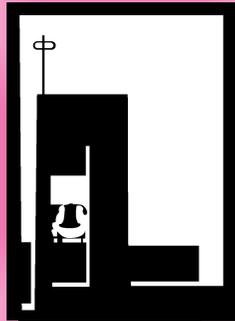
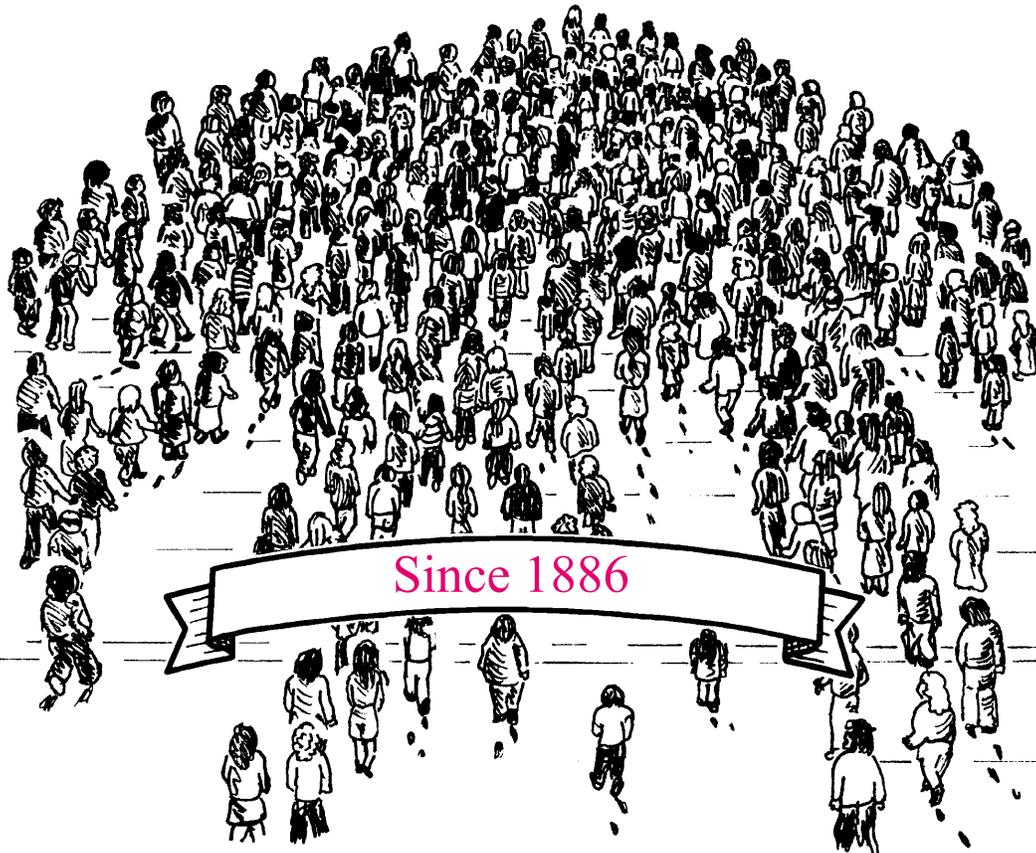


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Monday, October 27th begins the month of Ramadan, the most important time in the Islamic year. In recent years the western world has become more aware of the world of Islam -- more than one billion Muslims share this planet with us.

The three great monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) arose in the desert of the Middle East. Muslims believe that the prophets of Judaism and Christianity are great prophets. Their stories are included in Islam's holy book, the Qur'an. For Muslims the last and most important prophet was Mohammad.

The religion of Islam brought great social change to the world of the 7th century. Islam brought peace and unity to diverse tribes of the Arabian Peninsula. Islam is an Arabic word that means "peace" and "submission to God". The Qur'an commands Muslims to be submissive to the commands of God, and at the same time, to be tolerant of other people and their beliefs.

Islam is a way of life as well as a religion. The most important ways to worship God and follow God's commandments are found in the "Five Pillars of Islam". These are the basic requirements each Muslim must follow. This ensures that Islam is a part of ever believers routine.

THE FIVE PILLARS

Declaration of belief: A Muslim declares that there is but one God, and that Muhammad is His Prophet.

Prayer: Muslims pray five times each day

Fasting: For one month each year, Ramadan, all adult Muslims fast, which means they do not eat or drink anything during the daylight hours, to show their obedience to God and to seek God's mercy.

Alms Giving: All Muslims must unselfishly give money and property, as an act of purifying themselves of attachments to possessions and provide help for others.

Pilgrimage: All who are able travel to Mecca, Islam's holiest sight, at least once in their lives.

These same practices are found in the observance of Jewish and Christian faith.

In the recent past the antics of Islamic extremists have colored our image and view of Islam. Every religion has its zealots and extremists; people who use religion to accomplish purposes not in keeping with religious faith -- purposes rooted in bigotry, violence, oppression, domination, intolerance, fear.

