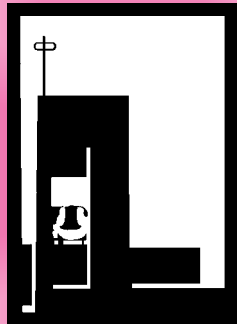
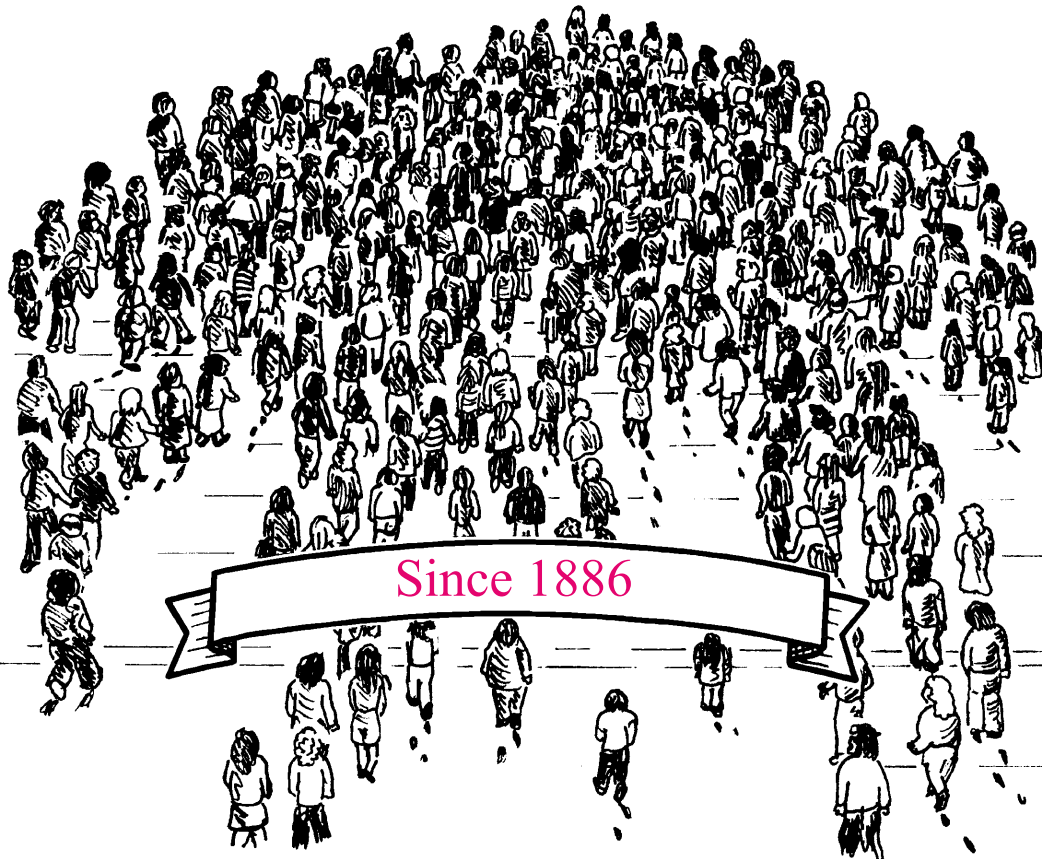


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

May is the month that is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. For centuries the church has encouraged us to develop a devotion of the Blessed Virgin. This devotion involves keeping her Feasts and praying to her – seeking her intercession and protection.

Catholic churches have a place of honor for the state or picture of Mary as a way of highlighting this call to devotion and reminding us to draw close to her.

The chapel boasts a fine contemporary bronze plaque of Mother and Child created for the Church of Saint Matthew by the sculpture and silver smith Gerald Bonnete. This work was commissioned in 1968 and was installed in the chapel early in 1970.

It is a unique piece of contemporary church art, modeled after the ancient images of Mother and Child found in eastern icons or the more easily identified Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The artist was a local artist with an international reputation.

In the church proper we have two wonderful wood statues of a more traditional style of Mary and Joseph. These statues were purchased by the Saint Matthew Rosary Society in the early 1970's. Recently, through an anonymous gift these statues have been beautifully painted in soft tones which bring out the wood grain and bring a splendid color to them.

The images of Mary, created by artists of every culture and time over the centuries, are a testimony to the devotion of Catholics to Mary and a strong indication that each culture, race and nation claims her as “their own”.

I hope that each of you has in your home a piece of art that depicts the image of Mary. Such a picture or statue, along with a crucifix, displayed in the home is a witness to one's faith and a reminder to all who enter that this space is under the protection of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Join the Rosary Society on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 PM in the chapel for rosary and adoration. Installation of officers and main meeting will follow in the Social Hall.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Meetings in May will be May 15 and 29. The program begins at 9:30 AM at the Parish Center.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mark your calendars for the week of June 14-June 18, that is the week we will be working with Habitat for Humanity this year. The site will be in St. Paul. Watch the bulletin for more details or call Ginny Roethler at 651-222-2867 if you have any questions.

