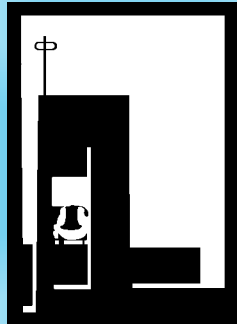
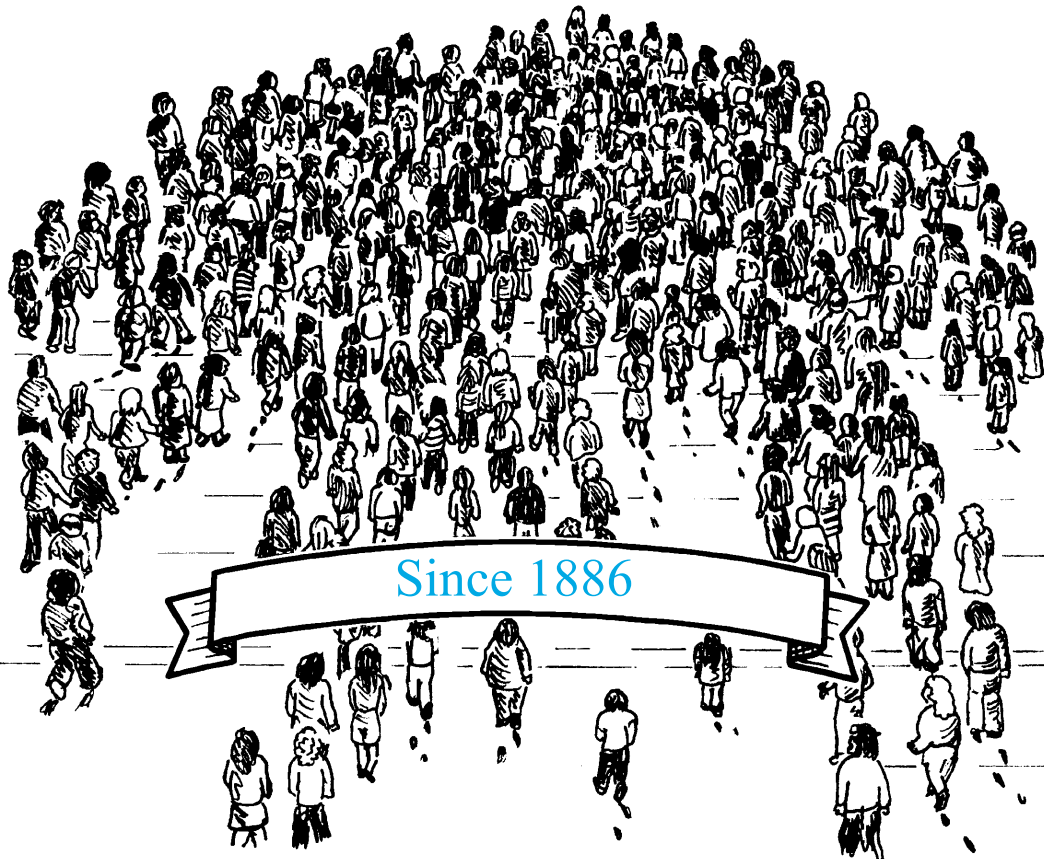


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



November 11, 2007

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. As a child I remember this day as "Armistice Day" – the day which commemorated the end of World War I. While the treaty ending the war – the Treaty of Versailles – was signed on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919, hostilities ended with an armistice at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918.

World War I was to be "the war to end all wars". The commitment of Woodrow Wilson and others to establish an international structure involving all nations to arbitrate international differences was the hope and prayer of many.

The League of Nations failed – in large part because of the lack of willingness on the part of the United States Senate to ratify the treaty establishing it.

Once again, a generation later, the world was plunged into a global conflagration known as World War II.

Only after the end of World War II did the dream of Wilson and others come to life in the 1945 establishment of the United Nations.

The dream of the United Nations in many ways still remains a dream. For an international arbiter to be effective nationalism must give way to the common good of the international community. When this doesn't happen the UN is impotent. The UN cannot be used as a pawn to promote individual and national self-interests. Its effectiveness is found only if all agree that it is the "last frontier" of civility and the defense of the common good.

Instrumental in the establishment of the UN was our native son, Harold Strassen. This bright, energetic, forward looking Governor of our state, war hero and life long peace maker carried within himself the dream of international peace. I first met him as a young high school student when he was the disarmament negotiator in the Eisenhower administration. In the bitter freezing iceberg of the "Cold War" Dwight Eisenhower, a military man from head to toe, initiated discussions to dismantle nuclear arsenals. Harold Stassen was his point man.

The last time I saw and visited with him was almost ten years ago. I came upon him and Archbishop John Roach in the soup aisle of Dick's Supermarket. These two giants, now weakened by age and struggling to see and move about stood there talking with each other, and demonstrated a genuine warmth and affection for each other. Both of these aged men had given so to the search for peace and justice – not only here, but around the world.

In addition to remembering veterans today – those living and deceased – maybe the best way of remembering their sacrifices and gifts is to recommit ourselves to a new era where international disputes can be mediated and resolved without resorting to armed conflict. Maybe that's the best way to "Support Our Troops".

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Frank Rivera-Prescott Family featuring Tiffany and Nia – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Thanks go out to Bob and Judy Denardo for staffing last Sunday. . Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? It may be a member of your own family, a relative or a neighbor who is not presently a member of the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call the parish office 651-224-9793.

