

# The Community of St. Matthew

## Fruit of the Harvest Fall Festival

**Saturday, September 20**

**6:00-10:00 PM: Refreshments  
Available**

**7:00-10:00 PM: Outside Dance**

**Sunday, September 21**

**11:30 AM-5:00 PM: Food Booths  
Game for Everyone  
Bingo**

**4:00 PM: Raffle Drawing**



**Come Celebrate  
with Neighbors and  
Friends!**



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

A Catholic parish is expected to provide opportunities for growth in faith and worship, as well as service to the wider community. The opportunities for worship and religious education are an integral part of Catholic parish life.

**On Sunday afternoon, September 14th, parents and young people who are preparing for Confirmation this coming spring are expected to participate in an orientation meeting at 4:00 PM in the church.** Confirmation is normally celebrated with 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you have a 10<sup>th</sup> grader or a young person in your family who is older and has not yet been confirmed, **THIS GATHERING IS FOR YOU.** The meeting will take one hour, and then at 5:00 I will celebrate Sunday Mass with the confirmation students and their families in the chapel.

**On Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM there is a meeting in the church for all parents who have children to be enrolled in religious education class this year -- grades 1-10.** The purpose of this meeting is to get young people registered, explain the program to parents, give the schedule of classes to parents and answer any questions parents might have about the religious education of their child/children. If your child is not attending a Catholic School, he/she is expected to participate in the weekly religious education program.

**On Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM there is a meeting for all parents who have children to be prepared for First Communion or First Reconciliation.** First Communion usually takes place at the second grade age and First Reconciliation normally takes place at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade age. If you have a child who is older and has not received First Communion or First Reconciliation, this meeting is also for you. This meeting is for all parents with children to be prepared for sacraments -- Catholic school parents and religious education parents. First Communion will take place after Easter and First Reconciliation will take place during Lent.

**Finally, I am still seeking young people and adults who are willing to be religious education teachers, classroom assistants or help me with the program for First Communion and First Reconciliation.** If you like young people, enjoy children, if you are willing to share your faith with young people -- that is all I ask; the rest will be provided for you. Please call me at the church office -- 651-224-9793.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### ROSARY SOCIETY 500 CARD CLUBS

The Women's 500 Card Club is in need of players for afternoon and evening groups. Our Card Club begins playing in early October. Please contact Chris Youngren at 651-457-4570.

PROJECT RAINBOW Are you an elder who would like to have a pen pal? Students in grades 4 thru 8 at Saint Matthew's are looking for you. If you are interested, please contact April Stagg at 651-222-0152.

### NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE?

The new schedule has already begun! Please save us a ton of postage and pick up your schedule from the back of church this weekend. This applies to altar Servers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Gift Bearers, and Ushers/Greeters.

### FALL FESTIVAL-SEPTEMBER 20TH—21ST

Fall Festival meetings are every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The committee is looking for families or groups to staff one of the many game booths during the Festival. You just have to show up to operate the game booth from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. Booths require only two people to operate. A family or group of four, sharing time, would still be able to participate in festival activities. **WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!** 1 or 2 liter bottles of pop and juice, bottle lotto items, munchies (\$1-\$2 bags), theme baskets, new or excellent condition collectables (we've already received a moped with less than 50 miles on it), paddle wheel prizes valued at \$15 or more. Don't have time to shop? We need donations to fund the cost of the food, game rentals, and game prizes. Your donations and help are critical to a successful festival including telling your neighbors, relatives, friends, co-workers, etc, about the festival. Tell them now before they schedule something else on that weekend. Come to the meeting, call Tim or Wayne, e-mail Tim, or stop by the Scrip table after Mass.

Tim Nowak: 651-450-4975, e-mail: timothy.nowak@usdfamily.net.  
Wayne Gilbertson: 651-451-9726.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, September 17th (this Wednesday!) at 7:00 PM in the Church for registration for Religious Education for grades 1-10. All students preparing for First Communion and Reconciliation also register this day. Confirmation candidates and their parents meet Sunday, September 14th in the Church at 4:00 PM.

ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT

Enjoy a meal at Arby's on Robert Street this Thursday, September 19. Tell them you are from St. Matthew's and our school receives 20% of your total bill. Arby's/S'barro nights are every third Thursday of the month from 4:00-8:00 PM. Thanks for your continued support

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

It's official! Our Liturgy of the Word for children ages 3 thru 6 will have it's first session at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 28th. We have a great crew of Leaders (more are ALWAYS WELCOME!) but we URGENTLY need more helpers. For more information, or to volunteer, leave a message with Dana at 651-310-0830.

MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT MATT'S

There's a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available. Our ADULT CHOIR (teens and up) rehearses in the church every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Last Thursday was our Kick-Off rehearsal-but newcomers are always welcome. Our PARISH YOUTH CHOIR (grades 3 thru 8) will begin its rehearsals Thursday, October 2nd-in the church from 5:00 to 6:15 PM. Our ADULT HAND BELL CHOIR (teens and up) started rehearsal this weekend. They practice in the church from 9:00 to 10:00 AM Sunday mornings and could use an extra 'Hand.' Our GUITAR GROUP averages one Mass per month with one Tuesday rehearsal per month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the church. We could use an experienced drummer and more vocalists. We're also open to expansion into a second group if there are more guitarists out there looking for a spot to play. INSTRUMENTALISTS: We can always use additional organists or pianists, as well as other instrumentalists (i.e. flutes, trumpets, violins, guitars, percussion, etc.) Additional instruments really enhance special liturgies and liturgical seasons. If you have the gift of music and a willing spirit of service there's a place for you in our Music Ministry. Call Dana at 651-310-0830 to sign on OR for more information. She will get back to you.

MARATHON FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Once again St. Matthew's school is participating in this important fundraiser. Students, staff and parents will walk to raise funds for our school on October 3. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK AT  
SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 14</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 15</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 16</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 17</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Religious Education and Sacramental Program Registration
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 18</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
4:00 -8:00 PM	Arby's/Sbarro School Night
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 19</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 20</b>
7:00 PM-10:00 PM	Fall Festival Dance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 21</b>
11:30 AM-5:00 PM	Fall Festival
4:00 PM, SH	Raffle Drawing

**Abbreviations:**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Envelope and Plate collection for Sunday,  
 August 31st: \$10,277.16  
 Children's Envelopes: \$6.75  
 School Fund Envelopes: \$1042.00  
 Holy Day Envelopes: \$20.00

*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, September 14 8:00 AM Shirley Shepard  
 Sr. Mary Grace, OP  
 10:30 AM Parishioners  
 Monday, September 15 Parishioners  
 Tuesday, September 16 Ed Maher  
 Wednesday, September 17 Parishioners  
 Thursday, September 18 Anthony Chariton  
 Friday, September 19  
 Saturday, September 20 Robert Weber  
 Jim Murphy  
 Sunday, September 21 8:00 AM Josephine Cooper  
 10:30 AM Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2003  
 Sunday, September 14: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11;  
 Jn 3:13-17  
 Monday, September 15: 1 Tm 2:1-8; or, Jn 19:25-27  
 Tuesday, September 16: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday, September 17: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday, September 18: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday, September 19: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday, September 20: 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

### WHY DO WE GO TO COMMUNION?

What do we think about as we get into line to receive the Eucharist? Using Pope John Paul II's encyclical as a base, The Catholic Spirit this week begins a four-part series that invites readers to take a fresh look at Holy Communion and to re-think what it is we do-what we hope to become-when we approach the altar at Communion time. Read "Taste & Be: John Paul II's fresh look at Communion" beginning in the September 11th issue of The Catholic Spirit.

## 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 ..... *Maureen 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  
 Extended Day ..... 651-228-1535  
 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

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

### Committee Chairs

Finance ..... Peter Grayson  
 Education Advisory ..... Michele Edwards  
 Liturgy