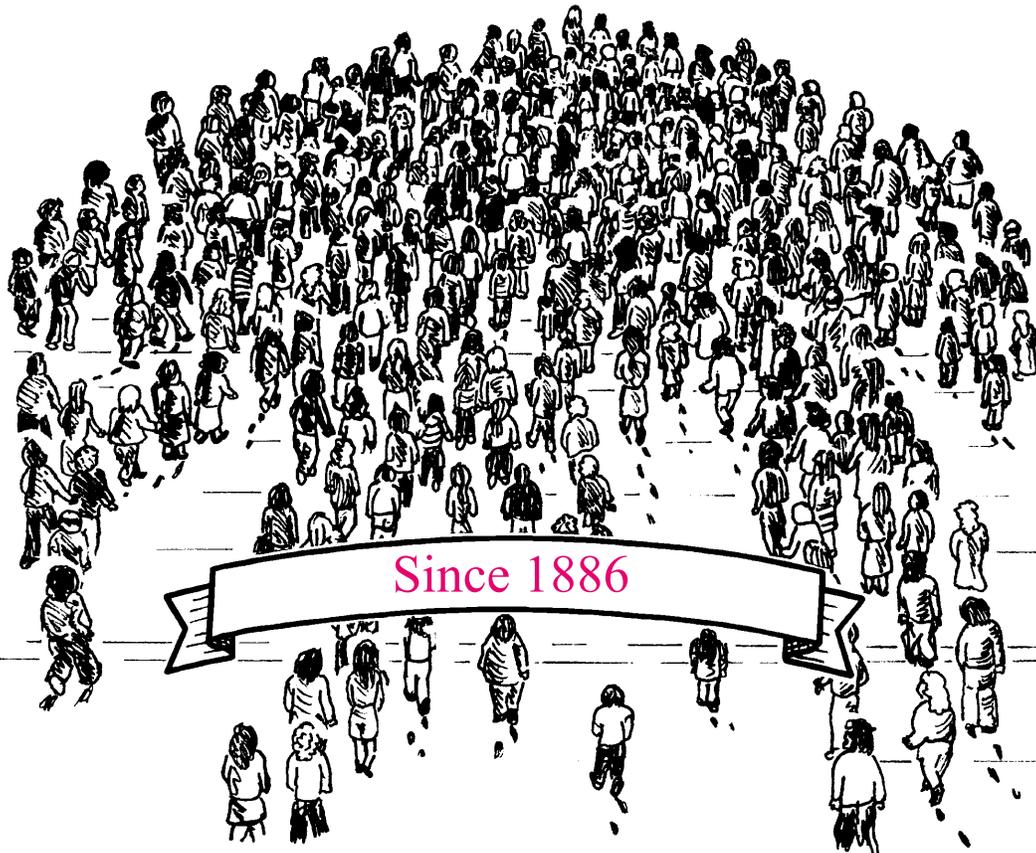


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

In the past week Pope Benedict spoke of the nature of parish life and the signs of strong parish life.

In outlining the "essential criteria" for "understanding the nature of Christian communion and, therefore, of each parish" he referred to that first Christian community of Jerusalem, which was "devoted to listening to the teaching of the Apostles, to fraternal union, the 'breaking of bread' and to prayer, a welcoming and united community, even to the point of sharing everything they had.

"The parish can relive this experience, and grow in understanding and cohesion through prayer ... and listening to the Word of God, especially if it participates with faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The hoped for renewal of the parish cannot, then, arise only from pastoral initiatives, useful though they are, nor from programs worked out at a theoretical level.

"Drawing inspiration from this Apostolic model, the parish 'rediscovers' itself in the encounter with Christ. Nourished by the Eucharistic bread it grows in Catholic communion and walks in fidelity, while the constant union with Christ gives it the strength to commit itself ... to serving our sisters and brothers, especially the poorest."

The Pope concluded his remarks by asserting the necessity "of making all parish members more aware of their mission in the Church, especially within the parish community, which is a 'family' of Christian families."

Next Saturday, October 7th, the Parish Annual Meeting takes place from 9 am until 12 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to reflect on the state of the parish and to work through the new initiatives for this coming year. I suggest we keep Benedict's advice in mind as we do our work. All parish members are encouraged and invited to participate in the parish meeting.

**Saturday, October 7, 2006
9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Saint Matthew Church**

Yours truly,



**Stephen Adrian
Pastor**

PARISH EVENTS

SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

This Saturday, October 7, is the Parish Annual Meeting from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the social hall. Come and learn about the "State of the Parish, hear about the different activities the parish committees and groups have been involved in the last year and be a part of shaping the next Parish Council Initiatives. All are welcome and invited to participate. Come and be a part of shaping our future.

WANTED -- NEW ALTAR SERVERS!

The experienced ones are GREAT but we need more recruits to fill our schedule. If you are in grade 4 or higher, give us a call at 651-297-3747 or you can fill out a form (found on our Community Slat Board) and drop it in the Sunday collection. There will be a mandatory training session in late October or early November.

ROSARY SOCIETY DINNER MEETING

The Rosary Society invites all its members and those women interested in finding out more about our group to our October 10 dinner meeting. We will meet for mass in the chapel at 5:30 PM followed by appetizers and a chicken dinner in the Social Hall. After a short meeting we will award door prizes; we should be done by 8:15 PM. Please make a reservation by calling Barb Kraft at 455-2174 or Beth Geis at 455-0298 by Sunday, October 8.

YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS PRACTICES THIS WEEK

First Practice for Parish Youth Choir is Thursday, October 5th at 5:00 PM in the church. This choir is for boys & girls in grades 3 thru 8 and covers both hand bells and voice. Practice is over by 6:15 PM. There are forms to fill out on the Slat Board OR you can leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830.

ATTENTION LECTORS!

If you want to purchase a "Workbook for Lectors & Gospel Readers" for the upcoming Cycle C -- there is a sign up sheet in the Sacristy next to the Check-In Board. The cost is \$10.00. We ask that you visit the sheet and let us know "yes" or "no" if we should order a book for you. The order needs to go in by October 10th so we will have the books before the new cycle begins on December 3. Thanks!

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to everyone who collects Box Tops for Education which benefit our school programs. We have a turn in date coming up in October so we encourage you to bring in your Box Tops and deposit them in the bins at the front entrance

of the church.

RED AND WHITE COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Red and White Committee will begin planning this spring event this Monday, October 2, at 6:30 PM in the school. If you are interested in helping we are looking for new members with new ideas and lots of energy. All are welcome to attend.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER BOTH SUNDAY MASSES

Coffee hour this week is being served by St. Matthew's School - thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and fellowship. Treats are welcome and helpers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Contact John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 WREATH SALE

This is one of two major fundraisers that the Boy Scouts do throughout the entire year. All events and campouts that the Scouts attend are funded solely through these fundraisers. Boy Scouts have started taking orders for Christmas Wreaths. For those that are not approached by a Scout directly, we will be selling wreaths and swags only at the November 25 & 26 Masses. No orders will be taken at that time. As a reminder, notices will be put in the bulletin a few weeks prior to this date. Thank you again for your continued support.

ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The men are celebrating their 50th Anniversary Sat Oct 14, 2006 Mass at 5:00 PM, dinner and dance following. Cocktails, dinner, and dance starts at 6:00 PM at Bluffs of Mendota. Tickets for sale after mass or call Greg Arrigoni @ 651-227-8567. Price \$20.00 per person. Non-members of Men's Club are cordially invited. The event is open to everyone.

ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO THE SSND CRAFT FAIR

Registration to go by bus to Mankato for the SSND Craft Fair is due on Sunday, October 8. The bus leaves at 7:00 AM on Saturday, October 14 and returns at 3:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00. Join us on the bus. Call Nicole at the parish center, 651-224-9793, to make your reservations.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet on Sunday, October 8 beginning at 6:45 PM with prayer and reflection with the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The agenda is available online at www.st-matts.org. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB FALL WINE TASTING

Mark your calendars for the annual Wine Tasting Event sponsored by the Men's Club, this year's event will be held on Friday November 3. Watch future bulletins for further details.

STILL LOOKING FOR SOME HANDS FOR OUR ADULT HAND BELL CHOIR

Practice is about 2-3 Sundays per month at 9:00 AM in the church. Never rung a hand bell? We'll teach you! Stop by the music corner after mass to talk to Dana or leave her a message at 651-310-0830.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	October 1
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	October 2
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 3
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, CH	First Reconciliation Class
Wednesday	October 4
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	October 5
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	October 6
9:00 AM-1:30 PM	School Marathon Day
Saturday	October 7
Sunday	October 8
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
5:45 PM, SH	Confirmation Dinner

Mark your calendar!

Saturday	October 14
5:00 PM, MC	50th Anniversary Men's Club Celebration
Saturday	November 25
5:00 PM, MC	120th Anniversary Mass and Gala
SH	Dinner

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who will give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

Time: Friday was the feast of St. Michael, the archangel; Monday is the feast of Guardian Angels. This week, let's remember the angels in our lives as we pray. Let's pray to those angels in heaven for protection and ask them to intercede to God for us; let's pray for those who are angels in our lives—in so many ways; and let's pray for the grace to be angels to others.

Talent: Music is an integral, and wonderful, part of our liturgical celebrations. We acknowledge and thank all our parish musicians not only for the leadership that they provide during worship, but for the many, many hours that they spend in group rehearsals and in individual practice. The tenth of the iceberg that's noticed during Mass is only that good and beautiful because of the nine-tenths of hard work 'neath the surface.

Treasure: Last weekend the collection was \$9060 of which \$985 was given electronically. Thank you to each household who has acted on the challenge of regular, responsible stewardship of treasure.

More people are giving electronically; it's very easy. If you are interested, or have questions, please call John at the parish office. Giving in this manner is not an excuse for thinking about being good stewards. Ideally, every person will reflect on the week that has passed and bring all that in "thankfulness" each Sunday.

Maintenance sleuths. David and the team have made progress with ceiling mold. They were in the upper reaches of the church during a rainstorm and discovered where the roof leak was; a roofer has repaired [attempted many times in the past—in the wrong place]; and the surface will be painted.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar available in the back of church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2006

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/ Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/ Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/ Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/ Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/ Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/ Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/ Heb 2:9-11/
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*
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

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
Nicole Johnson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Sheila Brunelle	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance.....
Education Advisory Richard Dunn