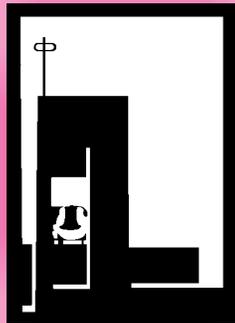
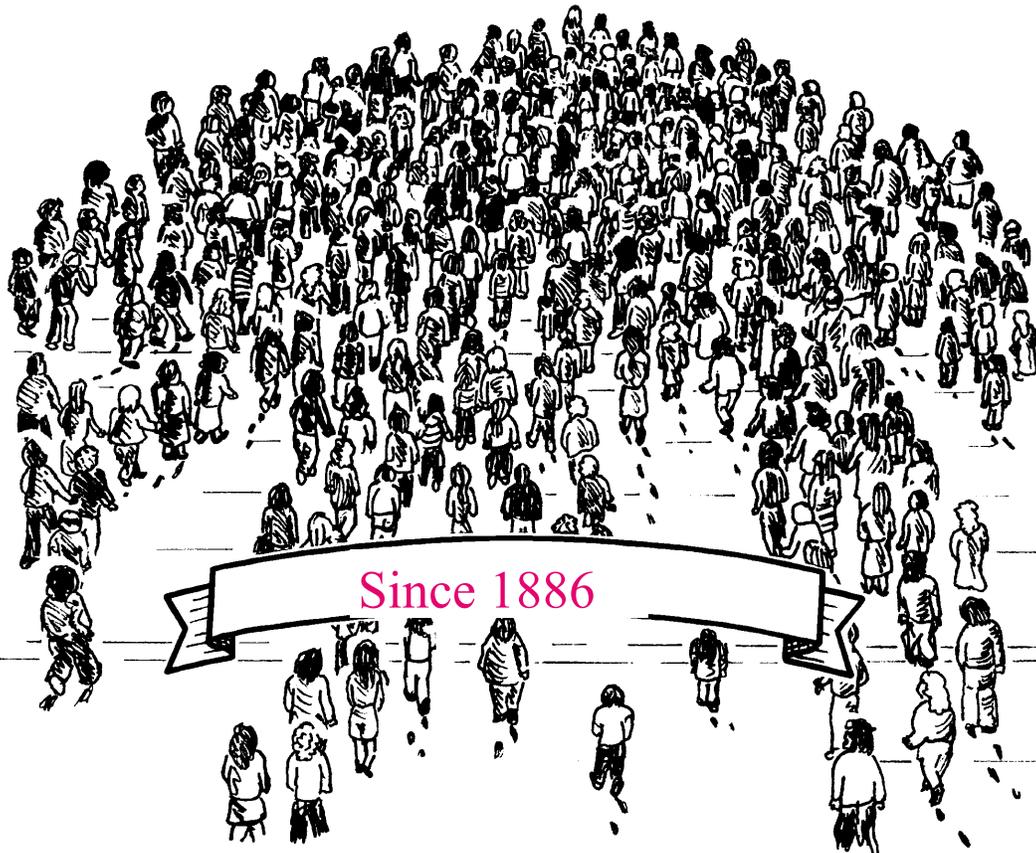


# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend we celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish, the Church of Saint Matthew. We celebrate the Feast of our patron, Saint Matthew the Apostle and evangelist.

In 1886 – the same year as the founding of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, immigrant German farmers formalized their discussions and plans and established the Church of Saint Matthew. At the same time German Lutheran farmers founded the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity on Stevens Street.

For 120 years the corner of Hall and Robie has been the physical symbol of the faith life of Catholics on the West Side of Saint Paul.

The prayer, service and sharing of generous disciples is the work of the Church, the work of Jesus Christ in time and place, the work of Jesus Christ in this place, the West Side of Saint Paul.

Over 120 years men and women of faith gathered more than 100,000 times at Saint Matthew's to celebrate the Eucharist – the mystery of Jesus Christ, the very heart of our faith life.

Over 120 years more than 15,000 young people have been educated at Saint Matthew in the day school, religious education programs and child care. These "students" have brought the spirit of Saint Matthew to the four corners of the earth.

Over 120 years neighbors and friends by the thousands served the sick, the dying, the homeless, the hungry, the out of work, the bereaved.

Over 120 years thousands of men and women served their parish in the Saint Matthew Altar and Rosary Society, the Saint Matthew's Mother's Club, the Saint Matthew Holy Name Society, and the Saint Matthew's Men's Club.

In 120 years thousands of young people have grown through Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Club Scouts.

In 120 years tens of millions of dollars, representing the generous stewardship of Saint Matthew's families, have funded the many ministries of Saint Matthew's and our continuing struggle to be and remain a visible expression of God's love – the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi River.

