

The Community of St. Matthew

St. Matthew's School Marathon for Non-Public Education Friday, October 1

Father Steve joins St. Matthew's students as they prepare to walk the marathon this Friday, October 1. All these students have been busy collecting pledges but Father Steve needs your help, to fill his pledge sheet. Won't you help him by pledging a donation on his behalf. Look for St. Matthew's School students after each of this weekend's Masses. They will cheerfully accept your pledge donations for Father Steve. Look for our student, families, faculty, staff and Father Steve next Friday as they walk to the Boys and Girls Club



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

Dear St. Matthew Community and Visitors:

School has started, athletic programs are underway, extra curricular endeavors are mounting. In the excitement and enthusiasm of all this, please do not forget Religious Education for your child or grandchild.

First grade through tenth grade religious education takes place on Wednesday evenings at St. Matthew. Classes are small, teachers are committed and a fine educational program awaits your student. If you have not registered for religious education, please call education office at 651-224-6912. Please ask for Peg and she will be able to provide you with information and registration opportunities.

Perhaps you have a young person who has not yet been baptized. Sometimes with all the best of intentions a parent misses the opportunity to do this when the child is an infant. That situation can be remedied. When you call the education office indicate the need for baptism to Peg and this year the child can receive the appropriate instruction and be ready to receive the sacrament of Baptism. The same is true for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.

The religious education of the young is a primary responsibility of a parish community. The parish community becomes a partner with families around education and formation in faith.

Sometimes adults step away from their regular practice of faith. Sometimes this happens because of a bad experience with the Church. Sometimes it happens as a result of moving away from home or adopting a different rhythm of life—and the practice of faith slips. Sometimes adults believe that they are no longer welcome in the church because of events which have occurred in their lives—these issues can be addressed and return to the practice of faith can take place. Please call the church office, 651-224-9793.

Very few people have achieved that deep condition of fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus, most of us struggle to walk that road toward faithful living; and whatever our condition we are called to walk together.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian, Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS!

A new cycle of readings is just around the liturgical corner. If you would like to purchase (at a bargain rate) a Workbook for Lectors for the coming "Cycle A" readings, please check your name off on the list provided in the Main Sacristy this weekend. In addition to the scripture texts, this book provides guidance for pronouncing difficult words and insight into the history and meaning of the texts. More information is provided on the sign-up sheet.

CONGRATULATIONS

Renewing their vows this weekend are Michael and Michele Baurer, married here at St. Matthew's on September 27, 1986.

OCTOBER ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Members and all women interested in finding out more about the Rosary Society are invited to our October 12 dinner meeting. For reservations, please call an officer or sign up at church next weekend.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

St. Matthew's will be having a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on the weekend of October 9-10. The Sacrament will be celebrated at all three Masses for all who suffer from physical, mental or emotional illness. If you are:

- going to have surgery,
- suffer from mental/emotional illness,
- recovering from a serious illness/surgery
- suffering from an addiction in your life,
- a Senior Citizen looking for support as you grow older,

we invite you to celebrate this Sacrament. There is no need to pre-register. We do ask, however, that you put on a name tag when you arrive at church that weekend. Name tags will be available at the main entrance.

OUR PARISH YOUTH CHOIR (AKA THE HUMMMDINGERS)

We will begin rehearsals Thursday, October 7 from 5-6:15 PM in the church. Open to boys & girls in grades 3 thru 8, this choir performs both vocal and hand bell/chime music. For more information, or to sign up, please call Dana at 651-224-9697 or leave a message at 651-310-0830. For more information on opportunities for music ministry at St. Matt's—check out one of our colorful fliers available at each entrance to the church

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Religious education classes for grades 1-10 begin on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 PM in the school. If you have not registered please call the office at 651-224-6912 to register your student.

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

The St. Matthew Fall Festival Committee would like to extend our thanks to everyone who supported this year's Festival. The winners of this year's raffle are: Richard Weisman (\$1,000), Andrew Koenen (\$500) and Rich Schletty (\$250)

FESTIVAL BAKERY BOOTH RESULTS

Thanks to all the bakers, buyers, cash donors, and workers, the Bakery booth contributed \$1,226.25 to the Festival's fundraising effort. This is the largest amount collected in many years.

SCRIP HOLIDAY BLITZ IS COMING!!

The goal is to sell \$40,000 in SCRIP between October 10 and December 19. Remember this is the fundraiser that costs you nothing! NOW IN STOCK-Bath and Body Works, COMING SOON-Rainbow Foods. For information on SCRIP please see Tim Nowak in the back of church or call him at 651-687-2850.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS

Next Sunday, October 3, young children ages 4, 5 and 6 are invited to join us in chapel during the Liturgy of the Word. An adult volunteer will lead the children in song, prayer and sharing God's Word. The children will return to mass during the Preparation of the Gifts. Parent and young adults are also invited to volunteer to be an assistant or leader during the Sunday Children's liturgies. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the chapel. This is a great service project for high school students! If you have any questions, please call Dana at the parish center, 651-224-9793.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Thanks to the generosity of many people my Eagle Scout Project has been completed and was delivered to the Inver Grove Heights Presbyterian Home on 65th and Cahill last Saturday. We were able to make the benches out of long-lasting cedar rather than treated lumber. Also, we were able to make one extra which we place in the reflection garden behind Father Steve's residence (itself an Eagle Project of Josh Mike in 2001). Please stop and see and sit on the benches at either site. Thank you again for the support at the collection at the 10:30 Mass, and a special thanks to Bill Matthews, John Edwards, Ginny Roethler, the Men's Club and to all the fellow scouts, parents and friends who pitched in and made it possible. Alex Grundei, Troop 107.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 26
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	September 27
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	September 28
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	September 29
9:00 AM, MC	School Mass
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:30 PM, SC	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-10
Thursday	September 30
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	October 1
Saturday	October 2
Sunday	October 3
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 SEPT 26, 2004

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,247.36
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$2.05
School Fund	\$150.00

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 26	8:00 AM Daniel Patton Florence & Babe Ernst 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, September 27	Parishioners
Tuesday, September 28	Gladys and Ben Blaeser
Wednesday, September 29	Earl Cafflish
Thursday, September 30	
Friday, October 1	6:45 AM Parishioners 5:15 PM George Bohrer
Saturday, October 2	George Lackner Dorothy O'Day Agnes & Milton Kachel
Sunday, October 3	8:00 AM Mary Mike Agnes DeFoe, Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 26, 2004

Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
Web site: st-matts.org

Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
Priest in Residence *Father Marty Warren*
Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
Dir. Education & Formation.....*Beth Behnke*
Dir. Music & Liturgy *Dana McCarthy*
Dir. Child Care..... *Dimary Rosado*
Dir. Marketing & Development.....*Maurcen Gitlin*
Business Administrator*Debra Lindstedt*
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 651-224-2903-

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

Linda Sellars	Becky Montgomery
Marty Olson	John Sekevitch
Suzanne Clarke	Doug Kennedy
Tim Jack	Larry Sachi
Connie Aligada	

Committee Chairs

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