

# The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

The extremist reaction to Pope Benedict's lecture at Regensburg University captured the attention of the world – and captured far more attention than the words he spoke to the assembled scholars at Regensburg.

His ill advised one sentence quote from the last of the Byzantine Emperors, taken out of context, allowed extremists to foment and escalate hate in the name of God.

This is the very opposite of the message Benedict delivered – a message of tolerance and dialogue, a message seeking respect and honest exchange.

The current climate of world opinion seems to allow for and encourage extremism. In 1964 Barry Goldwater, to the applause and cheers of the audience, declared “extremism in the defense of liberty is no evil.” This is the first salvo of the extreme right I can remember. Over the past forty years religious and political extremism has grown into prominence and has received much cultural support.

The body politic emerging from religious extremism has grown to such a degree that it has become “the base” of so many political movements – these movements emerge in every culture and on every continent – East and West.

As a result, polarization emerges and the ability to conduct rational dialogue evaporates. Islamic extremists, Jewish extremists and Christian extremists one and all foment this polarization. The terrorism of car bombs, torture of prisoners, ethnic

cleansing, kidnapping and mass murder are but the expression of religious and political extremism boiling over.

Demonizing one's opponent allows for extreme rhetoric and action. For “extremism in the defense of liberty (the good) is no evil”.

A handful of extremists – less than three or four percent of the population – is able to foment violence and hate among whole populations. As a result we of the West more and more identify hatred and violence with Islam, and the Islamic world more and more identifies empire building and colonialism with the Western world.

Managed news keeps us from understanding the Islamic world, just as managed news keeps Islamic nations from any understanding of the Western world.

We must disown intemperate religious and political remarks, we must seek common ground and not differences, and we must enter into a sincere and open dialogue. It is only in such a way that the common good of all can be achieved and secured. We can live in peace with each other if we can be taught to respect each other; we need more than tolerance, we need respect.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Matt the Cat** invites all parish & neighborhood pets to come to our Blessing of the Animals next Saturday, after the 5:00 PM mass. The blessing will begin at 6:15 PM on the front plaza of the church. In the event of bad weather, we will move to the Social Hall. Pets are encouraged to bring their owners &, if necessary, keep them on a leash.

### COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEK

After both Sunday masses coffee and donuts are being served by KLT Kids - thanks. All are welcome to stop by for a hot cup of coffee, good things to eat and fellowship. Treats are welcome and helpers are needed to staff future coffee hours too. Contact John Del Vecchio at 651-221-0871.

### 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.

### 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.

### HIGHLAND FRIENDSHIP CLUB AND CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

The Highland Friendship Club and Cretin-Derham Hall welcomes teens and young adults with developmental disabilities to join their friends at CDH for a day of reflection, fun, music and food. The 4th Annual Spiritual Retreat is Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM at Cretin-Derham Hall. A Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM, and dinner will be served at 5:00 PM. Suggested donation for the event is \$35 per retreat participant. To make a reservation or for more information, please call the Highland Friendship Club at 651-698-4096 or email at [friendshipclub2003@yahoo.com](mailto:friendshipclub2003@yahoo.com)

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### SACRAMENT PREPARATION CLASSES

First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation class will begin soon. The first class for First Reconciliation is Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 PM in the chapel. To register for either First Communion or First Reconciliation class please call the parish center at 651-224-9793 or the school office 651-224-6912.

### PARISH ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

St. Matthew's is looking for parishioners interested in joining the Parish Enrichment Committee. This committee will work in conjunction with, the parish council and various parish groups, towards enriching and enhancing our parish life. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and your time please contact the Parish Center @ 651.224.9793 or Lucus Ecker @ 651.292.0099. Email: Lucus Ecker@comcast.net. A special thanks to outgoing members of the Parish Enrichment Committee, Susan Pavlak, Mary Lou Logsdon, and Lu Finnegan. Through your works you have been a *visible expression of God's love*

### REQUESTS FOR PICTURES—120TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

We are putting together a pictorial history of St. Matthew's on DVD format and are in need of pictures from your attics, photo albums, or scrapbooks. We will scan and download them as you wait so you don't need to leave them with us. Stop in at the Parish Center and Nicole will take care of you. Thanks in advance and watch for more information about the upcoming Gala Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 28.

### PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

For kids in grades 3-8 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.

### 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.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2006

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16-4:3/ Mk 9:30-37  
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/ Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/ Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/ Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/ Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/ Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b> 8:45 AM, PC 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	<b>September 24</b> Finance Council Baptism Baptism
<b>Monday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:45 PM, XC	<b>September 25</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, SC	<b>September 26</b> Loaves and Fishes Boy Scout Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	<b>September 27</b> St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b> 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC  7:00 PM, MC	<b>September 28</b> Loaves and Fishes Cub Scout Committee Meeting Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 29</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 6:15 PM, Plaza - Front of church	<b>September 30</b> Blessing of the Animals
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00 PM, CH 12:30 PM, CH	<b>October 1</b> Baptism Baptism
<b>Mark your calendar!!</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM, CH 6:00 PM, SH	<b>November 28</b> 120th Gala Mass and Dinner

### Abbreviations:

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

Time: [Please remember that the chapel is open on weekdays from 6AM to 6PM for visits and prayer.] Harvest weather is upon us. Let us pray for all farmers—those women and men who work the soil, who take what the weather gives, who sow, cultivate, weed, and reap a bountiful harvest. Let us pray that they receive a just price.

Talent: Thanks to everyone who participated in last weekend's festival. A good time was had by all!! Special thanks to the planning committee led by Tim Nowak. Thanks to so many groups of people: those who set up the spaces on Saturday afternoon, short order cooks, the band, raffle sales people—both Sat and Sun, card tournament organizers, wait staff, bartenders—both Sat and Sun, space transformers on Saturday evening, chicken marinaters, potato cutters, cooks, table wait staff, bussers, dish washers, clean up crew, bakers and bake sale staffers, silent auction prize seekers and staffers, bottle lotto preparers and staffers. Thanks to each of you, especially if this was the first time you were able to of in this kind of capacity at St. Matts.

Treasure: Thanks to envelope users, electronic givers, and plate contributors—exactly \$8,400 was given last weekend. Through the first 12 weekends of the fiscal year Sunday contributions are an average \$2,450 behind—each Sunday. Remember that parish costs continue each week; please try to "make up" for the times you are away. [Maybe electronic transfer is the way for your family to contribute. Call John at the parish center for info and a form.]

Parish Center window project. Some members of the Century Club and Sr. Virginia Bieren SSND have begun meeting to address the need for work on or replacement of the 132 windows in the parish center. Bids have been re-let. Watch for more information and ways to become involved.

Parish festival—initial results: Along with the "good time had by all" is the good news about finances of the weekend. All the bills have not yet come in, but a good faith estimate of those, along with all the other income and expenses shows that there was a profit of more than \$8,000 [including exactly \$1,500 in monetary donations]. When all is settled there will be a detailed report in the bulletin. Thank you to everyone!

**ROSARY SOCIETY THANK YOU**

Thank you to the over 50 members and non-members who donated bakery items, the many people who staffed the Bakery Booth and everyone who purchased the goodies. Thanks to you we were able to turn \$941.00 over to the church at the end of the Fall Festival. Thank you.  
St. Matthew's Rosary Society/CCW

## 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  
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](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