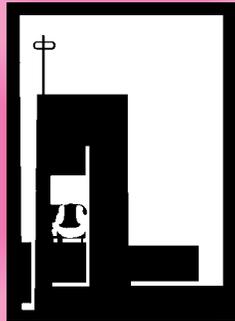


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Three weeks ago I sent each parish household a copy of "The Little Burgundy Book", additional copies are available in the back of church. I invited parish families to take some time during the month of October to reflect and pray about the graciousness of God in their lives.

The Little Burgundy Book provides a series of daily meditations on the goodness and graciousness of God.

As I grow in an appreciation of God's goodness to me I am drawn to be gracious and good to others, I am drawn to thankfulness.

Stewardship is an expression of thankfulness. It is the realization that all I am and all I have is fundamentally a gift of God, a gift meant to be used and shared, a gift meant for my good and the good of others, a gift for which I will one day have to give an accounting.

In the very beginning of the story of God's goodness, in the story of creation, we are told that God said of human beings, "Increase and multiply, fill the earth and steward the earth."

We are told many times of the qualities of the good and evil steward in Gospel parables. A good steward is faithful. A good steward is resourceful. A good steward is crafty and wise. A good steward is generous.

An examination of conscience:

What kind of steward am I? Do I take care of what God has given to me? Do I use my gifts and resources in an honest and noble way? Do I share what I have received? Do I thank God daily for all that I am and all that I have? What percentage of my time do I give to others without any expectation of return? What percentage of my money do I return to the Lord freely and without strings attached, with no expectation of return? Will people remember me as a generous person? Will people remember me as a gracious person?

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### BLESSING OF ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 30th the blessing of animals takes place at Saint Matthew at 6:15 PM. The Feast of St. Martin De Porres, Wednesday, November 3rd is the traditional day to bless animals.—we will observe that custom on October 30th. The blessing will take place outside the church, if the weather is bad, the blessing will take place in the social hall. Remember to bring your pets for the animal blessing.

Blessing of the Animals  
Church of Saint Matthew  
Saturday, October 30, 2004  
6:15 PM

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 WREATH SALE

Scouts will be available to take your order after all masses, next weekend: October 30 & 31.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Anyone in 4th-8th grade who is interested in becoming a weekend altar server is asked to call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793. They will be training on Saturday, November 6. Those applying are invited with their parents to come to the ministry breakfast at 9:00 AM in the Social Hall, with training following at 10:15 AM in the Church. They will be finished by 11:00 AM. Those trained will be included on the schedule starting November 27. Please call the Parish Center to let us know you are coming.

### THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. Because this day falls on a Monday the Bishops of the United States have indicated that for this year it is not a Holy Day of obligation

Feast of All Saints  
November 1, 2004  
Mass at Saint Matthew  
6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

This is not a Holy Day of Obligation

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes will meet this 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 9 at 7:00 PM in the church. (PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE CHANGE FROM NOVEMBER 2, DUE TO THE ELECTION.) 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. Our goal is \$40,000 in sales before December 19. 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.

CALLING ALL HANDS!

We have two open positions in our Adult Hand Bell Choir this year. You don't need to know how to read music—just how to count and ring the bell. Our older HummmDingers help fill in vacancies from time to time but we REALLY NEED to add new members to our Adult Group. If you are in grade 9 or older and are interested (or just slightly curious), stop by the music corner and chat with Dana after mass this weekend. Practices are Sundays from 9:00-10:00 AM in the church. In fact, you are welcome to visit any of our rehearsals to observe and/or take a swing at ringing a bell—no obligations or expectations.

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS (ALTAR SERVERS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, USHERS/GREETERS, GIFT BEARERS, LECTORS)

- We need liturgical ministers for our 5:15 PM mass on Monday, November 1. If you can help, there is a sign up sheet in the main sacristy by the Ministry Board.
- It's time to start considering our next Liturgy Schedule covering the period from November 27 through February 6. If you have requests or conflicts, please contact our schedulers before November 10. Call Ginny at 651-222-2867 or e-mail her at [gbd1252@aol.com](mailto:gbd1252@aol.com). This period includes our Christmas liturgies (December 24 at 4:00 PM, Midnight Mass at midnight, December 25 at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM). If you would like to minister at any of these special liturgies (or know you won't be in town), please let our schedulers know
- You should have received an invitation to "St. Matthew's Liturgical Ministry Morning" in the mail this week. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate community with your partners in ministry, welcome newcomers, and address the fine points of your liturgical role. This year Father Steve will speak to your liturgical ministry in light of the "Year of the Eucharist." This event takes place in the Social Hall on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. Be sure to sign up at the back of church so we know who is coming and what you plan to bring to the feast. (If you did not receive your invitation in the mail, please call Dana at the Parish Center.)

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 12:00 PM, CH	<b>October 24</b> Baptism
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	<b>October 25</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>October 26</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 27</b> School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	<b>October 28</b> Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 29</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 6:15 PM	<b>October 30</b> Blessing of the Animals
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00 PM, CH	<b>October 31</b> Happy Halloween! Daylight Savings Time Ends 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. 24, 2004**

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,716.83
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$4.00
School Fund	\$27.00
Holy Day	\$41.00

*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 24	8:00 AM Harriet Ames Karen Franzwa 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, October 25	Phillip Gilberg
Tuesday, October 26	Ed L'Allier
Wednesday, October 27	George W. Reiland
Thursday, October 28	Agnes Stefaniak (Ann'y)
Friday, October 29	
Saturday, October 30	George Lackner Robert Norton Rose and Charles Thomas
Sunday, October 31	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 24, 2004

Sunday, Oct 24:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; k 18:9-14
Monday, Oct. 25	Eph 4:32--5:8; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday, Oct. 26:	Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday, Oct. 27:	Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday, Oct. 28:	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19
Friday, Oct. 29:	Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday, Oct. 30:	Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday, Oct. 31:	Wis 11:22--12:2; 2 Thes 1:11--2:2; Lk 19:1-10

**ASSOCIATES OF ST. MARY'S CLINIC 2004 CHRISTMAS CARD SALE**

All proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Health Clinics, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Hundreds of selections from three national printers. Sympathy cards and 2005 calendars also available. Friday, October 29 from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM, Dorothy Bade's House, 668 Ohio Street, St. Paul, MN or by appointment.

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.....*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  
KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
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