

# The Community of St. Matthew



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL 3RD FLOOR MUSIC ROOM

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17: 8:30 AM– 12:30 PM**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19: 3:30 PM– 7:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20: 1:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**COME VISIT THE BOOK FAIR AND PURCHASE BOOKS AND  
RELATED ITEMS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES. PROCEEDS  
FROM THE BOOK FAIR WILL GO TO PURCHASE BOOKS  
FOR THE CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES.**



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

We are 16 days away from November 2<sup>nd</sup>, election day. Each of us is bound by civic virtue to exercise the franchise and cast our ballot. It is a primary duty of citizens, and it is the functioning of a democracy.

Over the past nine months – from the cold and snowy days of Iowa and New Hampshire to the frosty days of October – we have been inundated with a barrage of sniping, half-truths, innuendo, mindless sound bites and evasion. From coast to coast billions of dollars have been spent by national and local candidates to “get their message across”, to “inform the voter”, to “present the program”; and to what avail? Television ads fail to rise to the standard of Ron Popiel and the Veg-a-matic infomercial.

We are a “battle ground state”. In the beginning of the campaign the common wisdom held that the advantage to voters in battle ground states is that they would get a closer look at candidates, hear more in depth articulation, have the opportunity to scrutinize with more and better information.

It hasn't worked for me.

I long for a real debate, an opportunity to hear reasoned and civil argumentation. I long for an opportunity to be treated as a thinking person. The stump speeches are loaded with catch lines and vague promises. The stump

speeches are riddled with self serving and chauvinistic jargon. The stump speeches appeal to emotion and not to the intellect.

Much of the news media is as guilty as the candidates – NBC, ABC and CBS fail to inform, and sometimes actually distort; to say nothing of the of the mindless, unfair and unbalanced rantings of the FOX network.

The silver lining in all of this for me has been National Public Radio and Minnesota Public Radio, National Public Television and Twin Cities Public Television as well as Canadian Broadcasting Company and the BBC available nights on 91.1 FM.

If I have been strengthened in one position in the past nine months it is that we desperately need election and campaign reform. The treasure of democracy rests on an informed electorate. Only to the degree that special interests are corralled and opportunities for civil, reasoned and thorough discussion takes place can a citizenry be responsible and effective in choosing leadership.

I will vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and I encourage you to vote.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 20

The Parish Council will meet this Thursday, October 20 at 6:45 PM in the parish center. The meeting will begin with gathering and reflection. The business agenda will be: update on Stewardship Committee, review of Child Care status, go over information obtained by Project 2000, discussion of possible Communications Team, and direction for reviewing and updating by-laws. The council meeting is open to all parishioners. If anyone would like to be put on the agenda to speak, please call the Parish office at 651-224-9793.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you very much to everyone who brought toiletries for the homeless teens. The class at Temple of Aaron that is putting together the bags was amazed at the generosity and outpouring of donations.

### DO YOU HAVE ST. MATTHEW'S NEXT CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE IN YOUR BACKYARD?

Every Advent/Christmas season for the past several years has been graced by the looming presence of a majestic evergreen in our worship space, donated by a generous parishioner or friend of the parish. If you have a tree that is at least 15-17 feet tall that you would be willing to give to the parish this year, please call the parish center at 651-224-9793. We will do the cutting and removal. The tree needs to be in our worship space by the weekend following Thanksgiving.

### ADULT HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN

We have two open positions this year. If you are interested (or just curious) talk to Dana after mass this weekend, or call her at the parish center. Hand Bells are a great way to express the music in you and a fun way to experience community as you help enhance our worship experience. Don't be shy—all you need are willing hands and the ability to count. Practices are Sundays from 9:00-10:00 AM in the church.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Due to the MEA break this week, there will be no Religious Education classes on Wednesday, October 20. Religious Education classes will meet again next week on Wednesday, October 27. If you have not yet registered your student for Religious Education please call the school office at 651-224-6912. If you need to register your student for First Reconciliation or First Communion please call the school office. The first meeting for First Reconciliation is Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 PM in the church. The first meeting for First Communion is Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in the church.

### HELP DECORATE THE SCRIP BLITZ TREE

The Holiday SCRIP Blitz has begun. We will put up one decoration for each \$1,000 in SCRIP sold, with garland for every \$5,000. Our goal is \$40,000 in sales before December 19. Don't forget that you can pay on your Kohl's charge using SCRIP! Order forms are available at the SCRIP table in back of the church or at the school. Place your special orders early to ensure delivery before the holidays. Remember SCRIP is the fundraiser that costs you nothing and contributes constantly to St. Matthew's School.

