

# 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 a letter I received from Rafael Harrington.

Last year so many of you helped him begin his work in the Farm of the Child in Honduras. Rafael is a bright, energetic, enthusiastic young man, with a lot of ambition and idealism -- just the kind of person so many of us were when we were fresh out of college.



Dear Friends and Family,

I write to update you on my experience at the orphanage, Farm of The Child. Thank you for being by my side as I continue my journey. You are in my prayers and will continue to be throughout my experience in Honduras.

I currently am living with the adolescents of the orphanage. We live about twenty minutes away from the orphanage. The boys spend most of their time at school, studying and working. Due to so many strikes, we had to pull most of our teenagers from the public school system. In the past, some of our children had to repeat the school year due to the strikes. The teachers strike because they don't get paid and then the students strike to force the government to pay the teachers so they don't lose the academic year. Last year, students in the local public school only attended 28 full days of school. For this reason, we adopted a Honduran educational program called Educatodos. The students listen to cassette tapes and then review the tape's material with a facilitator. It is a new program for us that guarantee all the children a full academic school year.

Being in charge of the adolescent boys is extremely difficult yet extremely rewarding. It has been a pleasure for me to work with the boys even though it's been harder than I anticipated. Currently there are three teenagers. We'll have six during the summer vacation. They are full of energy and are excellent at keeping me on my feet. When they are not at school, they like to play soccer, dance and simply hang out. We spend a lot of good quality time together. From time to time I am blessed to have the boys open up and share stories of their life with me.

Recently we took the adolescents on a retreat, which was centered on vocation. It was a good time for all of us to reflect on our lives and realize that vocation is much more than just a profession. We centered on two things. First, coming to know Christ. Second, following the steps of Christ. How can a person live his/her life using Christ as an example? Many thoughts were triggered and good conversations were had.

Aside from my house responsibilities, I am involved in gym class and dance classes. I also coach the soccer team. The dance classes have been such a big hit that I had to implement a second class as well. I teach salsa, cumbia, bachata and merengue. The kids enjoy teaching me how to dance punta, which is a typical Honduran dance. One of the adolescent boys (Wilder) has become such a good dancer that he too helps me teach the classes.

I am honored to be here and I'm savoring every moment. Thank you for making it happen.

Vaya con Dios,  
Rafael Harrington

## PARISH EVENTS

### OUR MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Do you have piano, organ or guitar skills? Our assembly's song needs strong instrumental leadership. Do you love to sing? Both our Adult (grade 8 & up) and Youth (grades 3-8) choirs are looking for new members. Do you have other instrumental skills to share with the community, or would you like to "try your hand" at Hand Bells? There's "Plenty Good Room for You"! For more information, pick up a sheet on our music ministry at the doors this weekend -- or stop by the music corner for a chat with Dana. You can also leave her a message at 651-310-0830.

### 2005 FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

2005 Raffle winners - Tom Vorderbruggen - \$1,000, Bob Stickler - \$300, Pauline Dalzell - \$100, Thanks to everyone who supported this year's festival.

### ROSARY SOCIETY THANK YOU

Thank you everyone who donated items, labor to package, and time to sell items at the Bakery booth sponsored by the Rosary Society/ Council of Catholic Women. Thanks to all your hard work we raised almost \$1,000 for the Fall Festival.

EDUCATION AND  
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS STARTS THIS WEEK**

Religious Education class for students in Grades 1-10 begin this Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 PM in the school. Registrations are still be accepted., stop in the school office on Wednesday evening to fill out a registration form or call the school office at 651-224-6912. Thank you to our volunteer teachers, those returning and those who are new to this ministry.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Saturday, October 1st, following the 5:00 PM Mass the annual blessing of the animals will take place. This event is associated with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather outside around the statue of St. Matthew, in case of rain we will move inside to the Social Hall. Bring your pets —large and small. In this annual blessing we recognize the variety of God's creation in four legged and feathered creatures.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

At all Masses on the weekend of October 8 and 9, the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. This sacrament is meant for all those who are facing serious illness, who are in recovery from drug or alcohol dependency or who because of advancing age experience debilitating conditions. Adults and children can be proper recipients of this sacrament. Mark you calendars and plan to participate in the Sacrament of the Sick.

**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 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 call the Parish Center at 651-224-9793 after October 2. Refreshments will be available. Questions can be directed to the Parish Enrichment Committee which hosts the event. Please call Susan at 651-457-5911.

**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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 25</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 26</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 27</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Guitar Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 28</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education, Grades 1-10
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 29</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 1</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 2</b>
9:15 AM, SH	World Premiere Eucharist Documentary
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 18, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$6,955.61
Youth and Children's Envelopes	.70
Holy Day	10.00
School Fund	18.00

*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 25	8:00 AM Ed Maher Karen Franzwa (Ann'y) Michael Fasnacht 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, September 26	Parishioners
Tuesday, September 27	Mary Joseph
Wednesday, September 28	Sr. Colleen Hau, SSND
Thursday, September 29	Parishioners
Friday, September 30	
Saturday, October 1	George Lackner
Sunday, October 2	8:00 AM Larry Simmons Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners Bernice & Louis DeNardo

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2005	
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/ Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/ Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/ Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

### OLG ANNUAL FALL TREASURE SALE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church invites you to our annual fall "Treasure" garage sale, Thursday, September 29-Sunday, October 2 from 8:00 AM –5:00 PM in the Social Hall.

## 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*  
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  
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 three months prior to wedding.

### Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: [parishcouncil@st-matts.org](mailto: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