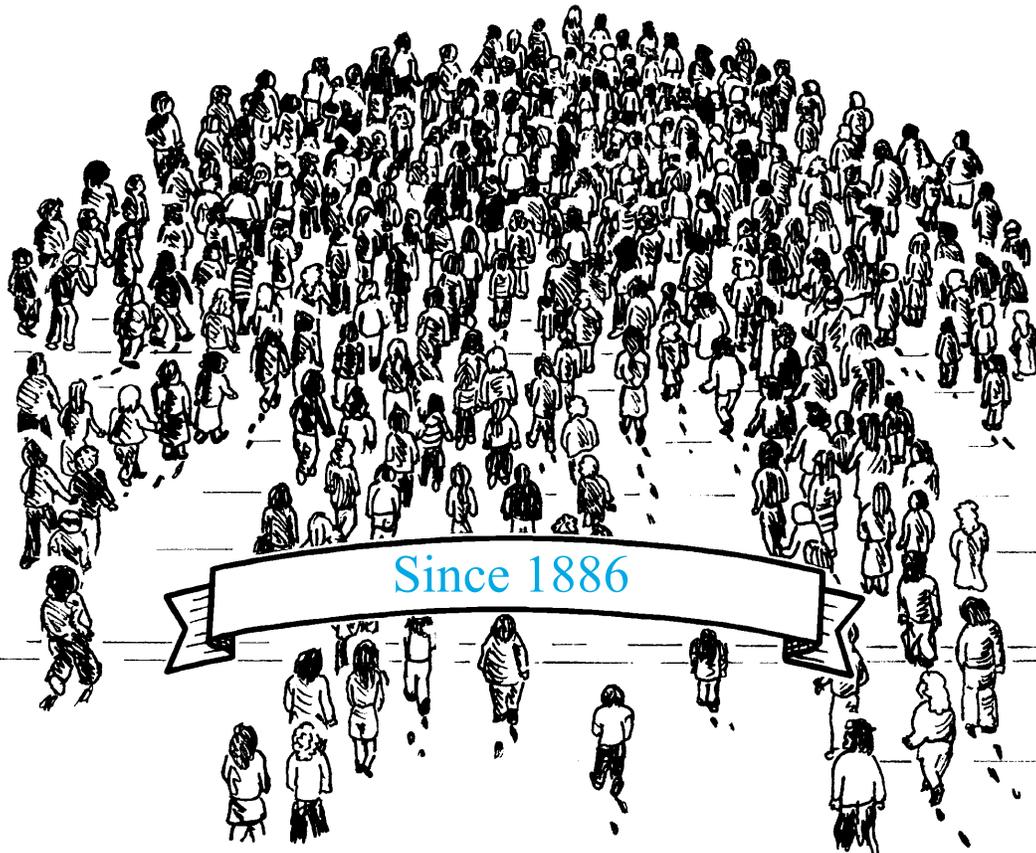


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend copies of the Parish Annual Report are available in the back of church. This is provided for you in preparation for the parish Annual Meeting which will take place next Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:15 in the Social Hall.

The annual report contains descriptions of the various ministries, works, associations and partnerships of the Saint Matthew's Community. It also contains a report of the past fiscal year – 2006-2007 – and the budget for the current fiscal year – 2007-2008.

Both the ministry descriptions and the financial reports are in summary form. If you wish to obtain a fuller description of either please call the Church office – 651-224-9793.

The persons in charge of the various ministries are more than happy to visit with anyone and invite all to participate. The parish Finance Council and parish Pastoral Administrator are more than willing to meet with individuals about questions and ideas concerning the financial reports.

At Saint Matthew's ministry and mission drives our budgeting – and not the other way around. Budgets are moral statements – this is true of household budgets, business budgets, city and state budgets as well as church budgets. Budgets are statements about putting our money where our mouth is, or walking the walk and not

just talking the talk. Budgets should reflect mission.

We are a congregation of about 2000 registered members. More than 25% of the membership of the parish serves or participates in at least one of the ministries, works, associations or partnerships of the parish. This is strong participation and a generous gift of time and talent in the service of the Gospel.

The annual report made available today will be used during the coming months as a way of introducing new members to the work and life of Saint Matthew's Community.

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, October 9 is the Rosary Society's fall dinner meeting. Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and meeting to follow. You must call ahead to reserve a place. Call Barb Kraft at 651-455-2174 by 6 p.m. Sunday, October 7.

### COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Hour after both Sunday masses is being served by Mary and Bob Bjeblík – 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.

