

# The Community of St. Matthew

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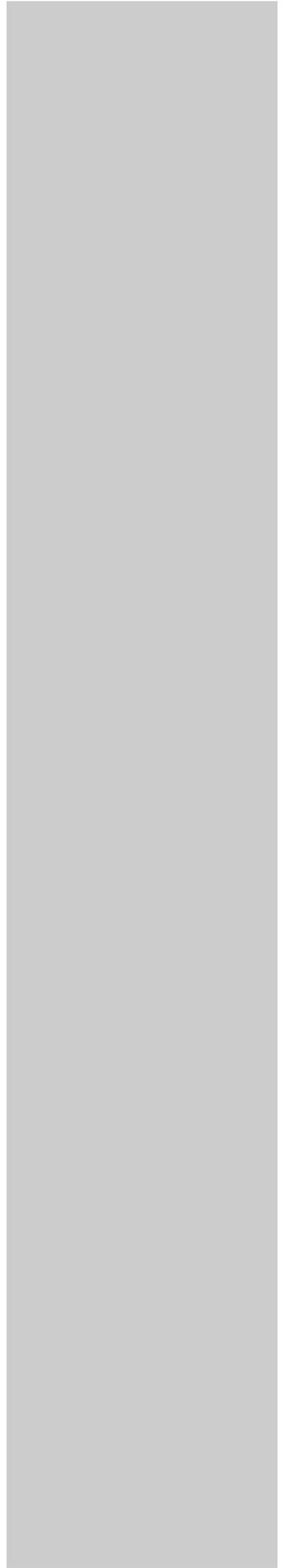
**Holiday SCRIP  
Blitz  
Today– December 19**



**Now Available:  
Rainbow Foods**

The holiday shopping season has begun. You can help decorate the SCRIP tree by purchasing SCRIP each week. Special orders are available for many retailers in our area as well, if you are interested in seeing the list of available merchants please stop by the SCRIP table or call Maureen at 651-224-6912. If you will be placing a special order please do it soon so we can guarantee delivery. Remember, all proceeds from this “Fundraiser that costs nothing” come back to the education programs at St. Matthew’s.

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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

For members of the Lutheran Church today is **Reformation Sunday**. It is the annual remembrance of the action of Martin Luther taken in Wittenberg to challenge practices of the Roman Church. It is also the date on which Catholics and Lutherans of the Twin Cities remember and honor the partnership we have established over the past generation as Christian Churches in seeking together to serve and witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are many Saint Matthew's families that reflect Roman Catholic and Lutheran expressions of faith. A number of Lutheran Christians worship weekly at Saint Matthew's with their family. The work of Christian union, ecumenism, is often slow at the level of the leadership of our churches; but the work of Christian union and ecumenism is healthy and at work around the kitchen tables and in the homes of many of our families.

This weekend is also **Citizenship Sunday**. We stand on the very edge of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, election day. The campaigns have been long and tedious, some would say painful. We take time this weekend to pray for national and local leadership, we take the opportunity to ask God's blessing upon those whom we are about to select as our leaders, we commit ourselves to a democratic process by which you and I are charged with the selection of leadership. The process is not perfect, in fact the process

is deeply flawed; nevertheless it is the only process available to us today. As imperfect as it is, it is the means we have to select those women and men who will represent us and in our name make the local and national decisions which will best serve the common good, not only of our nation, but also of the world. We have a responsibility flowing from our international power to see beyond our own personal good, beyond our national self interest to embrace the search for the common good of all peoples. Remember, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is election day. Remember, in the State of Minnesota we have same day registration. There is no excuse to stay home! Remember to cast your ballot, remember to vote!

**November, remembrance of those who have died:** November is the month we remember those family members and friends who have died. This weekend we will remember by name the members of Saint Matthew's Parish who have died during the past year. The book of remembrance is located at the front of the church. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

**ST. JOSEPH MISSALS FOR LITURGICAL CYCLE A**  
Missals will be on sale next week. The cost is \$5.00. These books contain more than the readings for the new cycle. They also contain prayers and hymns for you to use throughout the week. You may have an old Cycle A missal at home, but due to our constantly changing calendar, the readings may not all match the cycle.

