingner, +Helen Savard, Living and deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, May 8	Parishioners
Tuesday, May 9	World Peace
Wednesday, May 10	+James Dieter
Thursday, May 11	Parishioners
Friday, May 12	
Saturday, May 13	+Harry and Margaret Newmaster
Sunday, May 14	8:00 AM +Joseph Kammerer +Robert J. Stickler, Sr. +Richard Charbonneau, Jr. 10:30 AM +Vickie Traynor +Dorothy O'Day Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 7, 2006

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Pastoral Staff

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 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*
 Administrative Assistant..... *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830
 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

*-Facilitator

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
 Education Advisory..... Richard Dunn