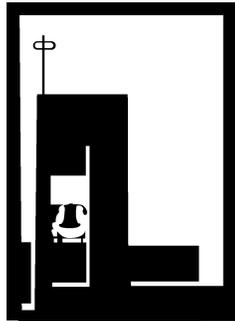


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Next weekend, November 15th and 16th is Stewardship Sunday. On this weekend each of us has an opportunity to make our annual pledge of support to the work and ministry of St. Matthew's.

Next week's bulletin will contain an outline of some of the ministry we do at Saint Mathew's as well as a financial report for the past fiscal year.

During the past month I asked each of you to reflect on the graciousness of God in your life. The "little burgundy books" are a help in that reflection.

I now ask you to spend this week seriously praying over your willingness to support the work of your parish, your willingness to make a pledge of support and to be ready next weekend to make out your annual pledge card.

I would ask that you consider "what percent" of your weekly or monthly income you will return to the Lord by way of parish support. For those who have small incomes the dollar figure will be small; for those who have larger incomes the dollar figure will be much larger; for all there is a serious effort to "return to the Lord a portion of what He has given to me."

The goal is not the same amount from each household; the goal is the same seriousness and commitment of faith from each household.

So the question to ponder is this: "What shall I return to the Lord for all the good He has granted to me?"

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian

## PARISH EVENTS

### PRAYER AT TABLE BREAKFAST FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS—NOVEMBER 15

If you serve our eucharistic liturgies as an altar server, communion minister, lector, gift bearer, usher/greeter, music minister, leader for children's church or MC/sacristan this event is for you! Breakfast and prayer is from 9:00-10:15 AM. A brief in-service follows for some (though not all) of the ministries. Everyone should be done by 11:30 or earlier. Did you forget to R.S.V.P.? Call Dana at 310-0830.

### THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW'S

WELCOMES the following children who were baptized during the month of October: William Bickel, Ylesianna Rogers, Trivante Horne, Amaya Haider, Dante Haider, Syndie Mailer-Kelly, Santiago Vega, Christina Landucci, Nadiya Deloye Romero.

### FUNERALS CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Prayers and condolences to the families of: George Lackner, Loraine M. Mike, Florence Rauenhorst and Agnes Stefaniak.

### WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS AND GOSPEL READERS

The books are here! If you ordered on it's in the main sacristy with your name on it. Please use the envelope provided for payment. For accounting purposes, make the check out to St. Matthew's and GIVE THE MONEY TO DANA there are still a few workbooks available for interested lectors. Cost per book: \$10.00.

### LITURGICAL CYCLE C STARTS THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30TH

Don't be caught without your new St. Joseph's Sunday missal for Cycle C. These can be purchased before and after masses starting this weekend. Price per missal: \$5.00.

### SCOUT UPDATE

The Boy Scouts want to thank everyone from the parish and school, who helped make our food drive a tremendous success. The donations for the Neighborhood House and Joseph's Coat added up to 20 boxes of food, 3 bags of personal items and over \$560 in donations to Joseph's Coat. The can collection added up to a full scout trailer and pick up truck. The next collection is scheduled for the first weekend of January (Jan. 3 and 4).

REMEMBER if you have a child interested in Scouting, they can register at anytime. Girl Scout contact is Lynda Nelson-455-3685, Cub Scouts- Brian Benish-291-8994 and Boy Scouts-Bill Matthews-228-0269.

**LEISURE CLUB**

St. Matthew's Leisure Club will meet on November 12 at 1:30 PM in the social hall. Benjamin Welle from the Attorney General's office will be our guest speaker. Maxine will be selling tickets for our Christmas party on December 10th. Guests are welcome to come to our meetings. If you have any questions call Gayle Stelter at 228-0856.

**CASPER'S CHEROKEE SIRLOIN ROOM**

**20TH ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER 2003**

The Casper brothers, in cooperation with area Churches and social service agencies, will host the Cherokee Sirloins Room's 20th annual Free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 27th.

In keeping with a tradition started in 1983 by their parents, Bob and Dorothy, the popular West Saint Paul restaurant will be closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day. Rick and Jim Casper, along with a full crew of volunteers, will serve a free, white tablecloth, traditional Thanksgiving dinner consisting of roast turkey with all the trimmings, including pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

These complimentary dinners are provided for members of the community who wish to celebrate Thanksgiving together and would find it hard to accomplish otherwise; elderly people who find it difficult or impractical to prepare a dinner for themselves, single people who do not have family nearby, families who for a variety of reasons would find it difficult to have Thanksgiving Dinner in their homes are all welcome at the Cherokee!

Dinner will be served at two seatings: 12:00 noon and 1:30 PM. All who plan to attend must obtain dinner reservations (tickets) by calling Saint Matthew's at 651-224-9793.

All are invited. The meal is FREE. Home delivery is FREE. See you for Thanksgiving!

**FATHER STEVE'S JUBILEE DINNER**

Reservations may be mailed to the Parish Center or after masses this weekend members of the Planning Committee will be available to accept reservations. Reservations are due by November 22. If you need to fill out a RSVP form they are available in the back of church.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 23 AND NOVEMBER 30 BULLETINS**

There is no change in the bulletin deadline for November 23, all items for the bulletin need to be in the parish center by noon on Tuesday, November 18. Bulletin deadline for November 30 is Friday, November 21 at 9:00 AM. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

There will be a meeting in the church on Tuesday, November 11 from 6:45-8:00 PM for all students preparing for first communion or reconciliation.

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 9</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
3:30 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
5:45 PM, SH	Confirmation Social
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 10</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 11</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, MC	Sacramental Class
	Reconciliation and
	1st Communion
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 12</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education
	Grades 1-10
7:00 PM, SH	Men's Club
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 13</b>
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
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 14</b>
St. Matthew's Day School Off	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 15</b>
9:00 AM, SH	Prayer-at-Table
	Breakfast for all
	Liturgical Ministers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 16</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 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, November 2	
Envelope and Plate offering	\$9,043.44
Holy Day—All Saints	\$716.00
Children's Envelopes	\$11.25
School Fund Envelopes	\$866.50
All Souls Remembrance	\$387.00

*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, November 9	8:00 AM Ed Maher Larry Simmons
	10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, November 10	Parishioners
Tuesday, November 11	Mary and Sam Mike
Wednesday, November 12	Parishioners
Thursday, November 13	Helen Lang
Friday, November 14	
Saturday, November 15	Joseph Karas
Sunday, November 16	8:00 AM Living and deceased members of St. Matthew's Catholic Aid
	10:30 AM Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 9, 2003

Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
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 7:22-8:1; 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:	Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

### FAMILIES IN CRISIS: COMING TO GRIPS WITH POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY

An event for people of faith who want to learn more about poverty and what can be done about it, focusing on the West Side, W. St. Paul, Mendota Heights, S. St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights. Speakers will represent a variety of faith traditions and service agencies. Sunday, November 16 from 1:00-3:30 PM at the Church of St. Joseph in W. St. Paul. Child care provided; free of charge; all are welcome.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office ..... 651-224-9793  
Web site: st-matts.org

### 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*

### Phone Numbers

Fax ..... 651-228-9448  
Parish School ..... 651-224-6912  
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