

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!**



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Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Saint Matthew. There are a few things that we know of Matthew:

1. He was one of the Twelve, listed in three Gospels.
2. In his earlier life he was a tax collector, and thus was despised by his neighbors as a collaborator.
3. Jesus personally called him and he left his former life and became a follower, and an eyewitness to the ministry of Jesus.
4. The Gospel attributed to him is written toward the close of the first century and was written by a Christian of Jewish origin.
5. The central theme of this Gospel record is that in Jesus Christ the kingdom of God has drawn near and will remain until the end of time.
6. It is in this Gospel that the teaching of Jesus is given form in the Sermon on the Mount, and especially in the Eight Beatitudes.
7. It is in this Gospel that the great imagery of the final day is drawn -- Jesus comes in glory and gathers the nations of the earth and divides people as a shepherd would divide sheep and goats.

For 117 years our community on the West Side of Saint Paul has carried his name. One of the purposes of a patron is to provide an example and inspiration. How does the life of Matthew inspire the "Community of Saint Matthew" today?

1. Matthew is called by Jesus, and so are we. No less than Matthew, we are invited to "come and follow".

2. Matthew's former life was not a great life of virtue, and yet that did not keep Jesus from seeing in Matthew something that no one else saw, and perhaps Matthew did not see either. Jesus sees in each of us, and in our community something of importance and value. Who we have been is not as important as who we might be.
3. Matthew was an example of the inclusive compassion of God. In our diversity -- racial, ethnic, economic, cultural, etc. we can witness that the compassion and election of God is inclusive and without bounds.
4. Matthew's Gospel proclaims the reign of God. We claim in our mission statement: "Saint Matthew's exists in the world as a visible sign of God's love." The work and holiness of our community is found in witnessing to the presence of God's kingdom, here and now -- a Kingdom where the works of mercy -- I was hungry, thirsty, naked, in prison, etc. and you stood by me -- are the hallmark of our holiness.

All of scripture is inspired by God and is worthy of our study and meditation. But, for us, maybe the Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew has a special importance and place if we are to discover who we are and what life is for us.

Happy Feast Day!



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

OUR PARISH YOUTH CHOIR (grades 3-8)

We will begin rehearsals, Thursday, October 2—in the church. Hand Bell practice is from 5-5:30 PM. Voice Choir runs from 5:30-6:15 PM. Join the fun and learn how to make music as a St. Matthew's "Hum-Dinger"! Call Dana (651-310-0830) to sign up or for more information. She will get back to you.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Mark your calendar! Our first session of the liturgy of the Word for children ages 3 thru 6 will be at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 28. We have a great crew of leaders (more are ALWAYS WELCOME!) but we URGENTLY need more helpers. Participating families should look for a flyer from their child/ren that outlines a simple way you can help us meet this need. For more information, or to volunteer, leave a message with Dana at 651-310-0830.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



MARATHON FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Students from St. Matthew's will be collecting pledge money for Fr. Steve after all Masses next weekend. Look for uniformed students at all the doors and help Fr. Steve win the prize for bringing in the most money for the Marathon.

ALL THINGS GREAT AND SMALL

I have been asked by young people if I would consider a blessing day for pets and animals. Saturday, October 4th is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. On Saturday, October 4th at 6:15 PM, we will gather at the statue of St. Matthew in the plaza in front of the church for the blessing of animals. (Please do not bring pets to the So, bring your pet—cats, dogs, hamsters, birds, ponies, sheep, rhinos, elephants, etc. We will give thanks to God for all of creation, in the spirit of St. Francis, and bless the animals. Fr. Stephen Adrian

BOY SCOUTS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

Thank you from the Boy Scouts to all the people who save aluminum cans for the scout collections. The Boy Scouts are scheduling their collections on the first weekend of every other month starting with November. They hope there will be less confusion for people.

BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS

Remember if you have a child interested in Scouting, they can register at anytime. Girl Scout contact is Lynda Nelson (455-3685), Cub Scouts contact is Brian Benish (291-8994) and Boy Scouts contact is Bill Matthews (228-0269).

WOMEN'S 500 CARD CLUB

We are in need of players for afternoon and evening groups. Please contact Chris Youngren at 651-457-4570 for more information or to sign up.

VENEZUELAN MUSICAL TROUPE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

During the past 35 years the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the Diocese of Ciudad Guayana have been sharing their gifts with each other. In this year 2003, we are celebrating our shared ministry in the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the people of God with a musical tour from our sister-parish in Venezuela. Father Greg Schaffer is bringing ten musicians from Jesucristo Resucitado Parish to meet and entertain us with their traditional and contemporary music in the lively beat of calypso and gaita. This should be a wonderful cultural exchange for our parish. Father Schaffer will also be on hand to tell us more about the Archdiocesan Mission. Let us provide a warm welcome for them by our presence at 9:00 AM on Friday, September 26 in the church.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 21
11:00AM-5:00 PM	Fall Festival
4:00 PM, SH	Fall Festival Raffle Drawing
Monday	September 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	September 23
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, XC	Troop Leader Meeting
Wednesday	September 24
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, SC	Religious Education Instructors In-Service
Thursday	September 25
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	September 26
9:00 AM, MC	Venezuelan Musical Troupe
Saturday	September 27
Sunday	September 28
10:30 AM, MC	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

Envelope and Plate collection for Sunday,
 September 14 \$8,006.50
 Children's Envelopes: \$5.50
 School Fund Envelopes: \$111.00

*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 21 8:00 AM Josephine Cooper
 Ed Maher
 10:30 AM Parishioners
 Monday, September 22 Mary Mike
 Tuesday, September 23 Lorraine Weigenant
 Wednesday, September 24 Ed Maher
 Thursday, September 25 Parishioners
 Friday, September 26
 Saturday, September 27 Bernard Bukowski
 Mary A. Mike
 Sunday, September 28 8:00 AM Catholic Order of
 Foresters
 Ed Maher
 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2003
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3;
 Mk 9:30-37
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 1:15b-2:9; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SIBLEY ALL CLASS REUNION

An all class reunion is being plan for June of next year. They are seeking current addresses of alumni, faculty and staff. To update your address and view the details of the reunion, log on to www.sibleyalumni.com/reunion2004.html or send your address changes to Sibley All Class Reunion, c/o Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware Ave, Mendota Heights, MN 55118

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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

Tuesday7:15 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
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