During the time of Ramadan we might pray for the vast majority of the one billion Muslims who are people of deep faith, great charity and goodwill.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LAST CALL FOR SCHEDULE REQUESTS

If you are a Communion Minister, Lector, Usher/Greeter, Gift Bearer or Altar Server please get your requests and/or conflicts to Ginny Roethler by October 29. The new schedule will cover Nov. 30 through Feb. 22. Contact Ginny by phone: 651-222-2867 or by e-mail: gbd1252@aol.com.

CRAFT FAIR AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Fourteen vendors have signed up for the Holiday Craft Fair on November 8. Room still available, please call Cheryl at 455-8365, or Jan at 450-6781.

WORKBOOK FOR LECTOS AND GOSPEL READERS

There are still a few workbooks available for interested Lectors. An order sheet is provided in the main sacristy next to the Ministry Sign-In Board. A sample copy is there if you want to examine it first. The cost per book is \$10.00.

HOSPITALITY AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Thank you to everyone who signed on for the Usher/Greeter ministries. There will be training offered at a ministry in-service on Saturday, November 15. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Also, you can contact Dana at the Parish Center if you have any questions that need answering NOW>

SCOUT UPDATE

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

The Boy Scouts have scheduled their next aluminum can collection for the first weekend of November before and after masses. The trailer will be parked on the playground. If there is no scout to take your cans, please put the bags by the trailer.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND FOOD COLLECTION

The Boy Scouts will be taking order for wreaths on November 1 and 2 and also collecting food donations for the Neighborhood House and Joseph's Coat.

BOY SCOUT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The troop committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM,

REMEMBER if you have a child interested in Scouting, they can register at anytime. Girl Scout contact is Lynda Nelson -455-3685, Cub Scouts is Brian Benish—291-8994 and Boy Scouts is Bill Matthews—228-0269.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Wednesday, October 29 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Church of Saint Matthew

This day of recollection will be presented by 3 Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters from Techney, Illinois. The theme of the day is the Holy Spirit—as seen in the Old and New Testament and as active in our lives today. This opportunity allows us to see better the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the world around us, and encourages us to live our baptismal commitment where we find ourselves.

If you would like to participate in this day of prayer and study, please call the church office (224-9793) and leave your name. There is no cost, a free will offering will be taken, and lunch will be provided. Please bring your copy of the Bible to the Day of Recollection.

ART AUCTION

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood will be hosting an Art Auction, November 8, 2003. Art Preview is at 7:00 PM with the Auction beginning at 8:00 PM. Marlin Art Gallery will be running the show and there will be pieces from \$45 and up, with 1/3 of the items under \$100!! A wide variety of art mediums and collectibles will be available for you to purchase. Enjoy the reception, which will include wine, cheese, fruit, pastries and more! Don't forget to "Take a Second Look" on Sunday, November 9, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM. The Temple of Aaron is located at 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd (at Hartford). Please call Marcia Taple at 651-688-3030 with any questions.

CORRECTION TO TODAY'S HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INSERT

The date for Hill Murray High School's open house is listed incorrectly on the insert in today's bulletin. The actual date of their Fall Open House is October 28 at 7:00 PM.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday	October 26
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	October 27
9:00 AM, PC	Faith Sharing Group
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	October 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, XC	Troop Committee Meeting
Wednesday	October 29
10:00 AM, MC	Day of Recollection
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Grades 1-10
Thursday	October 30
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	October 31
Saturday	November 1
Boy Scout Aluminum Can Drive	
Sunday	November 2
Boy Scout Aluminum Can Drive	
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Upcoming events	
November 8	Holiday Craft Show
November 15	Liturgical Ministers In services
December 6	Jubilee Dinner for Father Steve
Abbreviations:	
MC – Main Church	
CH – Chapel	
PC – Parish Center	
SH – Social Hall	
SC – School	
CC – Child Care	
XC – Extended Day	

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, October 19

Envelope and plate offering	\$6,750.13
Children and Youth Envelopes	\$3.85
School Fund Envelopes	\$40.00
Holy Day Envelopes	\$11.00
Propagation of Faith Envelopes	\$537.00

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 26	8:00 AM Ed Maher
	10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, October 27	George W. Reiland
Tuesday, October 28	Mary and Sam Mike
Wednesday, October 29	Parishioners
Thursday, October 30	Robert Norton
Friday, October 31	
Saturday, November 1	Margaret Przblek
	Marie A. Wiler
	George Lackner
Sunday, November 2	8:00 AM John Bandholz
	Agnes DeFoe
	10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 22, 2003

Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday:	Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-5; Mt 8:5-17; or Is 61:9-11; Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

UPCOMING FRANCISCAN RETREATS

November 1-2, 2003 — New 30-hour silent retreat : Saturday morning 10:00 AM thru Sunday evening 4:00 PM (includes All Saints Day mass on Saturday, All Souls Day Mass on Sunday, four conferences on Courage, Penance Service, Eucharistic Devotion, peace and quiet.) For more information call 952-447-2182 or on line www.FranciscanRetreats.net

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Web site: st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon *Rev. John Murphy*
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Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care *Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator *Debra Lindstedt*
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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	

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Liturgy