

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we will have a dinner to celebrate the 120 years of Saint Matthew. The event will begin with Mass at 5:00 pm. At 6:00 we will gather in the Social Hall for social hour. At 6:45 a magnificent German Supper will be served:

Ruben Soup  
Rye Rounds

Buttered & Parsley Baby Red Potatoes  
Sauerkraut  
Apricot Stuffed Roast Pork Loin  
Chicken breast in Hunter Sauce  
Baked Acorn Squash  
Pumpnickel Rye

Apple Cobbler with Cream

Following the meal there will be presented a new DVD featuring the history of Saint Matthew's Community and

the life of Saint Matthew's as we live today. Following the DVD presentation we will look to the future of this community and the hopes and promise of tomorrow on the West Side of Saint Paul. Remember, if you can dream it – it will happen.

With this 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary we seek to:

Honor the Past  
Celebrate the Present  
Dream the Future

I ask you to mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE HOUR AFTER BOTH SUNDAY MASSES

Coffee Hour is being served by KLT Kids - thanks to Jennifer Slaten and all The KLT Kids staff. Thanks also to Joyce Osborne and Kristine Erickson on behalf of St. Matthew's School for their help last Sunday. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and fellowship. Treats are welcome and helpers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Contact John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871.

### FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 5:00 MASS

Plan to spend an extra few minutes after the 5:00 Mass this weekend and enjoy a cookie and time to socialize. Thanks to Carol Gilberg and Doris Bisciglia for heading up this effort. Cookies will be served the first Saturday of each month.

### WANTED --MORE ALTAR SERVERS!

If you are in grade 4 or higher, give us a call at 651-224-9793, or complete a form (on our Community Slat Board) & drop it in the Sunday collection. There will be a mandatory training session in late October or early November.

### ROSARY SOCIETY DINNER MEETING

The Rosary Society invites all its members and those women interested in finding out more about our group to our October 10 dinner meeting. We will meet for mass in the chapel at 5:30 followed by appetizers and a chicken dinner in the Social Hall. After a short meeting we will award door prizes; we should be done by 8:15. Please make a reservation by calling Barb Kraft at 455-2174 or Beth Geis at 455-0298 by Sunday, October 8.

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK—DATE CORRECTION

At all Masses the weekend of October 28-29, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated (note the date was incorrectly stated on the monthly calendar as October 14-15). This sacrament is meant for all those who are facing serious illness, who are in recovery from drug or alcohol dependency or who because of advancing age experience debilitating conditions. Adults and children can be proper recipients of this sacrament. Mark your calendars and plan to participate.

### ATTENTION LECTORS!

If you want to purchase a "Workbook for Lectors & Gospel Readers" for the upcoming Cycle C -- there is a sign up sheet in the Sacristy next to the Check-In Board. The cost is \$10.00. We ask that you visit the sheet and let us know "yes" or "no" if we should order a book for you. The order needs to go in by October 10th so we will have the books before the new cycle begins on December 3. Thanks!

**ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

The men are celebrating their 50th Anniversary Saturday, Oct 14, 2006. Mass at 5:00 PM, dinner and dance following. Cocktails, dinner, and dance starts at 6:00 PM at Bluffs of Mendota. Tickets for sale after mass or call Greg Arrigoni @ 651-227-8567. Price \$20.00 per person. Non-members of Men's Club are cordially invited. The event is open to everyone.

**OUR ADULT HAND BELL CHOIR STILL HAS 2 POSITIONS TO FILL**

We can't begin our ministry until these positions are filled so please search your hearts, & if there's a song ringing in there, please step forward and GIVE US A HAND or 2. Talk to Dana after mass or leave her a message at 651-310-0830 with good times to call. She'll get back to you!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 AM Mass is looking for young helpers (grades 4 & higher) as well as adult assistants to help our prayer leaders give the little ones (ages 3-6) a quality worship time in the chapel. Can you help out once in a while? Leave Dana a message at her voice mail ~ 651-310-0830.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Parish Council will meet on Sunday, October 8 beginning at 6:45 PM with prayer and reflection with the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The agenda is available online at [www.st-matts.org](http://www.st-matts.org)

**ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB FALL WINE TASTING**

Mark your calendars for the annual Wine Tasting Event sponsored by the Men's Club, this year's event will be held on Friday November 3. Watch future bulletins for further details.

