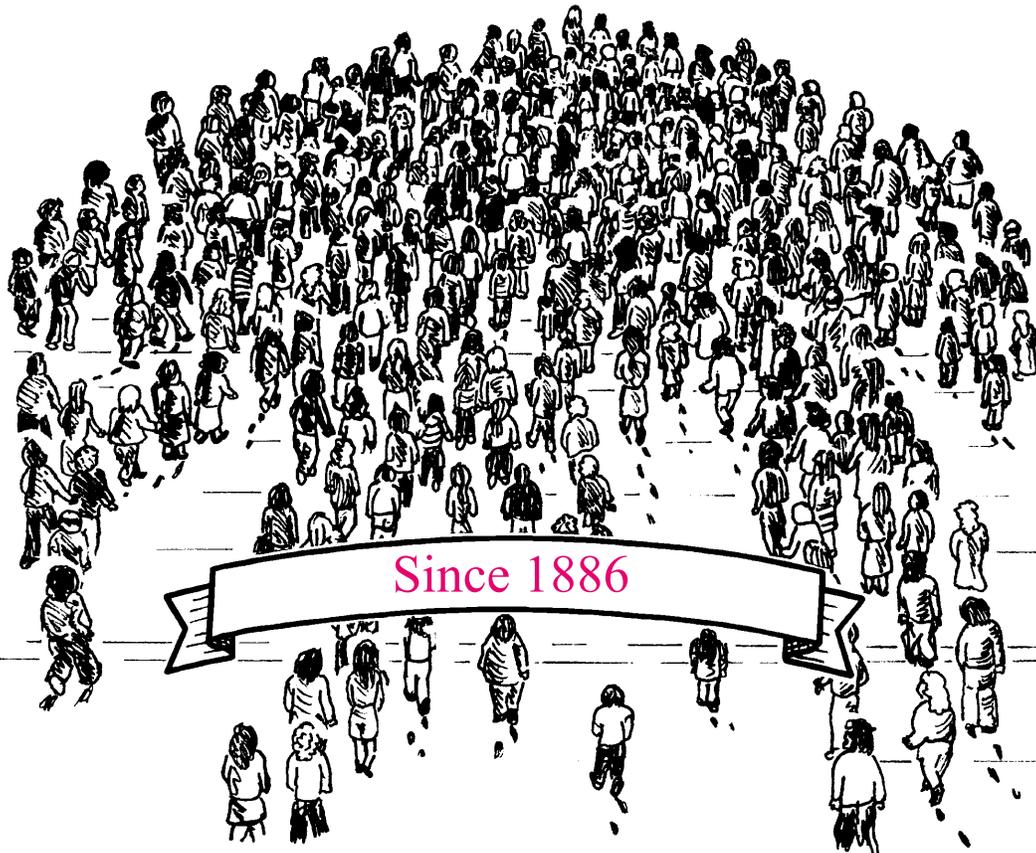


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

It distresses me that there does not seem to be one member of the Minnesota Legislature or one member of the United States Congress who has the courage and guts to propose an increase in income tax to overcome the growing lack of resources to make life possible for the most vulnerable of our society.

The further cut backs in Minnesota Care proposed by the Governor does no more than increase the numbers of women, men and children who haven't even the most basic of healthcare available. What happens to these people is when they need to see a doctor or get some medical treatment they end up at the emergency rooms of local hospitals, the cost of which to the tax payer is far more than the cost to underwrite some portion of basic health care for all.

The diminishment of child care assistance makes it almost impossible for a person, required to get a job and get off welfare, to have suitable and appropriate care for his/her child/children. In our own child care center co-pays for families have recently risen by 500, 700, 1000%. This means that children are withdrawn from child care and placed under the care of neighbors or older children, or in some cases left alone in the home while parents go to work.

Education opportunities diminish year by year; special education suffers more than many other educational items -- but them of course the needs of special education students are so invisible to most of the population and there is very little constituency for special education.

The Governor wants to fund the "good society" with new gambling initiatives. How irresponsible and regressive! It is the responsibility of the citizenry of a free society to fund the common good through a fair and equitable tax contribution by all.

It strikes me as less than genuine when we can talk about increased taxes -- hospitality taxes and sales taxes and TIF monies to pay for the building of a new baseball

park -- while the "T word" is anathema when it comes to essential social service.

Washington is gripped by the same paralysis. The President talks about Social Security as if it were a wealth producing instrument. Social Security was never meant to produce wealth for citizens -- it was meant to be a universal safety net for all citizens as they come to the end of their work lives.

Nationally we fail to provide adequate health care opportunities for our citizens, and continue to rely solely on the market to provide health care. We act as if health care is a privilege, rather than a human right.