**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.

### **ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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.

### **ST. MATTHEW'S LITURGICAL MINISTRY MORNING**

Have you RSVP'd yet? We need to know how many eggs to crack for our main dish. 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 Fr. 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 or leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830. As anyone know who has attended one of these events in the past, this will be a morning well spent!

### **OCTOBER 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS**

1st place—3430— Jean St. Martin and Arlene Kempe, 2nd place—3240— Bea O'Neill and Rita Marquardt.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS

Please note that the first Reconciliation Class scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 has been changed to Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM in the main church. Parents and students (grade 4 and up) preparing for their First Reconciliation should attend this meeting. If you still need to register for First Reconciliation please call the school office at 651-224-6912.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Parents and students are reminded of the first preparation class for First Communion on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in the church. Students enrolled at St. Matthew's School or Religious Education program who are in second grade or older students who have not yet received their First Communion, need to attend these classes in preparation for First Communion in Spring, 2005. If you have not registered please call the school office at 651-224-6912.

ST. MATTHEW'S LEISURE CLUB

The St. Matthew's Leisure Club will meet November 10 at 1:30 PM in the social hall. Join us for a relaxing afternoon. We will be playing Bingo. Deadline for our Fanny Hill trip is November 10. All payments for the trip and your dues will be due that day! All members, families and friends are welcomed to go on the trip with us. Any questions call Gayle Stelter at 228-0856.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 CAN RECYCLING—NEXT WEEKEND

Boy Scouts will be collecting aluminum cans before and after each next weekend, November 6 and 7. Thanks for supporting St. Matthew's Scouts.

"SEX ABUST IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: HEALING THE HURTS IN ALL OF US." This event is sponsored by the Voice of the Faithful- Twin Cities. A. W. Richard Swipe will be the keynote speaker. There will be a panel discussion and question and answer session after the address. A feature event will be an apology service for victims, their families and others in need of healing as a result of being touched by this evil. This free event takes place at O'Shaughnessy Education center, University of St. Thomas, Sunday, November 7 from 2:00-5:00 PM.

REACHING OUT FOR OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

As we begin looking forward to Catholic Schools Week in January, the school is looking for additional ways to reach out to the community to tell them about the wonderful education opportunities at St. Matthew's for young people, ages 6 weeks-14 years. If you have thoughts or would like to volunteer time and/or talent to this effort please contact Maureen at 651-244-6912.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 31</b>
	<b>Happy Halloween!</b>
	<b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 1</b>
	<b>All Saints Day</b>
	<b>(This is not a holy day of obligation)</b>
6:45 AM, CH	Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
5:15 PM, MC	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 2</b>
	<b>All Souls Day</b>
	<b>ELECTION Day—remember</b>
	<b>To vote!</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 3</b>
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
7:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Board Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 4</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 5</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 6</b>
9:00 AM, SH	Ministry Day
9:30 AM, PC	Centering Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 7</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 , 2004

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$6980.28
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$4.60
School Fund	\$40.00

*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 31	8:00 AM Parishioners 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, November 1	6:45 AM Marie Wiler 5:15 PM Parishioners
Tuesday, November 2	World Peace
Wednesday, November 3	Arthur Geis
Thursday, November 4	
Friday, November 5	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM World Peace
Saturday, November 6	Sr. Colleen Hau Sophie Verbance Alice Marthaler
Sunday, November 7	8:00 AM Living and Deceased members of the St. Matthew's Rosary Society 10:30 AM Agnes DeFoe Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 31, 2004

Sunday, October 31:	Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10
Monday, November 1:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday, November 2:	Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday, November 3:	Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday, November 4:	Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday, November 5:	Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday, November 6:	Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday, November 7:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

## 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  
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