**TRIP TO BUCHAREST, ROMANIA**

At the request of Father Claudio, and Monica and Hugh O'Kane we would like to see if there is any interest to go to Bucharest, Romania. The date of the travel would tentatively be the 2nd week in June, 2007. Father Claudio said he would accompany a group from St. Matthew's to see Romania. He mentioned that we could see the Caspian Sea, the mountains, some of the churches and monasteries and see some of the orphanages. Call Joe and Florida Stevens at 238-6612 if you are interested.

**THANK YOU FROM THE HELEN STEVENS FAMILY**

The Stevens Family would like to thank St. Matthew's Parish for the wonderful show of support for Helen Stevens and her family. The memorials, church attendance at the funeral, flowers and condolences were overwhelming. Helen was a tiny, shy lady, with a heart as big as the ocean, with love for all she came in contact. The funeral was a payback of that love from Helen. Joe, Florida, John, Christine, Robert, Elaine, Chris, Sue and all the other Stevens brothers and sisters, and the sixty-two grandchildren and great grandchildren thank everyone who attended Helen's funeral. Father Adrian spoke warmly and eloquently and straight from the heart about Helen. What a great parish!

**ST. MATTHEW'S 500 CARD CLUB**

The 500 Card Club is looking for women interested in joining our groups. If interested, call Chris at 651-457-4570.

**THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 8</b>
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
5:45 PM, SH	Confirmation
	Dinner
6:45 PM, PC	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 9</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	EAC Meeting
6:45 PM, SC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 10</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:30 PM, CH	Rosary Society Mass and Meeting
6:30 PM, SC	Home and School Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 11</b>
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
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
8:00 PM, SH	Men's Club Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 12</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:00 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 13</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 14</b>
7:00 AM	Mankato Bus Trip
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 15</b>

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

## STEWARDSHIP

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children" is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

Time: [Please remember that the chapel is open of visits and private prayer from 6AM to 6PM Monday through Friday.] A focus of prayer this week might be the safety of everyone, first of all--children. May they not only be safe, but feel safe, continue to have a sense of trust. Let us not forget the safety of everyone in areas of conflict, both the combatants as well as the "innocent bystanders."

Talent: As the growing season nears an end, what service can I give to a neighbor to help put their garden and lawn to bed? Can I give an hour? or more? How can this help deepen the awareness we have of one another? How will this benefit community-building?

Treasure: Thanks to the hundreds of envelope users and the plate givers and electronic contributors: \$9091 was given. The Sunday average in August was \$7900; since then it has increased almost \$900 per Sunday--\$8800. [Still below budget, but an improvement--thank you.]

If you'd like to join others who are using electronic means to contribute, please pick up a form at the scrip table, or call the parish office. Thank you.

Stewardship renewal: As has been done in previous years, beginning at the end of this month, there will be an opportunity to renew your *stewardship of treasure*. This is important, not just because it allows each of us to offer our best estimate of monetary gifts in the next year, but equally because it will allow us to create a budget based on those pledges.

Envelopes: Beginning in January there will be a different look to our parish envelopes. There will be an invitation to bring an envelope each time for worship. More information in the coming weeks.

Parish Center Windows are in need of major work. A small steering committee has been meeting to get new bids and decide what kind and how much work can be begun at the present time. More information next week.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2006

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/ Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16  
or 10:2-12  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/ Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/ Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/ Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/ Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/ Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30  
or 10:17-27

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM -4:00 PM  
Web site: st-matts.org  
Bulletin Email: bulletin.editor@st-matts.org

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
Parish Pastoral Administrator..... *John Riehle*  
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Doug Lieser*  
Dir. Music & Liturgy ..... *Dana McCarthy*  
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*  
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maureen Gitlin*  
Business Administrator ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
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

### 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](mailto:parishcouncil@st-matts.org)

Becky Montgomery Larry Sachi  
Nicole Johnson John Sekevitch  
Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg  
Lucus Ecker Mark Thomford  
Sheila Brunelle Stephen Adrian

### Committee Chairs

Finance.....  
Education Advisory ..... Richard Dunn