What we need is a gutsy and articulate legislator or congress person who can introduce a tax bill and allow for some serious and wide ranging debate and conversation about how a society cares for itself, how a society provides for itself, how a society makes sure that all its members enjoy the promise of life and freedom.

I truly believe that there is a planned and consistent national and local policy to build debt so large that it becomes the "reason" for dismantling the social contract which we have had with our neighbors for generations. I believe that there is a planned and systematic effort to return to the days of unbridled capitalism and the dominance of the Robber Barons of industry while the middle class disappears and the vast majority of our citizens become destitute and dependant on the whim of the aristocracy.

I am not by nature a pessimist. I do believe the current administration in Washington, and the influence it has in our state, seeks to truly create a "new world order" in which the common good is sacrificed to the private greed of the few.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS

WEEKEND

Sunday, 10:30 AM—Max Newman

Correction: Last week's communions were incorrectly identified in last week's bulletin.

Saturday, 5:00 PM—Vincent Abrego, Rodrigo Abrego and Ariana Vandenbosch. Sunday, 10:30 AM — Tom Olson.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus Lucien Galtier Chapter would like to thank all the St. Matthew's parishioners for their contributions for the past two weeks. Alicia McMonigal won the Cathedral of St. Paul painting by Robert Culligan. The painting brought in about \$1,100 from ticket sales. The Knights generated about \$3,000 from all the income sources for the Wakota Life Care Center fundraiser. Thanks also for contributions from The Tootsie Roll sales. The Knights raised about \$900 from St. Matthew's. These funds will go to the activities for the mentally disabled individuals for Special Olympics Minnesota.

ST. MATTHEW'S HUMMM-DINGERS (AKA THE PARISH YOUTH CHOIR)

Our 10:30 mass this weekend is the season's last music ministry date for this talented, enthusiastic and committed group of young people. Since last October, they have each logged well over 50 hours of service through rehearsals and ministry dates. They have ministered alone and in combination with our Adult choir. They have even combined with the youth choir of St. Luke's to provide music leadership during a Lenten mass at St. Luke's (as the mighty "Matthews"). Members are in grades 3 thru 7 & come from public schools as well as St. Matt's school: Andrea, Anne, Becca, Bridget, Christine, D.J., Donelle, Julianna, Karen, Maya, Maritza, Samantha, Sylvia, Tiana & Tristan. THANK YOU ALL for your faithful ministry! We look forward to your return in the fall.

**CONSTITUTION OF ST MATTHEWS
INFORMATION SESSION**

Sunday May 22, 2005
9:00 am – 10:15 am
Parish Center

Parishioners interested in reviewing the proposed Pastoral Constitution and learning more about the consensus decision-making process are invited.

We welcome your comments.

ECKER, ILLIG, THOMFORD AND WENKER COMPLETE THE PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Four parishioners have completed the pastoral council discernment process. They are Lucas Ecker, Sister Joanna Illig, Mark Thomford, and Tony Joe Wenker. 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 7/8. Three of the candidates will fill vacancies that occur when Suzanne Clarke, Douglas Kennedy, and Linda Sellars complete their terms on June 30th. 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, May 15th, 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.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Rosary Society Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:45 PM in the church. All women are invited. Hope to see you there.

LEISURE CLUB

The Leisure Club will meet on Wednesday, May 11 at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. Election of new officers will take place. Tickets for the June luncheon will be sold. The cost is \$10.00. Bring a friend and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Refreshments will be served. Any questions call Gayle at 651-398-2161.

10:30 AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Remember, next weekend, Sunday, May 15th, is the last Sunday for Children's Liturgy of the Word this season. We will offer this ministry again in the fall. Thank you to everyone who has participated.

CAN RECYCLING REMINDER

Boy Scout Troop 107 will be recycling aluminum cans this weekend in the parking lot/playground area. Thank you for your support.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	May 8
Monday	May 9
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	May 10
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, MC	Rosary Society Meeting
Wednesday	May 11
9:00 AM, MC	Project Rainbow School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Meeting
Thursday	May 12
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Friday	May 13
Saturday	May 14
Sunday	May 15

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$12,121.79
School Fund	\$1,220.90
Youth and Children Envelopes	\$1.75
Holy Day	\$110.00

*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 8	8:00 AM Agnes Stefaniak Agnes Allers Vincent Plumbo 10:30 AM Parishoners Agnes DeFoe
Monday, May 9	Pauline Reiland
Tuesday, May 10	Jim Dieter
Wednesday, May 11	Parishioners
Thursday, May 12	World Peace
Friday, May 13	
Saturday, May 14	Freda Reiland Dorothy Diers
Sunday, May 15	8:00 AM World Peace 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2005

Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/ Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Ez 37:1-14/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39; Day: Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23

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Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
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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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Larry Sachi	Connie Aligada

Committee Chairs

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