### THANKSGIVING FOODSHELF COLLECTION

Jesus tells us to share what we have with those who have little. It is with this command in mind that we present you with the opportunity to help feed the hungry. At the Masses on the weekend of Nov. 17 and 18, and at the Thanksgiving service you are invited to bring donations of non-perishable goods and/or cash for the foodshelf and place them on the altar as part of the Offertory collection.

### ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Society invites all women of St. Matthew's to join us for our monthly meeting Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm in the social hall. The program for the evening will be "Decadent Design" with desserts and design tips provided by Diane Hanzal of CBL Floors.

### PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Marge at 651-455-6886 or Judy at 651-686-5463 with your request for the prayer chain.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### SUNDAY MISSALS

These are available at the back of church; the suggestion donation is \$5.00. These are printed in Canada and have the same translation of the readings that we use at weekend liturgy. [There are some small differences in the translation that encourage better proclamation and better listening and hearing.] Another great use for these missals is the ability to prepare the readings during the week at home. In that way, they will be more familiar when they are heard on Sunday.

### ALTAR SERVING, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, USHERS, GREETERS AND GIFT BEARERS

It is time to prepare the next schedule which will run from 12/1/2007, the first Sunday of Advent, through 2/3/2008 the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Scheduling requests are due by Wednesday 11/14 at 5:00 PM. Contact Ginny by e-mail at GBD1252@comcast.net or phone at 651-222-2867. If you would like to join one of these ministries please use the above contact information and we'll get back to you with more information.

### HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDERS

Order your scrip for the holidays now and beat the rush. There is a gift card out there available for everyone, moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, students or teachers. Stop by the scrip table and get an order form today.

### ST. MATTHEW BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 WREATH SALE

On November 17 & 18 at all Masses, the Boy Scouts will again be selling Holiday Wreaths. They will be selling 25" wreaths for \$15.00 and Swags for \$13.00. If you have not already ordered a wreath directly from a Boy Scout from Troop 107, this will be the last opportunity for you to purchase a wreath. Any wreaths previously ordered from a Scout will be delivered directly to you.

### LEISURE CLUB

St. Matthew's Leisure Club will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. Please note this information about our Christmas party: Date: Wednesday, December 5th. Time: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM. Place: Old Country Buffet (back room is reserved). Price: \$ 7.69 pay the cashier when you come. Questions-Call Helen at 651-222-2117, Thanks.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of November 11, 2007

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38  
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8  
 Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 4:00 PM, MC	<b>November 11</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 6:30 PM, SC	<b>November 12</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting EAC meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC 6:45 PM, SH	<b>November 13</b> Loaves and Fishes Home & School mtg. Rosary Society mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:30 PM, SH 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC  7:00 PM, MC 8:00 PM, SH	<b>November 14</b> St. Mary's Clinic Leisure Club Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir Men's Club mtg.
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>November 15</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 16</b>
<b>Saturday</b> Boy Scout Wreath Sales	<b>November 17</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Boy Scout Wreath Sales	<b>November 18</b>

### Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

In today’s second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened “in every good deed and word.” May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others. One of the “by-products” of our stewardship will be “that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere.”

Prayer: Remembered people in my neighborhood in daily prayer...prayed for those lost in natural disasters...prayed every evening with my children...led rosary before daily Mass...prayed regularly with Sacred Scripture.

Service: Led an “Alpha group”...was a prayer chain caller...drove 4 grandsons to and from religious education sessions...drove parishioners home from Mass...helped someone improve their skills in English...delivered for Meals on Wheels.

Sharing: This past weekend: \$11142 was given in envelopes, the plate and via electronic transfer. Thank you to each faithful steward. That amount is \$1117 greater than last year at this same time. In addition, there were monies given to a lot of causes. Each of the amounts will be forwarded to the appropriate ministry: \$923 for educational programs; \$352 for the Campaign for Human Development; \$65 additional for the Missions; \$40 for the fuel collection. \$105 was given for the food shelf [1/2 of the money donated for the food shelf is given to Neighborhood House food shelf; the other half is kept in the parish for emergency and at-the-door needs].

Stewardship follow-up. The deadline for return of the pledge form is today. If you have not already returned one, please do so as soon as possible. The hope and expectation is to hear from each “parish family” regardless of the amount of pledge or contribution. Thank you in advance. Each response will reduce the number of follow-up phone calls that will have to be made.

Remember those who have died. In the worship space there is space dedicated to all those who have gone before. There is record of all those who have died in this parish—since its inception. As well, there is a place to write the names of those in the military for whom we should pray; that is adjacent to the pictures of those Minnesotans who gave their life in service of this country. Finally, there is a simple book that lists the names of those whom parishioners have asked prayers. This book will be brought forward during the preparation of gifts at each weekend liturgy; it will lie in front of the altar in the chapel during the week.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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**Pastoral Staff**

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 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
 Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*  
 Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*  
 Dir. Music & Liturgy .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care..... *Shar LaVelle*  
 Dir. KLT Kids .....*Cherri Trapp*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service ..... *Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer ..... *David Rosas*

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 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayerline ..... 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

**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	Nicole Johnson
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Jason Delmont	Mark Thomford
Tony Palmer	Sheila Brunelle
Michael Linn	Stephen Adrian