

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This is Labor Day Weekend – the official end of the summer season, the last days of the Minnesota State Fair, the weekend before the opening of school.

Yet, it is primarily the time when we give thanks for the gift of work and commit ourselves to the rights of workers.

Human labor is integral to the full life of a human being. In human labor men and women express themselves and their talents. Just as the “work” of God – creation – reflects the very glory of God and is imprinted with the mark of the Creator. When human beings are denied the opportunity to work violence is done to them and they become much less than they were intended to be.

The circumstances of human work are to respect the dignity of the worker and enhance the opportunity for the person to do his/her best work. Men and women are meant to take pride in their work, and they are entitled to the rewards of their work – for, after all, their work is but an extension of themselves.

The wages paid are to provide an adequate living for the worker and his/her family – a just wage is the right of every worker. The laborer has the responsibility of providing a just day’s work for a just wage. Also, the owners of capital are entitled to just remuneration for their work and investment.

The person is not a cog in the wheel of commerce. He/she is to have a voice in the decisions which reflect upon his/her work. Workers have the right to free association and collective bar-

gaining.

Unions have a responsibility to be open and non-discriminatory. Both labor and capital are at the service of the common good and when this is not the case, it is the responsibility of society’s governance to intervene and protect the common good.

Over the past decade profits continued to rise and yet the buying power of worker’s income has fallen. Corporate executives received scandalously high salaries and benefits while the worker has seen a diminution in his/her buying power. Tax breaks fall to the most wealthy one or two percent of the nation, while middle income families fall behind in their standard of living. Oil companies and pharmaceutical companies reap immoral profits while the cost of drugs strangles the financial life of low and moderate income persons, and the cost of gas – home heating and transportation – cripples the budgets of modest income families.

Since 1891 our church has resolutely taught that economic justice is a constitutive dimension of Catholic moral teaching. This Labor Day let us reflect on the need to re-examine our economic structures in light of the common good.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### CHILD CARE CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

Mark your calendar now to join St. Matthew’s Child Care in celebrating 15 years in their current location. Saturday, September 9 from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM the Center will be hosting a carnival. The playground will be open and there will be games, raffles and treats too! It will be a day of fun for all involved. If you would like more information please contact Dimary or Elizabeth at 651-224-1450.

### ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

We will meet on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:45 in the Parish Center. Because this is a primary election day, voting will take place in the Social Hall. So, vote early and then come to the Parish Center for our meeting.

### WELCOME SISTER DOMINIKA

We welcome Sister Dominika Varga, SSND, a native of Hungary, who is living with the Formation Community here at St. Matthew’s. Sister Dominka will be studying English for four months and volunteering at M.O.R.E.

### ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troop 107 Can Recycling will take place this weekend, September 2 and 3 before and after all masses. Scouts will be in the school parking lot to accept your aluminum cans only. All proceeds go to support Scout events and campouts.

### 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!

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MUSIC MINISTRY?

We have a place for you -- we need singers, instrumentalists & hand bell ringers of all ages & experience. Take one of our Music Ministry Brochures home & read about the variety of opportunities we have. Feel out of practice? Curious but afraid you won’t be “good enough”? Call Dana at the Parish Center -- 651-224-9793 or leave her a message at 651-310-0830. Our ministry is volunteer friendly & eager to grow with you in service of the Liturgy.

### “BLUE MASS” - SEPTEMBER 9 AT 10:00 AM AT THE CATHEDRAL

Archbishop Flynn will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Personnel. A short reception will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for Religious Education Class for grades 1-10 will take place next weekend after all masses. Families who were enrolled in last year's program received registration forms in the mail, these may be sent back to the school or dropped off at the registration table next week. If you are new family to our program please stop by the table and fill out our form next weekend. Religious Education classes begin on Wednesday, September 13.

### THANK YOU FROM THE TEACHERS AT ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL

The teachers at St. Matthew's are very grateful for the school supplies that were donated. The materials will be used by students enrolled at St. Matthew's School to get the school year started on a positive note. The continued generosity of our parishioners is truly appreciated.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Students, grade 10 and older, who are interested in joining the Confirmation Class and their parents should attend the first meeting next Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 PM in the main church. Registration, information about the program and evening mass will be celebrated. Any questions please call the parish center at 651-224-9793.

