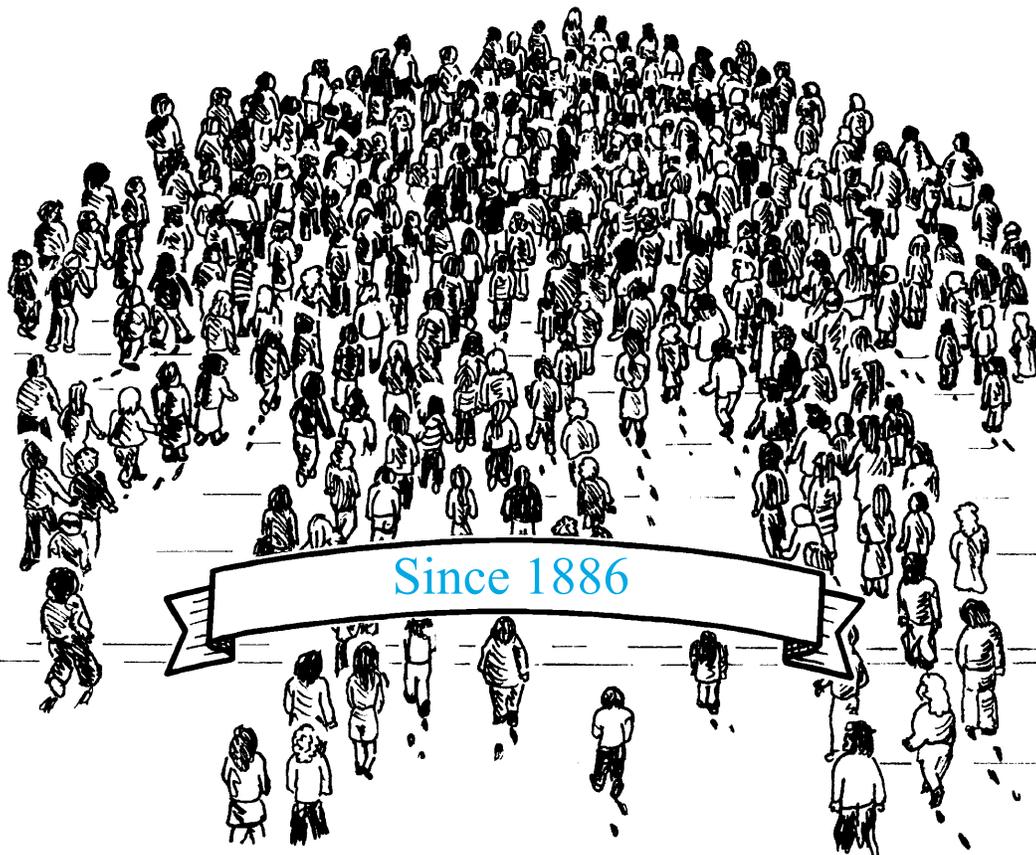


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Over the past few weeks I have been going through pictures of family and friends – thousands of pictures recently discovered in cleaning out the rectory or in boxes my parents had saved. Some of the pictures are of relatives I have never met – members of my parent's extended family in various places in Europe. Some pictures of my parents as young people – before they knew each other – a picture of my mother in a classy coat and hat, high heel shoes walking the streets of Paris. Pictures of my parents and aunts and uncles from the early and mid 30's – pictures of them a young people at the beach, playing soft ball, hanging out, etc. Images of my parents I never imagined. Pictures of my godfather who died when I was seven years old. He was a bright, enthusiastic, carefree, mischievous, smiling young man of 25 when he died. I discovered pictures of my early childhood with family in military uniforms – it was World War II. There were pictures of grade school and high school years – so many memories, so many classmates – some I know about, most I don't, some have died. Pictures of college, seminary and university years – some of them exciting, some of them painful. Pictures from ten years at Incarnation in South Minneapolis and almost 30 years at Saint Matt's. Pictures of so many people who are here no longer.

The looking at and sorting of the pictures is time consuming and addictive. In my mind's eye I travel back to places I can barely remember, to events which are now only shadows, to people whose voices have long since grown silent. I discover things about myself and the thousands of relationships those pictures symbolize – some of those discoveries bring smiles to my face, some of them are dark.

The month of November is dedicated to remembrance of “The Holy Souls”, those who have gone before us – saints and sinners, heroes and villains, upstanding citizens and horse

thieves. They are no longer physically with us, although I learned anew they are more than present in spirit and still carry an influence in our lives – sometimes a powerful influence.

No one is an island. There is no such thing as the self-made person. Each of us comes from somewhere – and when we remember from where we have come we understand ourselves a bit better.

