

# The Community of St. Matthew

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



## FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 16

5:00 PM—Mass

6:00 PM—Short Order Food

Bake Sale, Silent Auction,  
Bottle Lotto



7:00 PM-11:00 PM—Street Dance

7:00-11:00 PM—Texas Hold'em

Tournament, Cribbage Tournament



Sunday, September 17

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM —Mass

11:30 AM —4:00 PM —

Chicken Dinner  
Silent Auction, Bake  
Sale, Bottle Lotto

Chicken  
Dinner



Silent Auction closes at 4:00 PM

Vikings game on Big Screen TV

11:30 AM —4:00 PM—Kid's Activities-Gym



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The call to discipleship each of us has received in Baptism and Confirmation obliges us to recognize at the center of our being is God. God is the beginning and the end. We are called to acknowledge this basic reality in such a way so as to never forget.

In the Judeo-Christian history such acknowledge is grounded in three consistent practices: A gift of Time, A gift of Talent, A gift of Treasure.

The great equalizer among all people is time – no one has more than 24 hours in a day, and no one has less. All the money and power in the world cannot “buy” me more time. How I use my time is a reflection of who I am.

Some philosophers have divided time into three categories: Something time, Anything time, Nothing time.

**Something time** is that part of my time which is often out of my control. It is the time committed to my job, occupation, trade, craft. It is the time demanded by my familial responsibilities. It is the time to which other’s have a legitimate claim.

**Anything time** is that time I use at my discretion – the time I choose to spend with friends, to till my garden, to engage in a hobby, etc.

**Nothing time** is that time which produces no product and is in so way “productive”. It is the time I spend with God. It is the time for prayer and reflection. It is the time that is in one sense “no time”.

The gift of Time in prayer is part and parcel of the life of a disciple. It takes discipline and it is meant to be a part of my daily life.

When I was a child churches were open all day. People stopped into the church on their way to or from work, they paused at lunch time and “slipped” into the Church to make a “visit to the

Blessed Sacrament”. Some people developed the practice of making a “Holy Hour” weekly or even daily.

In recent times churches are locked when there is no public worship. Frankly this is because of theft and vandalism. Just as we no longer leave our homes unlocked when we are away, so with churches.

For some time I have thought about a way Saint Matthew’s could be open during the day to accommodate the private prayer of people. Thanks to John Riehle and David Rosas and his maintenance staff we have found a way to keep the chapel open on weekdays from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. We are able to secure the building and yet keep the chapel open.

**So, beginning this Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the Chapel of Saint Matthew will be open from 6:00 am. to 6:00 pm Monday thru Friday. During Parish Center Office hours the small chapel in the Parish Center is also available for private devotion.**

I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. A few minutes spent quietly in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament can help any of us to refocus and clarify life. A few minutes spent regularly in prayer can nourish and enrich each of us. A place of quiet, in the presence of the Holy Eucharist can become a spring of freshness welling up within our lives.

When you take advantage of this opportunity I ask that you remember to pray for your parish, to pray for the success of our parish ministries, to pray for those who are sick or troubled, to remember in prayer those who share with you the journey of discipleship in the Community of Saint Matthew.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Coffee Hour returns after both Sunday masses on September 10, 2006. This Sunday is being served by St. Matthew’s School - thanks. 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.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Another successful Habitat for Humanity is under our belt. Thanks to all who shared your talents! In conjunction with St Thomas Becket and Mount Calvary Churches, members of St Matthew’s sawed, hammered, painted, and laid sod, provided food, hospitality and health aid for a week to work on our Habitat house. We are all enriched by your generosity.

### NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES READY FOR PICK-UP!

If you are a Lector, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer, Usher/Greeter or Altar Server be sure to pick up your schedule this weekend. The new schedule runs from September 9 thru November 26. Alphabetized schedules (by last name) are in the back of church. If you receive your schedule electronically but would like a “hard copy” -- extra schedules are in the Sacristy by the Altar Servers’ closet. Thanks!