LEISURE CLUB

St. Matthew's Leisure Club will meet at 12:30 PM on May 12 at Westwood Ridge, “The Castle “ for lunch and our meeting. Please remember to bring your ticket money for the Paddleford trip on June 9. Cost is \$34.60 and we will board at 10:30 AM. I need your money, no later, than May 12. Thanks. Any questions call Gayle Stelter at 651-228-0856.

11TH ANNUAL RED AND WHITE A SUCCESS

Thanks to the almost 200 people who bought tickets to the Red and White, we enjoyed another successful and fun filled night. The silent auction was a big hit and added a new dimension to the evening. Watch next week's bulletin for complete list of winners, thank yous and final numbers.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 8, 5:00 PM—Anthony Tidgwell, Alicianna Vandenberg. Sunday, May 9, 10:30 AM—Andrew Nauertz, Alysson Nauertz, Alana Salas, Bridget Goldenstein.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



KINDERGARTEN AT ST. MATTHEW'S

All families with prospective kindergarteners for the fall of 2004 are invited to check out what a day in the life of a kindergartener is like at St.

Matthew's. On Friday, May 14 from 9:00-11:00 AM, any student and their parents who are interested in learning more about St. Matthew's kindergarten are invited to join our kindergarten teachers for a morning of learning, fun and games. Parents are invited to stay and socialize with other parents or may leave and return at 11:00 AM to pick up their child. Registration materials and financial assistance packets will be available.

REGISTRATIONS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ONGOING

Registration for 2004-2005 school year is ongoing for all grades. Call the school (224-6912) to request a registration packet or set up a time to tour the school, visit with staff and learn more about our school.

PROJECT RAINBOW

Senior citizens and their pen pals from St. Matthew's school will celebrate the end of the year together at a school mass on Wednesday, May 19 at 8:30 AM, followed by a reception in the social hall. We are still looking for pen pals for some of our 4th through 8th grade students. This program enriches both the lives of our students and the seniors. Please consider becoming a part of this wonderful sharing between generations. If interested in becoming a pen pal please call the school office at 224-6912.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL ALUMNI BARBEQUE

Join fellow alumni on Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00 PM on the school playground (social hall if it rains) for a delicious meal (hamburger, brats, potato salad, snacks, dessert, beer, wine and soda). Take the chance to tour the school and visit with former classmates. For more information or to RSVP please call: Carol Casey, 451-1679; Joan Gerten, 488-7605; Lorraine Cook, 457-0899 or Marian Wolters, 488-6416.

GARDEN PLANT SALE—PERENNIALS

A benefit for the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, the plant sale will take place on Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 1454 Charlton St., W. St. Paul.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES COMPLETED FOR THE YEAR

Thanks to our wonderful volunteer teachers, parents and students we have completed another year of religious education classes at St. Matthew's. Registration for next year's classes has begun, contact the school (224-6912) to request a registration form. See you all again in the fall!

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday 12:00, CH | May 9 Baptism |
| Monday 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC | May 10 Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, CH | May 11 Loaves and Fishes Rosary Society Mtg. |
| Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH | May 12 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes |
| Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC | May 13 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes St. Matthew's School Spring Concert |
| Friday | May 14 |
| Saturday 9:30 AM, PC | May 15 Centering Prayer |
| Sunday 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH | May 16 Baptism Baptism |

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2004

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| Sunday Envelopes and Plate | \$8,917.16 |
| Youth & Children's Envelopes | 6.25 |
| School Fund | 1703.00 |
| Holy Day | 125.00 |

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

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| Sunday, May 9 | 8:00 AM Agnes Stefaniak Robert Stickler, Sr. Larry Simmons 10:30 AM Parishioners Jim Dieter |
| Monday, May 10 | Parishioners |
| Tuesday, May 11 | John Gabriel |
| Wednesday, May 12 | Deceased members of Haas Family |
| Thursday, May 13 | Arlene Kammerer |
| Friday, May 14 | |
| Saturday, May 15 | George Lackner Joseph Karas Barbara Herron |
| Sunday, May 16 | 8:00 AM Ed Maher 10:30 AM Parishioners |

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2004

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| Sunday: | Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 |
| Monday: | Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a |
| Wednesday: | Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 |
| Thursday: | Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11 |
| Friday: | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15; 9-17 |
| Saturday: | Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29 |

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

“BLESSED IS THE PARISHIONER...who uses his numbered envelope and writes the amount in the correct box on the front of the envelope. It makes our work easier...Amen!

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Beth Behnke*
Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care.....*Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator*Debra Lindstedt*
Administrative Assistant*Nicole Johnson*
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

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| 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