November is a time to remember all of them – great and small – who have gone ahead of us. The Church invites us to pray for them, to pray in thanksgiving and to pray in a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Attached to the bulletin is an envelope which allows you to write the names of those for whom you wish to have us pray. These “All Souls” envelopes will be placed near the altar during the month of November and at each Mass celebrated at Saint Matthew those people will be remembered in prayer.

The scriptures remind us that “it is a good and worthy practice to remember the dead in prayer”.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for your enthusiastic response to our Taste of Romania. It was fun to relive the experience by sharing pictures and stories with you. Best of all, \$772.16 was earned for the Romanian Children's account. The lucky winner of the Golden Egg was Corrine Brengman. Joe & Florida Stevens, Barb & Rick Kraft, Becky Montgomery & Dave Haley, Bob & Judy DeNardo.

### PARISH AUDIT

The field work by members of the firm was completed recently. The final report should be complete in early November. The last time a full audit was complete was in 2001.

### RECTORY USE

This Thursday [11:00AM in church] and next Sunday [9:15AM in the social hall] there will be a short presentation about the ministry of Casa Guadalupana and its work and potential use of the rectory. A small task force appointed by the pastoral council has followed its directions and been working hard to find a worthy occupant. All are welcome.

### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Bob Creamer and Dean Steinbrenner – Thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and conversation in the Social Hall. Treats are always welcome and volunteers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Call John @ 651-221-0871 to sign up.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, October 28, is a day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. All are invited to 1) pray in thanksgiving for Father Steve and all the priests who have been part of their life; 2) write a note to Father Steve and those priests this week expressing that appreciation; 3) participate in a prayer of thanks and blessing for Father Steve next weekend.

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 for more information.

CONFERENCE FOR THE SEPERATED AND DIVORCED

The 31st Annual Fall Conference for the Separated and Divorced sponsored by the Office for Separated and Divorced of Catholic Charities will be held on **Saturday, October 27, 2007, 8:45 to 12:30** at St. John's Parish in New Brighton. This year's conference theme "What's My Story Now? Honoring the Past, Present, and Future" is one that touches the lives of all who are experiencing separation or divorce. Ted Bowman, well known trainer, educator and consultant, specializing in change and transition, will be our presenter. Cost is \$20. Financial assistance is available. For brochures and information call 651-603-0251, or email [ccsepddiv@ccspm.org](mailto:ccsepddiv@ccspm.org)

NEW MEMBERS

Starting this weekend we will list the names of new parishioners as they register at the parish office. And so this week we welcome Ann McGinn, Hernan Iriarte, Tina Valdez and her son Roberto Perez.

VISITATION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Convent of the Visitation School, located at 2455 Visitation Drive in Mendota Heights, will hold an *Upper School Open House on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.* This informational Open House is planned fro prospective families interested in grades 9-12 at Visitation. For more information. Please contact the Admissions Office at 651-683-1707 or visit our website at [www.visitation.net](http://www.visitation.net)

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY ADMISSIONS RECEPTION

Saint Thomas Academy will host an Admissions Reception *Sunday, November 4, at 1:00 p.m.* Families interested in enrolling students for *FALL 2008* are invited to attend. Entrance exams will be held on January 19th for perspective 9th and 10th graders. If you have any questions about Saint Thomas Academy or the program, please call the admissions office at 651-683-1515.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 21</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	<b>October 22</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>October 23</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	<b>October 24</b> School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>October 25</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 26</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 27</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 28</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

*Today's theme is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, just persevere in the roles to which we are called.*

Prayer: various amounts of "regular" prayer...1 hour per day; 2 hours per day; morning and evening; meal prayers; in the car; on putting a head on the pillow at night; in thanksgiving for 34 years of marriage

Service: Did you know that the many green plants at the back of the sanctuary space do not dust and water themselves? Did you know that Bachman's does not maintain them? We have Shirley and Eleanor [and sometimes others] to thank for this selfless, behind-the-scenes ministry that helps keep our worship space so beautiful. Thank you, ladies.

Sharing Last weekend faithful—and occasional—stewards contributed \$7,799. Thank you. There was \$187 in the "school" envelope.

**Stewardship Renewal** After next weekend's preaching, a letter will be sent to each parish family inviting renewal of the stewardship of treasure. Please spend some time in personal [and family] prayer considering the blessings that have been received, and the appropriate "thank you" that is owed to our generous God.

Everyone will be asked to return the "pledge card" within two weeks. [Returning the card will save the intended follow-up phoning.]

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 21, 2007**

- Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
- Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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 .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care.....*Shar LaVelle*  
 Dir. KLT Kids ..... *Sherri Trapp*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant .....*Nicole Johnson*  
 Dir. Food Service .....*Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

**Phone Numbers**

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 Parish School..... 651-224-6912  
 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