### ST. MARY’S HEALTH CLINIC—VOLUNTEER NURSES NEEDED

St. Mary’s Health Clinics, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, are looking for volunteer nurses for our Wednesday clinic at St. Matthew’s. Clinic hours are generally 1:00 until 6:00 PM and most volunteer nurses staff one or two afternoons per month. Orientation training is provided and a Nursing Supervisor is always available. Volunteer Nurses require a current Minnesota Nursing License. The ability to speak Spanish is a plus-but not required. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in volunteering at the St. Matthew’s Clinic site— or any of the other St. Mary’s Health Clinic sites— please call (651)690-7020 for more information.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION THIS WEEKEND

Registration for Religious Education will take place after all masses this weekend. After the Saturday mass, registration will take place in the back of church. On Sunday, come down stairs for coffee and a donut and stop by the registration table. Classes begin this Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 PM. Students should enter the school from the playground doors. Class will end at 7:45 PM. Thanks to all our volunteer teachers who make this program a success!!

### LEISURE CLUB MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, September 13 at 1:30 PM for our first Leisure Club Meeting of the year. We will meet in the social hall, for a meeting only, no mass. Bring a friend and enjoy. Dues will be collected. New members welcome.

### THANK YOU

Dear Father Adrian and the parishioners of St. Matthew's—May God bless you for all your kindness and generosity to my community and for our work with the poor. Peace to you! Brother Hilary

### PASTORAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are wonderful opportunities for you to connect with others in the parish with your caring and your time. By being a Rainbow Pal you will support and pray for a 4th or 5th grader at St. Matthew's School. As well as have the opportunity to exchange letters throughout the year with your pal. By being a Homebound Minister you will bring your love and caring to persons who are not able to come to parish worship and other activities. To respond to these opportunities, pick up the blue sheet in the back of church, clip off the activity that you want to be part of, and take it to the parish office. Notice the deadline dates. Thank you.

### ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO THE SSND CRAFT FAIR

Join your friends on a bus trip to the SSND Craft Fair in Mankato on Saturday, October 14.. We will gather at 7:00 AM for a departure time of 7:15 AM and we will return by 3:30 PM. Enjoy a delightful day viewing the colors of fall and browsing at the craft fair. Cost is \$20, deadline to make reservations is Sunday, October 4. Pick up a blue sheet in the back of church for more information and reservation form. If we fill up the bus you may get a partial refund so bring along a friend or two.

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

The men are celebrating their 50th Anniversary Sat 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.

### DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR SCRIP

Scrip is available for purchase after all masses and during the week at the school office during regular business hours (9:00 AM-3:00 PM). Scrip is available for Cub, Rainbow, RC Dicks, Kohl's, Macy's, Barnes and Noble, Joseph's, McDonald's, Burger King, Arby's and many more. Stop by and check out the wide selection.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
	Coffee and donuts served after both Masses, Religious Education Registration in the Social Hall
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, SH	Boy Scout Meeting Court of Honor
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Home and School Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 13</b>
9:00 AM, MC	Liturgy of the Hours School, All Welcome
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:30 PM, SH	Leisure Club
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 14</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 15</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 16</b>
	Parish Festival
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 17</b>
	Parish Festival Chicken Diner

### Abbreviations:

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*The good steward does not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.*

Time: Let's bring our consciousness in prayer this week to the farmers—those who grow what we eat. Let's ask God to bless them with a full harvest and with a just price. Note Father Steve's column about new hours for an old space for prayer and reflection.

Talent: Now that the day school has begun again, we thank all those who have worked to make the school building as presentable as possible: David Rosas, the director of maintenance and "the crew": Reyes, Lucia, Kathy, and Mike. Thanks to each of you.

Treasure: Thanks to those who used envelopes and the plate: \$9,473. Also, we have begun the process of electronic transfer of funds as a way to donate. A few folks have begun: Last weekend \$470 was given electronically. Thanks to those four families. [Stop at the Scrip table for more information—and for a form. You may transfer funds weekly on Mondays; monthly on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>; or semi-monthly on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.]

Last weekend was the 10<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year. Our contributions are 78.8% of what was budgeted by last year's finance committee.

There was \$1,167 given for the school fund through envelopes and plate. Thank you.

A clarification: if extra donations for "parish administrator" fund are sent separately, they are not reported as Sunday contributions; however, if parishioners increased contributions, then they are contained therein. In any event, the amount needed per Sunday [\$11,100] includes all the money for that fund.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be found on the monthly calendar which is available in the back of church.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 10, 2006

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37  
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17  
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49  
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office ..... 651-224-9793  
 Web site: [st-matts.org](http://st-matts.org)  
 Bulletin Email: [bulletin.editor@st-matts.org](mailto: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  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail ..... 651-310-0830  
 Prayerline Receiver ..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

### 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