

# 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 Labor Day Weekend -- the end of summer, the doorstep to a new school year, time to think about closing down the cabin and pulling in the dock.

This weekend is also our time to celebrate our labor and thank God for the gift and opportunity to work -- yes, thank God for the opportunity to work. Work is not a curse, work is the very way in which human beings give expression to their talent and their creativity.

*Work is a fundamental right and a good for all (Vatican Council II, The Church in the Modern World). Work is a useful good and worthy of the human person because it is an appropriate way to give expression to and enhance human dignity. The Church teaches the value of work not only because it is always something that belongs to the person, but also because of its nature as something necessary (Leo XIII Encyclical Letter Rerum Novarum 1892). Work is needed to form and maintain a family, to have a right to property, to contribute to the common good of the human family. In considering the moral implications the question of work has for social life, the Church cannot fail to indicate unemployment as a 'real social disaster', above all with regard to the younger generations (John Paul II, Encyclical Letter Laborem Exercens, 1981).*

*The planning capacity of a society oriented toward the common good and looking to the future is measured above all on the basis of the employment prospects that it is able to offer (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 2005).*

Given the quickly developing globalization of economic-financial relationships and the labor market, there is great

need to promote an effective international cooperation among nations that safeguards the right to work. Human work is a right upon which the promotion of justice and civil peace depend.

International organizations and labor unions must take the lead in promoting a global understanding of "the right to work" and the "solidarity" that unites all who labor.

Treaties among nations must contain protections for workers and workers rights. Such treaties must be seen as "human declarations" and not merely commercial contracts. While the motive of reasonable profit is worthy of capital investment, the growing obscenity of gross profits at the cost of the human rights and human dignity of the worker must be denounced and declared for what it is -- the exploitation of persons and peoples, a kind of economic genocide.

CAFTA and NAFTA, while seeking to create a favorable balance of trade, nevertheless must be reviewed and reformed in light of the exploitation of workers and the diminishment of work opportunities.

The doctrine on work, workers and economic justice is deep and pervasive in our Catholic moral teaching. We celebrate that teaching and that witness on this Labor Day weekend.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian,  
Pastor

## PARISH EVENTS

### ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troop 107 Can Recycling will be on September 3 & 4 before and after all Masses. Scouts will be in the church parking lot to accept your aluminum cans only. All proceeds go to support Scout events and campouts.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS WITH THE DISABLED

Sunday, September 11 at 3:00 PM at St. Mary's Seminary Chapel on the campus of St. Paul's Seminary at the University of St. Thomas please join the Archbishop as he celebrates the annual Mass with the Disabled. For more information call 612-925-1203.

### LABOR DAY MASS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM

(there will be no 6:45 AM Mass on Labor Day)

### MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!

Our Music Ministry is gearing up for another year of service to the liturgy. We look forward to seeing familiar faces; but we're also hoping to see some new faces. If you have a musical gift to share with your community, please leave Dana a message at 651-310-0830 or stop by the piano to visit her after mass this weekend. Our music ministry has a place for YOU in Adult Choir (grades 8 and beyond), Youth Voice and Bell Choir (grades 3 thru 8), Adult Hand Bell Choir (grade 7 and beyond), Guitar Group, keyboard accompanists, and occasional instrumentalists. We offer a welcoming, volunteer-friendly ministry; join us this year!

## EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS



### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

St. Matthew's Day School begins classes on Tuesday, September 6. Teachers and staff are eager to welcome all returning and new students to the 119th year of our parish school!

### RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Students and their parents are invited to the kick off of the Religious Education Year on Wednesday, September 14 in the main church. Registrations will be accepted at this time, a calendar will be distributed and teachers will be available to answer questions.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2006

Parents and students, 10th grader and older, interested in joining the Confirmation class are invited to the first meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 PM in the church. This introductory meeting will take about an hour and then we will celebrate mass in the chapel.

### 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.

### THE BLUE MASS

On the weekend of September 10 and 11, St. Matthew's will celebrate the "Blue Mass"— a liturgy that recognizes and prays for women and men who are law enforcement officers, fire fighters or emergency medical personnel. I encourage you to invite family members and friends who serve in these vital roles and those who are retired from these service to join you for Mass. This is a time of prayer and thanksgiving for their service. The Blue Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 PM and on Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. This weekend is the anniversary of 9/11. It seems a good time to honor those who daily risk their lives for our safety.

### YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST CELEBRATION

The late John Paul II declared a "Year of the Eucharist" beginning last October. As we near the conclusion of this year, you are invited to a Morning on the Mass -- Saturday, Sept. 10th at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. The day begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 12:30 PM. Fr. Robert Duggan - a nationally known speaker on the liturgy -- will address the meaning of why we do what we do at mass. Following his presentation there will be a mid-morning mass and a concluding group reflection unpacking the meaning of the celebration just experienced. The day is free and requires no registration. This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to grow in understanding the mass and its connection to daily life. If you need directions to the church, call Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville: 952-890-0045.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT MATTHEW

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 4</b>
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 5</b>
	<b>Labor Day</b>
	<b>Parish office, School office, Childcare and KLT closed</b>
9:00 AM, MC	Labor Day Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 6</b>
	<b>First Day of School</b>
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 7</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, MC	Adult Choir
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
5:00 PM, MC	Blue Mass
5:00 PM, MC	Baptism
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
8:00 AM, MC	Blue Mass
10:30 AM, MC	Blue Mass
4:00 PM, MC	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM, CH	Confirmation Mass

### **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 AUGUST 7, 2005

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$6,385.79
Holy Day	40.00
School Fund	10.00

*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 4	8:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Rosary Society, Helen and Leonard Lang 10:30 AM Parishioners
Monday, September 5	World Peace
Tuesday, September 6	Parishioners
Wednesday, September 7	Mabel Nadeau
Thursday, September 8	Parishioners
Friday, September 9	
Saturday, September 10	Bernard Bukowski, Joseph Plantenberg Babe & Florence Ernst
Sunday, September 11	8:00 AM Larry Simmons Robert J. Stickler, Sr. 10:30 AM Parishioners

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 4, 2005

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

### HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Bingo—Friday, Sept. 9, 6:00-9:00 PM, Church Social Hall. Multiple \$50 cash prized, two \$250 coveralls and ethnic food for sale. Outdoor festival—Saturday, Sept. 10, 1:00-9:00 PM. Live music from 6:00-9:00 PM. Join us for authentic Lebanese cuisine, culture and fun outside of Joseph's Grill at Wabash and Plato. Bring the entire family to enjoy Lebanese music & dance and children's games!

## 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*

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*