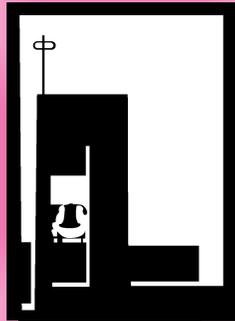
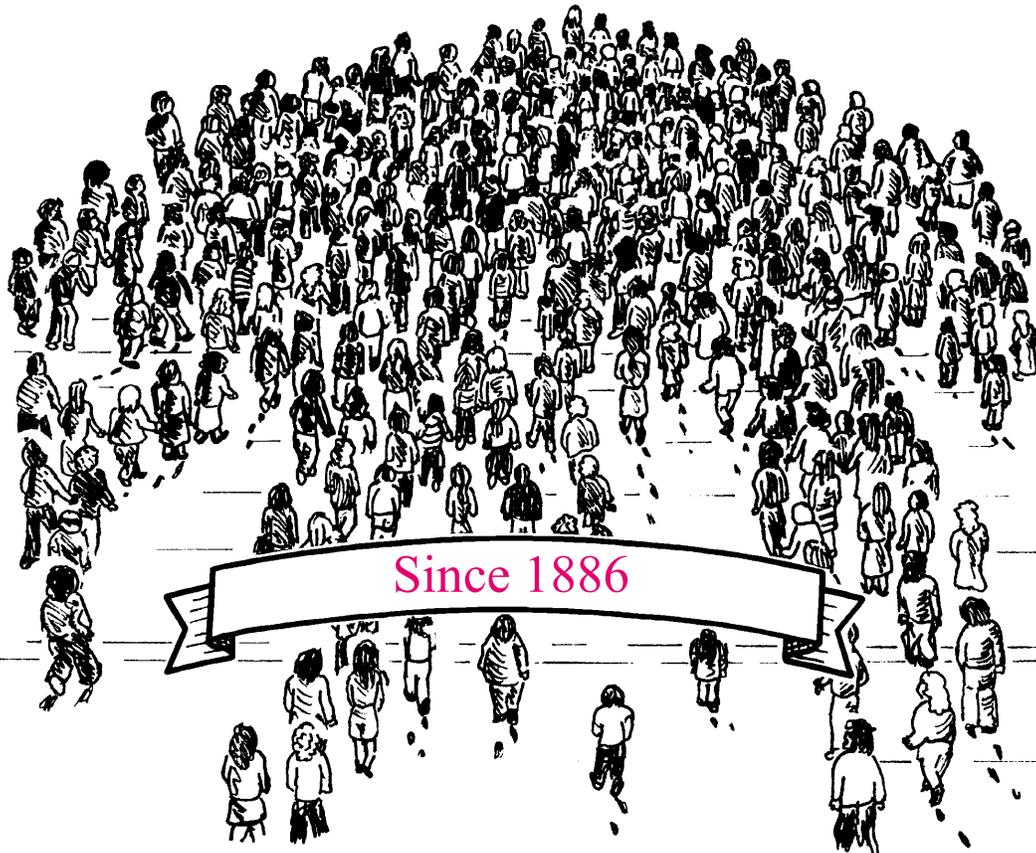


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This past week we observed "Mental Illness Awareness Week".

Mental illness touches most people at one point or another in life; often the condition is mild, sometimes the condition is severe. Many times the condition is short lived; sometimes it is chronic and life long.

No one is immune from mental illness -- it touches young people, children, adults, senior citizens.

Of all illnesses, with the possible exception of pandemic conditions such as SARS or AIDS, mental illness frightens us.

As with other illnesses, persons with mental illness need help in coping with and/or recovering from the illness. Yet there is a social stigma attached to mental illness, and to treatment for mental illness. A stigma that sometimes keeps people from seeking help. Twenty-five years ago, Tom Eagleton, then a candidate for the office of Vice President, was removed from the ticket when it became known that he had received medical help for depression some years before.

We must encourage persons to seek help, if that is needed. We must be supportive of all sick persons -- be that illness physical or mental. We know that the person is a unity and that physical illness and stress can trigger mental illness; and that chronic mental illness can also involve physical illness.

Some scripture commentators tell us that the stories of "daemons" or "unclean spirits" in the Gospels are often stories about people with mental illness. We see the compassion of Jesus; we see in these stories the power of healing.

On the last weekend of October we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at each Mass. This sacrament is meant for those who are seriously ill, those who have a life threatening illness or disease, those who are growing weak under the weight of advancing age, those who are in recovery from an addiction -- alcohol, drugs, etc., those who live with chronic mental illness.

The Sacrament of the Sick is not magic -- it is the honest and sincere prayer of the Church that the sick person be strengthened by the gift of God, restored to spiritual and physical health, and protected from the sadness and depression that can often accompany illness -- a condition that makes life difficult and recovery more difficult.