In late November a gala 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner will take place to again acknowledge the 120 years of faith life lived at Saint Matthew, but more importantly, to celebrate the work of today and the plans for tomorrow. Anniversaries not only commemorate yesterday, they launch us into tomorrow.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian,  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

For kids in grades 3-8, youth choir is scheduled to begin rehearsals **Thursday, October 5th, from 5 to 6:15 PM in the Church.** Participants learn about music making with hand bells, percussion instruments & their voices as they learn about the liturgy and music ministry. We also have a lot of fun together. To sign up or ask questions, **leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830** (she'll get back to you). OR you can pick up a form from the Slat Board at the back of church & drop it in the collection.

### ST. MATTHEW'S 500 WOMEN'S CARD CLUB

The St. Matthew's 500 Card Club invites you to join us in playing 500 once a month. For more information please call Chris at 651-457-4570.

### MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

Submissions for the October St. Matthew's activities and Event Calendar are due by Tuesday, September 18. Submissions may be left at the parish center or emailed to the following address: *bulletin.editor@st-matts.org*

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 WREATH SALE

This is one of two major fundraisers that the Boy Scouts do throughout the entire year. All events and campouts that the Scouts attend are funded solely through these fundraisers. Boy Scouts have started taking orders for Christmas Wreaths. For those that are not approached by a Scout directly, we will be selling **wreaths and swags only** at the November 25 & 26 Masses. No orders will be taken at that time. As a reminder, notices will be put in the bulletin a few weeks prior to this date. Thank you again for your continued support.

### 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.

### PARISH CENTER LOOKING FOR NEW/USED MICROWAVE

The parish center microwave has cooked its last meal. If you have a used working microwave that needs a new home and would like to donate it to the parish center, please call Nicole at 651-224-9793.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**ARBY'S/S'BARRO NIGHT THIS THURSDAY**

Join friends and family at Arby's this Thursday night for our first Arby's night of the new school year. After you place your order tell them you are from St. Matthew's and the school will receive 20% of your total. St. Matthew's School

Arby's Night is every third Thursday from September through May. Hope to see you there.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS HAVE BEGUN**

Religious Education Classes began on this past Wednesday. If you have a student in grades 1-10 and would like to enroll them in class, there is still space. Stop by the school on Wednesday at 6:30 PM to register and your student can join their appropriate class that night.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASS**

Students, fourth grade and older, who would like to prepare to receive their first reconciliation and students, second grade and older, who would like to prepare their first communion should be registered in our Sacrament Preparation Classes. This is a family based program with parents working with their child at home on the textbook and we also meet four times a year as a group. If you need to register your child for either or both of these programs, please call the school office and they will send out a registration form. The first class for First Reconciliation students is October 3. First Communion students will meet the end of November.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered during the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays starting October 1st. This liturgy is designed for children ages 3 thru 6. It engages the children in the readings & lessons of the day in an environment that is age appropriate & helps them learn about & participate in the prayers & rituals of our Mass. Fr. Steve invites the children to process to the chapel with the community's blessing at the beginning of mass. They return to their families in the assembly during Preparation of the Gifts. This enriches the experience of mass on many levels for both children and parents. If you can offer your help as Leader or Assistant once or twice a month please contact Dana at the Parish Center (651-224-9793) or leave her a message at 651-310-0830. You will be trained & mentored. PLEASE CALL -- This valuable ministry cannot continue without volunteers.

**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.

**CAN YOU GIVE US A HAND (OR TWO)?**

The Adult Hand Bell Choir (grade 7 and older) really, really, REALLY needs ringers. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the church for practice. Don't know how to ring? We'll teach you -- mostly it's "counting" & learning how to follow a score. Stop by after Mass to talk with Dana, or leave her a message at 651-310-0830 -- she'll get back to you.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 17</b>
	Parish Festival Chicken Dinner 11:30 AM– 4:00 PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 18</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 19</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 20</b>
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
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 21</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
4:00-8:00 PM	Arby's/S'Barro Night
6:30 PM, SC	Girl Scout
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 22</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 23</b>
9:00 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 24</b>
8:45 AM, PC	Finance Council

**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, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."*

Time: [Please remember that the chapel is open on weekdays from 6AM to 6PM for visits and prayer.] Thursday of this week is the feast of Saint Matthew. Let's spend some of our time in prayer giving thanks for the parishioners who have—for the last 120 years—handed on the faith and its practice to us. Pray for the grace to do the same for those who follow.

Talent: As we celebrate the festival this weekend, we acknowledge those who have worked behind the scene planning and setting up, getting donations, preparing food, etc. All has been under the leadership of Tim Nowak. Thanks! Next week we'll acknowledge the workers!

Treasure: Last weekend \$7,439 was given in envelopes and plate; \$170 was given electronically. [The electronic number changes because there are some parishioners who give weekly while others give monthly or semi-monthly at a specific time of the month. If you'd like to join them, please call the office for a form.] Remember the weekly budget of \$11,100. That is the average for all 52 weeks of the year; it has not been adjusted down for summer, etc. [A correction: the budget that is in place was modified from finance committee recommendations and adopted by the pastoral council at its 6/28 meeting.]

## 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 17, 2006  
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35  
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/ Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/ Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:9-13  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/ Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/ Lk 8:4-15  
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16-4:3/  
 Mk 9:30-37

## 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  
 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