

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW • ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

*Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:*

*The following is a letter from the Archbishop encouraging all of us to participate in the planning process which will affect every aspect of our Twin Cities community.*

*I particularly encourage members of boards, councils, executive committees and the officers of organizations to join me at the meeting at Holy Spirit on October 1<sup>st</sup>.*



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I invite you to take part in the process of building a holier and more vital local Church by attending a Regional Parishioner Meeting during the coming weeks. You will find details about those meetings listed below.

As you likely know by now, I have appointed an Archdiocesan Strategic Task Force to evaluate the current resources of the Archdiocese. The goal of this process is to determine how we can better proceed into the future by building on our strengths, not duplicating our efforts. Next year, this task force will present to me a pastoral plan for our parishes and Catholic Schools.

Members of the task force want to listen to as many voices as possible as they formulate their recommendations. This is a consultative process. There are no preconceived ideas.

Your attendance at a Regional Parishioner Meeting is one way for you to become engaged in this process. There are also other ways to have your voice heard: you may share your ideas, hopes and concerns by speaking with your pastor, or by accessing a voicemail hotline, using the internet or writing a letter. You will find contact information below.

The Regional Parishioner meetings, which begin on September 12th, serve as a follow up to a series of meetings for parish leadership which began in July. I am very grateful to the more than 600 pastors, trustees, and other parish leaders who attended those meetings. Task force members will consider information collected from pastors and parish leaders, along with input from parishioners and members of various ministry groups, as they develop their recommendations.

There are several reasons for undertaking such a planning process at this time. First, the number of Catholics in the Archdiocese is growing and we need to ensure that there are clergy, religious and lay leaders to meet our growing Catholic community's pastoral needs. In addition, the ethnic and socioeconomic make-up of the Archdiocese is changing, many parishes are experiencing financial pressures, and the cost of a vibrant Catholic education is becoming more challenging to sustain.

The primary principles guiding this process are intended to guarantee: that full sacramental ministry will be available to every Catholic in the Archdiocese; that all areas of the Archdiocese will have sufficient pastoral leaders; that special concern will be given to the needs of the poor, marginalized, and immigrant; and that consideration regarding Catholic schools will be included in the planning process.

While these changes which are currently taking place in almost every area of this great Archdiocese are the impetus for this planning process, the process itself is not primarily about becoming a more efficient local Church. Instead, the main goal is to foster a revitalized and sustainable local Church, responsive to the needs of all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is an opportunity to plan for the future of our local Church. Change is inevitable but we can direct that change. Your input in determining this direction is crucial. Again, I invite you to take part in this planning process. I also ask for your prayers for our success.

With every good wish, I remain,  
Cordially yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt  
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

#### Regional Parishioner Meeting Dates

St. Richard, Richfield Saturday, Sept. 12 9:30-11:30am  
St. Peter, North St. Paul Tuesday, Sept. 15 7:00-9:00pm  
Reunión Pública Regional en español: St. Richard, Richfield  
sábado 12 de setiembre, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
St. Wenceslaus, New Prague Tuesday Sept. 22 7:00-9:00pm  
St. Pius V, Cannon Falls Saturday, Sept. 26 9:30-11:30am  
All Saints, Lakeville Monday, Sept. 28 7:00-9:00pm  
Holy Spirit, St. Paul Thursday, Oct. 1 7:00-9:00pm  
Holy Name of Jesus, Wayzata Tuesday, Oct. 6 7:00-9:00pm  
St. Timothy, Blaine Thursday, Oct. 8 7:00-9:00pm

#### Contact Information:

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## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

We're still in need of many items: Bottle Lotto-needs filled bottles, examples: chocolate syrup, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, maraschino cherries, or fill your own with things from your imagination: pennies, dollars, small toys, comic books, gift cards, lollipops, jelly bean candies, gum-be creative, see what you come up with! We also need 2 liter bottles of pop-lots of them.

Theme Baskets-items to fill baskets for Halloween, Christmas, baking, movie night, wine and cheese-have fun and be creative.