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing on October 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> please make out a nametag in the back of church before Mass, so that I can use your first name in the prayer of anointing. Then, after the homily, please come forward and hold out your hands, palms up. I will pray the prayer of anointing and make the sign of the cross on your forehead and the palms of your hands.

While members of our parish are anointed, the rest of us pray for them, pray for the gifts of God's healing and pray for the well being of those who are suffering.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a wonderful expression of the compassion of God and the solidarity of the church community.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All women are invited on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 PM for Mass in the Chapel. The general meeting and an exercise program will follow in the Social Hall. Each person is asked to bring a bag of dried beans or rice or a can of soup to be used for the exercise session. The food items will then be donated to the food shelf. Hope to see you all there.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Marvette and Bob Bukowski on their 25th wedding anniversary on October 14th.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Young people 4th grade and over who are interested in becoming an altar serve are asked to contact the Parish Center at 651-224-9793. There will be a mandatory training session on Sunday, October 26th in the Church at 9:15 AM, between the Masses. Be sure to reserve your spot by calling the Parish Center!

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Enjoy a meal at Arby's on Robert Street this Thursday, October 16th. Tell them you are from Saint Matthew's and our school receives 20% of your total bill. Arby's/S'barro nights are every third Thursday of the month from 4:00-8:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

You are invited to attend our communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the weekend of **October 25-26** here at St. Matthew's. The Sacrament will be **celebrated at all three Masses**. It is an opportunity for all who suffer from physical, mental or emotional illness. If you are...

- going to have surgery;
- suffering from prolonged/chronic illness;
- suffering from mental/emotional illness;
- recovering from a serious illness/surgery;
- suffering from an addiction in your life;
- a Senior Citizen looking for support as your grow older;

we invite you to celebrate this Sacrament. There is no need to pre register, name tags will be available that weekend for people to use.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

What are you doing for the Holidays this year? Our schedulers will be drafting the next liturgical ministry schedule on November 1st. This schedule will include our Holiday masses: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as New Year's Eve and Day. Please help by letting them know if you really WANT to minister at a given holiday mass or if you will NOT be available for any of these masses. Contact Ginny Roethler by phone at 651-222-2867 or e-mail, gbd1252@aol.com. In fact, you could let her know of any other requests or conflicts you may have for the new schedule which covers November 30th through February 22nd. This applies to all Communion Ministers, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters, Gift Bearers and Altar Servers.

### ATTENTION LECTORS

First, have you requested your copy of "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers" for Cycle C which begins the first Sunday of Advent? Please sign up on the order sheet provided in the main sacristy next to the Ministry Sign-In board. The cost per book is \$10.00- a GREAT investment for you ministry. Don't delay. Supplies are limited. Second, there will be a Reflection for Proclaimers of the Word at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Richfield from 9:30-11:30 AM on Saturday, October 25th. Offered through the Archdiocesan Worship Center, the cost is \$5.00. If you are interested in attending call Dana at 651-310-0830. She will get back to you.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 12</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 13</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
9:00-NOON, PC	Faith Sharing
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 14</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, PC	Rosary Society Mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 15</b>
No School- St. Matthew's Day School	
No Religious Education Classes	
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 16</b>
No School—St. Matthew's Day School	
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 17</b>
No School—St. Matthew's Day School	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 18</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 29</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, October 5, 2003:

Envelope and Plate Collection:	\$9167.41
Children's and Youth Envelopes:	\$17.82
School Fund Envelopes and Plate:	\$1064.47
Propagation of the Faith:	\$15.00

*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, October 12	8:00 AM	Howard Laven Ed Maher Joan Zeman
	10:30 AM	Parishioners Juli Hafiz
Monday, October 13		Parishioners
Tuesday, October 14		Mary Mike
Wednesday, October 15		Parishioners
Thursday, October 16		Parishioners
Friday, October 17		
Saturday, October 18		Frank Jungbauer Lenardo & Helen Lang Phillip Gilberg
Sunday, October 19	8:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Matthew's Catholic Aid Society
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 12, 2003

Sunday, October 12:	Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30
Monday, October 13:	Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday, October 14:	Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday, October 15:	Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday, October 16:	Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday, October 17:	Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday, October 18:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday:	Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

### HOSPITALITY AT SAINT MATTHEW'S

It doesn't 'just happen.' It takes the faithful ministry of many dedicated community members to make us a warm and welcoming place to worship. Joanne Smith (from our Liturgy Committee) is addressing all three masses this weekend on the topic of 'the Ministry of Hospitality.' Please listen with your hearts as well as your ears. Are YOU being called to this valuable ministry?

## 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