### FALL FESTIVAL—TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING [SAT AND SUN, SEPT 16 & 17]

**"STUFF" NEEDED:** new and gently used goods for silent auction; baskets or the making of baskets; bottles for bottle lotto; baked goods for bakery booth. Bring all to the parish office. Thanks in advance

**WORKERS NEEDED:** wait staff for Saturday evening [food and drinks to the card players]; seasoned fish fry workers for Sunday dinner [preparing, cooking and serving chicken dinner]. Sign-up sheets will be available next weekend.

**RESERVE THE DATES AND TIMES, TOO.** Bring your family, neighbors and friends for food, fun, and a good experience of St. Matt's parish family.

### ST. MATT'S MEN'S CLUB

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 PASTORAL COUNCIL AGENDA-SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

6:45 Gathering & Reflection, 7:00 Meeting, Facilitator: Larry Sachi

1. Approval of minutes from August 13 meeting
2. Public Comments
3. Initiative Updates:
  - a. Rectory Task Force
  - b. Lifelong Learning
  - c. Parish Brochure
4. Parish Festival
5. Education Enrollment Update
6. Listening Session Update
7. Parish Annual Meeting
8. Stewardship
9. Other Business
10. Items for next meeting agenda:  
Next meeting October 8, 6:45 PM, Larry Sachi, Facilitator
11. Adjourn

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 3</b>
Boy Scout Can Recycling before and after masses in the school parking lot.	
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 4</b>
	<b>Labor Day</b>
	Parish Center, KLT, Child Care Closed
	No Loaves and Fishes
9:00 AM, MC	Labor Day Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 5</b>
	First Day of School
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 6</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:45 PM, MC	School Prayer Service
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM	Liturgy Committee
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Teacher In-service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 7</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir Kickoff
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
9:00 AM, PC	Centering Prayer
1:00 -5:00 PM, CC	Child Care 15th Birthday Party Celebration
5:00 PM, MC	Registration for Religious Education after Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
8:00 & 10:30 AM SH	Registration for Religious Education after masses
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass
<b>Abbreviations:</b>	
MC – Main Church	
CH – Chapel	
PC – Parish Center	
SH – Social Hall	
SC – School	
CC – Child Care	
XC – Extended Day	

## STEWARDSHIP

*“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves **using** those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!*

Time: Will you and I pray for the grace to be good and consistent stewards of all we've been given? This week, as many children begin another school year, let's pray for the grace to make new beginnings in our life, regardless of our age. In a week the chapel will be open daily for visits and prayer.

Talent: Thanks to those who were engaged with Habitat for Humanity this past week. Whether the talent you gave was behind- or on-scene, it was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all, especially those whose names we know: Joanne, Joe, Angela, Judy, Bob, Greg, Wayne, Mike, Janelle, Pat, Ana, Derek, Rick, Barb, Marion, Del, Lisa, Jason, Kim, Nancy, Jeff, Denis, Dave, and Ginny.

Treasure: Thanks to those who used envelopes and the plate last weekend. That collected was \$7359. Through the first nine weeks of the fiscal year the average weekend collection is \$8,609. The budgeted amount is \$11,000. Obviously, we have a way to go to get to the budget number. Holyday collection was \$39. Thanks to children's contributions, too. This past week it was only 26 cents, but it does count.

## 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 3, 2006  
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Lk 4:16-30  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/ Lk 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/ Lk 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Lk 5:1-11  
 Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/  
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/ Lk 6:1-5  
 Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793  
 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  
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450  
 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*

Becky Montgomery \*Larry Sachi  
 Nicole Johnson John Sekevitch  
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg  
 Lucus Ecker Mark Thomford  
 Sheila Brunelle Stephen Adrian  
 \*- Facilitator

### Committee Chairs

Finance.....  
 Education Advisory..... Richard Dunn