### KLT KIDS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

KLT Kids has many great programs for school age children. During the MEA break, care will be offered from 6:00 AM-6:00 PM with pre-registration. Fee is \$30 per day. Activities include a field trip to the Children's Museum and Pajama Day. Parent's Night Out is on Saturday, October 30, 6:30 PM-11:30 PM. Drop your children (ages 4 months-11 years) off for an evening of fun Halloween activities. Cost is \$12 per child or \$10 for children currently enrolled in KLT Kids. KLT Kids is looking for some items to help with their program, including: Dress up clothes for the dramatic play center, doll clothes, paint brushes, gently used children's clothing and outerwear for the "clothes closet," picture books and a port-a-crib or playpen. If you would like to donate any of these items, or have questions about KLT Kids at St. Matthew's program, please contact Jennifer Slaten at 651-665-0786.

### VIP DINING CARDS AVAILABLE

Our school is selling VIP Dining Cards to support the Technology Program. Each card offers a 2 for 1 deal which is good until October 2005. Restaurants available are : McDonald's, Burger King, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dairy Queen, Subway, and Papa John's Pizza. Orders will be taken through October 26 with delivery approximately 2 weeks later. Cost is \$10 for 1 card, \$20 for 3 cards, and \$30 for 6 cards. These cards make great stocking stuffers and gifts. For more information feel free to call Maureen at 651-224-691 ext. 24.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>October 17</b>       |
| 8:30 AM-12:30 PM  | Scholastic Book Fair    |
|                   | 3rd Floor Music Room    |
| 12:00 PM, CH      | Baptism                 |
| 12:30 PM, CH      | Baptism                 |
| <b>Monday</b>     | <b>October 18</b>       |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes       |
| 6:45 PM, XC       | Boy Scout Meeting       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | <b>October 19</b>       |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes       |
| 3:30-7:30 PM, SC  | Scholastic Book Fair    |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>October 20</b>       |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic       |
| 1:00-7:00 PM, SC  | Scholastic Book Fair    |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes       |
| 6:45 PM, PC       | Parish Council Meeting  |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>October 21</b>       |
| 3:00 PM, SH       | Loaves and Fishes       |
| 4:00-8:00 PM      | Arby's/S'Barro Night    |
| <b>Friday</b>     | <b>October 22</b>       |
| 7:00 PM-10:00 PM  | Men's Club Wine Tasting |
| SH                |                         |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>October 23</b>       |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>October 24</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

### DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 10, 2004

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelopes and Plate     | \$8,575.10 |
| Youth and Children's Envelopes | \$4.95     |
| School Fund                    | \$210.00   |
| Holy Day                       | \$5.00     |

*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

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|-----------------------|--|
| Sunday, October 17    | 8:00 AM Joan Zeman<br>Bernice DeNardo<br>10:30 AM Parishioners |
| Monday, October 18    | World Peace  |
| Tuesday, October 19   | Parishioners   |
| Wednesday, October 20 | Shirley Capistrant   |
| Thursday, October 21  | World Peace  |
| Friday, October 22    |  |
| Saturday, October 23  | Leonard Voto<br>Joseph Karas<br>Alice Marthaler                |
| Sunday, October 24    | 8:00 AM Harriet Ames<br>Karen Franzwa<br>10:30 AM Parishioners |

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 17, 2004

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| Sunday:      | Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8                  |
| Monday:      | 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9                              |
| Tuesday:     | Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38                              |
| Wednesday:   | Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48                               |
| Thursday:    | Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53                              |
| Friday:      | Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59                                |
| Saturday:    | Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9                                 |
| Next Sunday: | Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18;<br>Lk 18:9-14 |

### ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

This Thursday, October 21 from 4:00-8:00 PM treat yourself to a meal at Arby's/S'Barro on Robert Street, tell them you are from St. Matthew's and they will donate 20% of the proceeds to our school. Thanks for your continuing support of St. Matthew's School.

## 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..... *Dimary Rosado*  
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maurcen 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

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Linda Sellars  | Becky Montgomery |
| Marty Olson    | John Sekevitch   |
| Suzanne Clarke | Doug Kennedy     |
| Tim Jack       | Larry Sachi      |
| Connie Aligada |                  |

### Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars  
Education Advisory ..... Richard Dunn  
Liturgy