

The Community of St. Matthew



Fall Festival

Saturday, September 17

5:00 PM—Mass

6:00-8:00 PM—Chicken

Dinner

7:00 PM-10:00 PM—Street Dance

7:00PM-1:00 AM—Texas Hold'em Tournament



in the Social Hall

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Check out the Theme Baskets, Bake Sale and Silent Auction in the Social Hall.

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM—Mass

11:30 AM-4:30 PM—Children's Games and Activities, Theme Baskets, Bake Sale, Bottle Lotto, American and International Food Booths, Silent Auction closes at 3:30 PM.

1:00-4:00 PM—Bingo in the Social Hall

1:00-3:00 PM—Bike Rodeo on Hall Avenue

4:30 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:

Happy Birthday, Saint Matthew! You are 119 years old. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Saint Matthew and the life and mission of our parish.

In 1886 German immigrants gathered on the west side of the Mississippi River to establish a home church -- Catholics formed Saint Matthew's, Lutherans formed Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

In that same year patents for the first successful gasoline-driven automobile were issued; the beginning of the general strike which escalated into the Haymaker Riot and eventually won the eight-hour work day; Dr John Pemberton, a chemist, begins to advertise Coca-Cola; President Grover Cleveland marries Frances Folsom in the White House; a massive hurricane totally demolishes Indianola, Texas; after more than 30 years of war the Apache leader Geronimo surrenders; slavery is abolished in Cuba; President Cleveland dedicates the Statue of Liberty.

Just as the world has changed over the past 119 years, so has the life and mission of Saint Matthew's. What does remain constant is that Saint Matthew's is a Catholic community of faith, a center of education for families, a partner with the whole West Side community in promoting a quality of life.

During the summer months more than 150 parish members and community representatives met to spend a few hours reflecting and discussing the future of Saint Matthew's. The questions for discussion:

- What do we do well?
- What can we do better?
- What is it that we don't do, and must do?
- What gifts and talents can I bring to support the mission?

Hundreds of responses, written and oral, emerged from these gatherings. A working group of Saint Matthew's Parish Council has been reviewing and organizing this material.

Now it is time for all Saint Matthew's members -- parish staff, parish groups, organizations, ministries, individuals -- to gather and receive the report and make some strategic decisions about the next steps for Saint Matthew's.

Mark your calendars!

**Saturday,
October 15th
8:30 am to noon
Saint Matthew Social Hall**

Please plan to attend, plan to participate. What we do on October 15th will provide the basis for our parish work for the coming years.

A birthday invites us to look back and remember from where we have come; and look forward to where we are going to go.

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ANNUAL TRIP TO SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME CRAFT FAIR

Please join us for our annual trip to Mankato for the Craft Fair. There will be many wonderful crafts as well as baked goods, jams and other wonderful gifts. The trip will take place on Saturday, October 8. We will gather at St. Matthew's at 7:00 AM for departure, returning at 3:30 PM. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per person. To reserve your seat or more information call Nicole at 651-224-9793. Reservations must be in by October 5.

OUR COMMUNITY'S MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Matthews is a diverse and welcoming community. Our Music Ministry strives to reflect this diversity and hospitality in the songs we lead. As we celebrate our Feast Day, we sing of community and of shared gifts in service of the Lord. Our founding German heritage is reflected in the tune LOBE DEN HERREN which opens our 5:00 PM & 8:00 AM masses. Our growing Spanish constituency is reflected in our Psalm Response. Our closing song "Living Amen" is the work of a St. Matt's parishioner. The musical styles experienced in all the masses this weekend range from traditional hymns to gospel and contemporary styles. Our ministering groups include traditional choir and contemporary guitar ensemble. They also reflect the broad generations which gather in worship each Sunday. **Pick up a CHOIR FLYER this weekend to learn more about our ministry. There's "Plenty Good Room" for YOU!**

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NIGHT

Now is the time to register for Religious Education and/or Sacramental Preparation Courses. It is very important that you attend the Registration Meeting on Wednesday, September 21 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church. There will be a brief information session followed by registration and an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Classes are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 PM in the school.

MARATHON FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

St. Matthew's School will hold its annual Marathon on Friday, October 5. The students, teachers, staff and parents of St. Matthew's School will be walking to Cherokee Park to show the community our pride in the school. Students are busy collecting pledges. This is the main fundraiser for St. Matthew's School. If you have any questions about the Marathon or would like to make a donation please contact Maureen Gitlin at 651-224-6912 x 24. Thank you in advance for supporting the school.

WORLD PREMIERE—OCTOBER 2 AT ST. MATTHEW'S—9:15 AM

Join us between Masses on Sunday, October 2, 2005 in the Social Hall! We will premiere the documentary video on the Eucharist filmed here last September during the Fall Festival weekend by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. After our preview, this video will be sent to 1000 Catholic clergy and educators for use in religious formation activities. Copies will be available for sale in the near future, though as yet the price is undetermined. You may reserve a copy by signing up on the order list on October 2, or by calling the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 after October 2nd. Refreshments will be available. Questions can be directed to the Parish Enrichment Committee which hosts the event. Please call Susan at 651-457-5911.

VISIONING THE CHURCH WOMEN AND MEN DESIRE

The Commission on Women of the Archdiocese will be holding Listening Sessions around the archdiocese this fall on the topic: "Visioning the Church Women and Men Desire." You are invited to the Listening Session at St. Thomas Aquinas, 920 Holley Ave., St. Paul Park on Thursday, October 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Women and men are invited to attend and share their perspectives. If you have questions or would like to find out the dates of sessions being held in other areas, contact the Commission on Women office at 651-291-4495.

FINANCE COUNCIL SEEKS UP TO 5 NEW MEMBERS

The Finance Council monitors the church's income and expenses, establishes finance and accounting procedures, supervises control systems, cash management practices and reporting. A background in finance, accounting, business or law could be helpful. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew's Finance Council, please call the church office at 651-224-9793 or Linda Sellars at 651-227-4657.

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 18
8:00 AM, CH	Mass
10:30 AM, CH	Mass
11:30 AM, SH	Silent Auction
	Bottle Lotto, Baskets
Playground	Children's Games
1:00 PM, SH	Bingo
1:00 PM,	Bike Rodeo
Monday	September 19
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	September 20
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	September 21
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, MC	Religious Education Registration Night
Thursday	September 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	September 23
Saturday	September 24
Sunday	September 25
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$9,090.66
Youth and Children's Envelopes	.70
Holy Day	20.00
School Fund	78.00
Hurricane Katrina Relief	8,040.01

*Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished.
s.j. adrian*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 18	8:00 AM Bernard Snaza Mabel Nadeau, Rose Garcia 10:30 AM Agnes DeFoe John Meyers, Parishioners
Monday, September 19	Lorraine Wegenaut
Tuesday, September 20	Raymond Lucker
Wednesday, September 21	Ray Mosberger
Thursday, September 22	Betty Demarest
Friday, September 23	
Saturday, September 24	Robert Weber, Mabel Nadeau
Sunday, September 25	8:00 AM Ed Maher Karen Franzwa (ann'y) Michael Fasnacht 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2005

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/ Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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
Extended Day 651-228-1535
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 three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: parishcouncil@st-matts.org

Becky Montgomery	Larry Sachi
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Connie Aligada	Sister Joanna Illg
Lucus Ecker	Mark Thomford
Tony Joe Wenker	Stephen Adrian

Committee Chairs

Finance..... Linda Sellars
Education Advisory Richard Dunn