Jewelry & Vintage-jewelry, handbags, perfume, furs, fun hats, gloves and vintage clothing.

Holiday Booth-decorations: indoor and outdoor. Halloween-spooks and goblins, Christmas decorations, Thanksgiving table décor, candles etc, (No trees though, we do not have the space for them),

Start baking for the bakery and cakewalk.

Start repotting for the plant booth.

Don't forget to buy Raffle tickets for the Bear and Quilt.

We really appreciate your help. Anything donated is bonus time.....

Next Festival meeting in the Parish Center Wed., Sept. 9th at 6:30 PM.

Thanks!!

Festival Committee

### MINISTRY FAIR

St. Matthew's annual Ministry Fair is October 10th and 11th after each Mass. This is always a wonderful opportunity to gather information, ask questions and get involved! If you would like to reserve a booth for your particular ministry, please call Jason at 651-225-8103 or e-mail at jandjdelmont@comcast.net and submit your name, the group you are representing and a contact #.

### SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS: WE NEED YOU!!!

Rehearsals are beginning 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 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** in the Church. Fall rehearsals begin on Sept. 9.

**Children's Choir (Grades 4-8)** Rehearsals start on **Wednesday October 7 from 2:45-3:30.**

The **Guitar Group** practices one hour before their scheduled liturgies. This group plays once a month, rotating between the 5 and 10:30 masses. Call Bonnie at the parish office if you are interested in this group. All instruments welcome.

Questions? Call Bonnie at the parish office, 651-224-9793.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 13</b>
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC 7:00 PM, PC	<b>September 14</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting Liturgy Committee
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH	<b>September 15</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:00 PM, SC 6:30 PM, SC 6:30 PM, PC 7:00 PM, MC	<b>September 16</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Home & School Religious Education Grades 1-10 Festival Committee Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:00 PM, SC	<b>September 17</b> Loaves and Fishes Cub Scout Committee
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 18</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 6:00-10:00 PM	<b>September 19</b> Parish Festival!
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00-5:00 PM 4:00 PM	<b>September 20</b> Parish Festival! Cub Scout Meeting

### Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

*In the second reading today, Saint James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good servants of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice." Jesus gives good counsel: "...those who lose their life for my sake and the sake of the Gospel, will save it." ...by spending them in service of the Lord and others.*

Sharing Last weekend [1<sup>st</sup> of the month, but holiday]: \$12,052—much better than budget. Thank you. The year-to-date total vs budget improved by more than \$3,000.

As well, \$777 in school envelopes and plate; \$125 for food shelf; and \$30 for Assumption. Thanks to all.

Prayer: daily meal prayers... mass... rosary... scripture reading... different time increments of prayer each day.

Service: money counter... Eucharist to homebound... gave a friend a long distance ride... funeral luncheon ministry.

Upcoming events:

Parish leadership planning for the 'archdiocesan restructuring'—Saturday, September 26: 9:00AM—social hall.

Archdiocesan restructuring area meeting—Thursday, October 1, 7:00PM—Holy Spirit Church [adjacent to Cretin-Derham Hall].

Parish ministry fair: after each Mass on October 10 and 11

Parish annual meeting: 9:00—10:15 October 18.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2009

- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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**Pastoral Staff**

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*  
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*  
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 Dir. Music & Liturgy .....*Bonnie Faber*  
 Dir. Child Care and KLT ..... *Shar LaVelle*  
 Bookkeeper ..... *Cindy Hoffman*  
 Administrative Assistant ..... *Nicole Johnson*  
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**Phone Numbers**

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 KLT Kids ..... 651-665-0786  
 Child Care Center ..... 651-224-1459  
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail.....651-310-0830  
 Prayer line ..... 651-686-5463 or 651-455-6886

**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*

Karen Thompson	Georgann Henjum
Connie Aligada	Joyce Osborne
Jason Delmont	Anthony Minus
Dean Steinbrenner	Chris Stevens
Stephen Adrian	David Burrows