

The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Halloween is now a SEASON, not just a one-day event. Since Labor Day store tout their Halloween “stuff”; as the weeks build toward the end of October more and more decorations go up – not quite the rival to Christmas, but getting there. The Halloween mania as also reached into Europe in the past few years.

Some fundamental Christian churches discourage the observance and label it is “Satanic” or “diabolical”. Nothing could be further from the truth. The holiday emerged within the life of the Christian Church.

To understand the origins of Halloween one has to be mindful of what follows – November 1st, the Feast of All Saints, and November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls.

Halloween is observed on the eve of All Saints – thus the name, “All Hallows Eve” – abbreviated to “Halloween”.

This is the night when Christians make sport of the devil and all evil spirits; this is the night of revelry and celebration which asserts that through Baptism we are freed from the powers of evil and are no longer in the grip of evil. The feast of tomorrow, All Saints, is witness to this.

November 1st we celebrate the heroes of faith who are now united with God in glory. We remember not only the “official, canonized saints”; the feast is not a remembrance of “some” Saints, or “select” Saints – it is the feast of ALL Saints. Family and friends who have gone before us are included in that number.

On November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls, we remember family and friends who have died, and we pray that should they be in need of purification by God, that they be brought soon into God’s glory.

On this weekend we will pray for all the deceased of this parish, and those who have died this past year we will remember by name.

The month of November is a special time to remember those who have gone before us. In your home display pictures of family and friends who have died; tell the stories; especially introduce children and young adults to their ancestors. All of this is an important part of remembering who we are and from where we have come.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, November 1, 2005
Mass at the Church of St. Matthew
6:45 AM
9:00 AM
5:30 PM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR 5:30 MASS FOR ALL SAINTS:

We're looking for Liturgical Ministers for this mass, Tuesday, Nov. 1. If you can serve as lector, communion minister, altar server or usher for this mass, please sign up on the ministry sheet provided in the

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troop 107 will again be recycling Aluminum cans only at all Masses on November 5 & 6. Please, no other material will be accepted. Scouts will be available in the church parking lot to take your cans. All proceeds go to pay for scouting campouts and events. Thank you for your continued support.

BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE

St. Matthew's Boy Scout Troop 107 will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths after all Masses on October 29 & 30. If you have already ordered wreaths directly from a Scout, you DO NOT need to order at the masses. If you are able to pay at the time of the order, that would be greatly appreciated. Wreaths will be delivered around Thanksgiving. Thank you for your continued support of the Boy Scouts.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION CLASS

Students preparing for reconciliation and their parents will have class on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the chapel. Please complete the first two chapters before the meeting.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

There will be class for all students, Grades 1-10 on Wednesday, November 2. Class begins at 6:30 PM and ends promptly at 7:45 PM.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, COMMUNION

MINISTERS, GIFT BEARERS & USHERS/GREETERS:

We are preparing our new Liturgical Ministry Schedule covering November 26th thru February 26th. Please get your scheduling conflicts and requests to Ginny **before** November 3rd. Send her an e-mail at gbd1252@aol.com or leave her a message at 651-222-2867. Our Christmas liturgies fall on a weekend this year. If you are available for the 4:00 family mass or Midnight mass, please let us know.

LITURGY BRUNCH "POT LUCK" -- NOVEMBER 12TH

Invitations went out this week to everyone who is involved in preparing our parish liturgies and/or serving in one or more of our liturgical ministries. (If we missed you, call the Parish Center.) This will be a morning of prayer, community, formation and information, and FOOD. A main dish will be provided but -- as in the past -- the rest will be a "shared feast". Please sign up at the R.S.V.P. sheet in the back of church -- indicate if you will be bringing fruits/vegetables, breads or a "breakfast surprise". OR you can leave Dana a message at **651-310-0830**. We need to hear from you by Nov. 7th.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK

Just a reminder. The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday Nov 2 at the Parish Center. The minutes at the last meeting and the Agenda for this meeting are available on the website or by calling the Parish Office.

LOST & FOUND

We have quite a collection of lost items accumulated over the past few years. It's time to reunite them with their original owners, or find a new home for them. Check out our "Lost & Found" Table in the back of church this weekend. What isn't claimed by October 30th will be sent to a new home.

OCTOBER 500 WINNERS

1st Place—3310— Ann Marthaler and Sister Joanna Illg; 2nd Place-2760 —Arlene Kempe and Jean St. Martin

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

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| Sunday | October 30 |
| 12:00 PM, CH | Baptism |
| 12:30 PM, CH | Baptism |
| Monday | October 31 |
| | Happy Halloween |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:45 PM, XC | Boy Scout Meeting |
| Tuesday | November 1 |
| 6:45 AM, MC | All Saints Day Mass |
| 9:00 AM, MC | All Saints Day School Mass |
| 5:30 PM, MC | All Saints Day Mass |
| 7:00 PM, CH | First Reconciliation Preparation Class |
| 7:00 PM, MC | Guitar Group |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| Wednesday | November 2 |
| 12:00-7:00 PM, PC | St. Mary's Clinic |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 6:30 PM, SC | Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10 |
| 7:00 PM PC | Parish Council Meeting |
| Thursday | November 3 |
| 3:00 PM, SH | Loaves and Fishes |
| 5:00 PM, MC | Youth Choir |
| 7:00 PM, MC | Adult Choir |
| Friday | November 4 |
| 7:15 AM- | Eucharistic Adoration |
| 5:15 PM, CH | |
| Saturday | November 5 |
| Sunday | November 6 |
| 12:00 PM, CH | Baptism |
| 12:30 PM, CH | Baptism |
| 1:00 PM, CH | Baptism |

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-October 23: \$7,469.19
 Needed per week: \$9,457.00

Plate & envelope to date: \$135,450.00
 Need to date: \$160,749.00
 -25,299.00

Children's Envelopes \$0.80
 School Collection \$160.00
 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. s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 30 8:00 AM Robert Norton
 Ed Maher
 10:30 AM Parishioners
 Monday, October 31 Parishioners
 Tuesday, November 1 6:45 AM Michael Snaza
 Bernice DeNardo
 Marie Wiler
 9:00 AM School
 5:30 PM Parishioners
 Wednesday, November 2 Rita Heidgerken
 Thursday, November 3 Lateresa Schletty
 Friday, November 4 6:45 AM Parishioners
 5:15 PM World Peace
 Saturday, November 5 George Lackner
 Harry Borowicz
 Colleen Hau, SSND
 Sunday, November 6 8:00 AM Rose Garcia
 Living & deceased members
 of the Rosary Society
 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 30, 2005
 Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/
 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/ Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/
 Jn 6:37-40
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/ Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18/
 Mt 25:1-13

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator..... *Cindy Hoffman*
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 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

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 Extended Day..... 651-228-1535
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622

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

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery Larry Sachi
 Marty Olson John Sekevitch
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
 Lucus Ecker Mark Thomford
 Tony Joe Wenker Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
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