

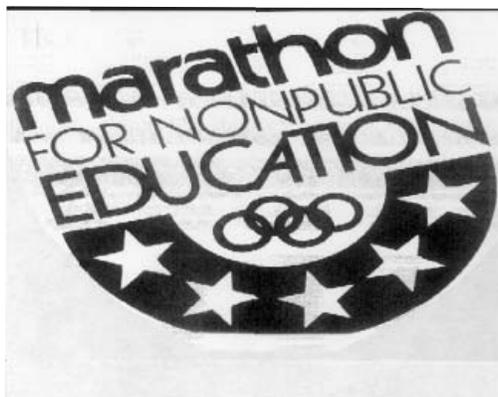
The Community of St. Matthew



**SAINT MATTHEW'S SCHOOL
MARATHON FOR NON-
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2003**

Students, teachers, staff and parents have been busy collecting pledges for our school's only fund raiser of the year. Send your pledge to the school or drop it in the collection plate or sponsor your favorite student, teacher, staff or Fr. Steve. Watch for our students as they walk to the Boys and Girls Club on Friday, October 3.

Thank you for your continued support of the programs of St. Matthew's School



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

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Tuesday, September 22nd was the first day of autumn, the autumnal equinox -- sunrise at 7 am and sunset close to 7 pm. We will progressively lose light over the next three months.

Minnesota -- the theater of seasons: crisp morning and evening air, bright sunny days, smells of fall, leaves turning, frost hanging on the edge, the sound of dried leaves and grass under foot.

The change of seasons, the rhythms of nature, affects human perceptions, moods, and attitudes. We are integrally tied to nature, we are part of the natural creation; it is natural for us to adapt and change to suit the alterations of the seasons.

Our mothers "put up" fruits and vegetables at this time of year -- canning dill pickles, hot peppers, stewed tomatoes, etc. Time to prepare for the winter, foods for the family table. Time to air out the house, hang the quilts and comforters on the line. Time to cut wood and dig potatoes.

There is a creation conscious spirituality that reminds us we are creatures and we are dependent on the graciousness of a provident creator.

The fall is a time for "thanksgiving" in most cul-

tures; thanks for the food of the earth, thanks for the warmth of summer, thanks for the goodness of a loving God, thanks for the promise of a new beginning and thanks for the promise of future light and warmth.

The fall is a time to rest, slumber, and hibernate. Before the advent of electricity the rhythms of nature were much more obvious -- when the light goes down, it is time to rest -- there might be some wisdom to accept some of that conaturality between the human and the rest of creation.

As the earth spins, and the angle of the sun becomes less direct, and the westerly winds begin to blow chill in the air; it is time to take stock, sit back, remember who we are, give thanks and embrace the new season.

A spiritual life has to do with living authentically; and authenticity has to do with living in the here and now.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

BAKERY BOOTH THANK YOU

Thank you to all the bakers who donated baked goods to the Rosary Society/CCW Bakery Booth at the Fall Festival. As a result, we were able to donate over \$680.00 to the Festival proceeds.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Today is our first session of Liturgy of the Word for children for ages 3—6 during the 10:30 AM Mass. Participating families should look for a flyer from their child/ren that outlines a simple way they can help meet our urgent need for support help. Have any questions? Leave a message with good times to call you at 651-310-0830.

FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Another Fall Festival has come to a successful conclusion. A big thank you to everyone who made a donation, sold or bought a raffle ticket, or helped at the festival. Special thanks to Bob and Sue Nowak for making and serving 432 tacos; to Dave and Doris Bisciglia for getting Hamline and Sibley student volunteers, ordering the prizes and running the prize booth; to the Men's Club for operating the food and refreshment booths; to the Hamline and Sibley student volunteers for their help; to the Rosary Society for the bakery booth; to the quilters for the beautiful quilt; to Dennis Einberger for donating the moped; to the dunk tank volunteers who took the plunge; and to Bob and Dave Pavlak for security and the K9 demonstration.

Raffle Winners: \$2000—Geri LaDoucier; \$1000—Mark Rohr; \$500—Jean Kachel; Moped—Jackie Deneen; Quilt—Tom Blissenbach.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



MARATHON FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The marathon will be on Friday, October 3. Students in uniform are available at the doors of the church after all masses this weekend to accept donations to help Fr.

Steve with his pledges. Thank you.

THE "HUM-DINGERS" (AKA PARISH YOUTH CHOIR) REHEARSALS

The St. Matthew's Parish Youth Choir starts rehearsals in the church this week—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 from 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM. Young people in grades 3 through 8 are welcome. Call Dana (651-310-0830) to sign on OR for more information. She will get back to you.

BLESSING OF PETS AND ANIMALS

This Saturday, October 4 is the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 6:15 PM we will gather at the statue of Saint Matthew in the plaza in front of the church for the blessing of animals. Please do not bring your pets to the 5:00 PM Mass. Bring your pet—cats, dogs, hamsters, birds, ponies, sheep, rhinos, elephants, etc. to the plaza at 6:15 PM. We will give thanks to God for all of creation, in the spirit of St. Francis, and bless the animals. Fr. Stephen Adrian

MANKATO TRIP

If you are interested in this one day trip to the craft fair at the Mother-house of the SSND on October 11 (and have not already called) please call the parish center at 651-244-9793. The bus will leave St. Matthew's at 7:30 AM and return around 4:00 PM. The cost is \$15.

ATTENTION LECTORS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS

Two years ago, thanks to the generosity of our Altar & Rosary Society, we had a supply of over two dozen "liturgy medallions" for use during our Sunday ministry. That supply has dwindled significantly so we are asking you to please check your pockets, purses and dresser drawers to see if one of these medallions might be hiding there. Thanks for your help.

CRAFT FAIR AT ST. MATTHEW'S

We have tentatively scheduled the Craft Fair here at St. Matthew's for Saturday, November 8. If you are interested in having a booth at the fair please call Cheryl Kempe (455-8365) or Jan Casillas (450-6781). The number of interested crafters will determine if we will go forward with this event.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 28
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
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Monday	September 29
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	September 30
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday	October 1
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	October 2
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
5:30 PM, MC	Youth Choir
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
Friday	October 3
9:00 AM, SC	Non-Public School Marathon
Saturday	October 4
6:15 PM,	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
	(Outside by Statue of Saint Matthew, Blessing day for pets and animals)
Sunday	October 5

Abbreviations:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, September 21

Envelope and Plate collection	\$6708.66
Children and Youth Envelopes:	\$.50
Holy Day Envelopes:	\$5.00
Vigil Candle Monies:	\$5.70

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 28	8:00	Catholic Order of Forresters Ed Maher
	10:30	Parishioners
Monday, September 29		Brian Doud
Tuesday, September 30		Geraldine Graves
Wednesday, October 1		Joseph Gangl
Thursday, October 2		Joseph Duerschler
Friday, October 3		John Bandholz James Dieter
Saturday, October 4:		Margaret Przblek Arthur Geis
Sunday, October 5	8:00	World Peace
	10:30	Agnes Defoe Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 28, 2003

Sunday, Sept. 28:	Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday, Sept. 29:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday, Sept. 30:	Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday, Oct. 1:	Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday, Oct. 2:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; or, Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday, Oct. 3 :	Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday, Oct. 4:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday, Oct. 5:	Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office651-224-9793
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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.....*Maureen Gitlin*
Business Administrator *Debra Lindstedt*
Administrative Assistant.....*Nicole Johnson*
Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*
Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
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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

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
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Peter Grayson
Education Advisory Michele Edwards
Liturgy