### A TASTE OF ROMANIA

Join us for a taste of Romania on October 13 and 14, after all masses. We'll have coffee and Romanian pastries, a picture presentation from the trip, music, icons and decorative eggs to raffle and for sale. St Matthew's has historically supported orphans in Campina and families at Holy Cross Church in Bucharest. Through contacts made with St Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church in St Paul, we were also able to donate time and money to orphans and families at ProVita this year. We'd love the opportunity to tell you about our experiences and show you how our parish has supported these wonderful people. Proceeds from coffee Sunday will go to these organizations. The Krafts, Stevens, Montgomery/ Haleys, and DeNardos.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals have begun and are on going. So far, we are groups of approximately 20-25 singers and instrumentalists who are willing to make a commitment to the work of the liturgy and music at St. Matthew's 3 weekend liturgies (plus other special celebrations.) This is your invitation to join us as we continue to grow in faith, have fun and become part of a small community within this faith community. No auditions! Just come to the rehearsals! The **Adult Choir** rehearses on **Wednesdays from 7-8:15 PM** in the Church. **Humm-Dingers!** The youth voice and hand bell choir for grades 3-8, rehearses **Wednesdays, from 5-6:15 PM**. The **Guitar Group** practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie, 651-224-9793 if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome. **Adult Hand bell Choir!** We will begin rehearsing **Sunday, October 7 from 9-10 AM** in the Church.

SCRIP UPDATE

Subway, Noodles & Co gift cards in \$10 denominations are now available from the Scrip program. Crafters – JoAnn Fabrics & Michael's gift cards in \$25 denominations are available via order. The purchase and use of gift cards from the Scrip program currently provides \$250 per month to the school at no cost to the purchasers. A big thank you goes out to those of you that have participated in this no cost fundraising effort. Selling only 12 more \$25 cards per week will allow us to increase the monthly school donation to \$300 per month. Will you be one of the 12?

BRADY CLASS OF 1978

We are in the planning stages of our 30 year class reunion and would like your help. Please contact me if you are interested in a reunion and /or if you would like to help plan this event. Interest will determine if we have a reunion. Contact Sue (Biegler) Trejo at 651-457-0519 or email: trejotrio@comcast.net.

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.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the parish community will be next Sunday morning between the two Masses—in the social hall. It will begin after 8:00AM Mass—after people have gotten coffee and donuts; it will end so that people may attend 10:30AM Mass.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 7</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 6:30 PM, SC	<b>October 8</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting EAC Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 5:30 PM, CH  6:30 PM, SC	<b>October 9</b> Loaves and Fishes Rosary Society Mass & Dinner Home & School mtg.
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM, MC 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 1:30 PM, SH 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC  5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC 8:00 PM, SH	<b>October 10</b> School Mass St. Mary's Clinic Leisure Club Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10 HummDingers Adult Choir Men's Club
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH	<b>October 11</b> Loaves and Fishes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 12</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 13</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 14</b>

**Abbreviations:**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship

*When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today’s Gospel suggests that only **total** stewardship will do. “When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, ‘We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.’”*

Prayer: The challenge to be faithful stewards is a challenge to remember the never-ending responsibility of stewarding; we can’t just pray when it’s convenient, or when we have little extra time. [That makes it like a hobby; the call is to praying regularly, when convenient and inconvenient, when we want to and when we don’t.] Mother Theresa is a marvelous model of praying when it didn’t seem right, or easy, or meaningful.

Service: Helped in school library; gave some folks a ride to church; cared for a sick parent; made meals for two families; visited with patients in a hospital and a nursing home; helped a lady who is blind. [What have I been doing? How have I used my talents in service of others—am I even conscious of those times?]

Sharing Last weekend \$7,744 was given in envelopes, the plate, and electronically. Thank you to each person who contributed.

The first quarter of the year is complete. [This year there are 14 Sundays in the quarter; there are 53 Sundays in the entire year.] The budget for the first quarter was \$128,500; the collections were \$121,174. That is 5.7% behind.

The amount donated is year is only \$100 behind that given in 2006.

Meetings to discuss the ministry of Casa Guadalupana [the group who anticipates occupying the rectory] will be on Thursday, October 25 from 11:00AM to 12:00NN [in the church space] and on Sunday, October 26 from 9:15AM to 10:15AM [in the social hall]. All are invited to bring observations and questions.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 7, 2007

- Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
- Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

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 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care.....*Shar LaVelle*  
 Dir. KLT Kids .....*Cherri Trapp*  
 Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
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 Dir. Food Service .....*Alice Schletty*  
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

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 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830

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

Committee Chairs

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 Education Advisory..... Richard Dunn