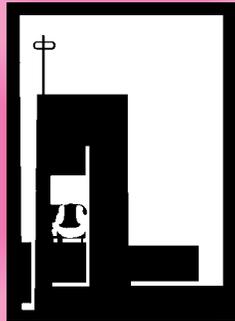
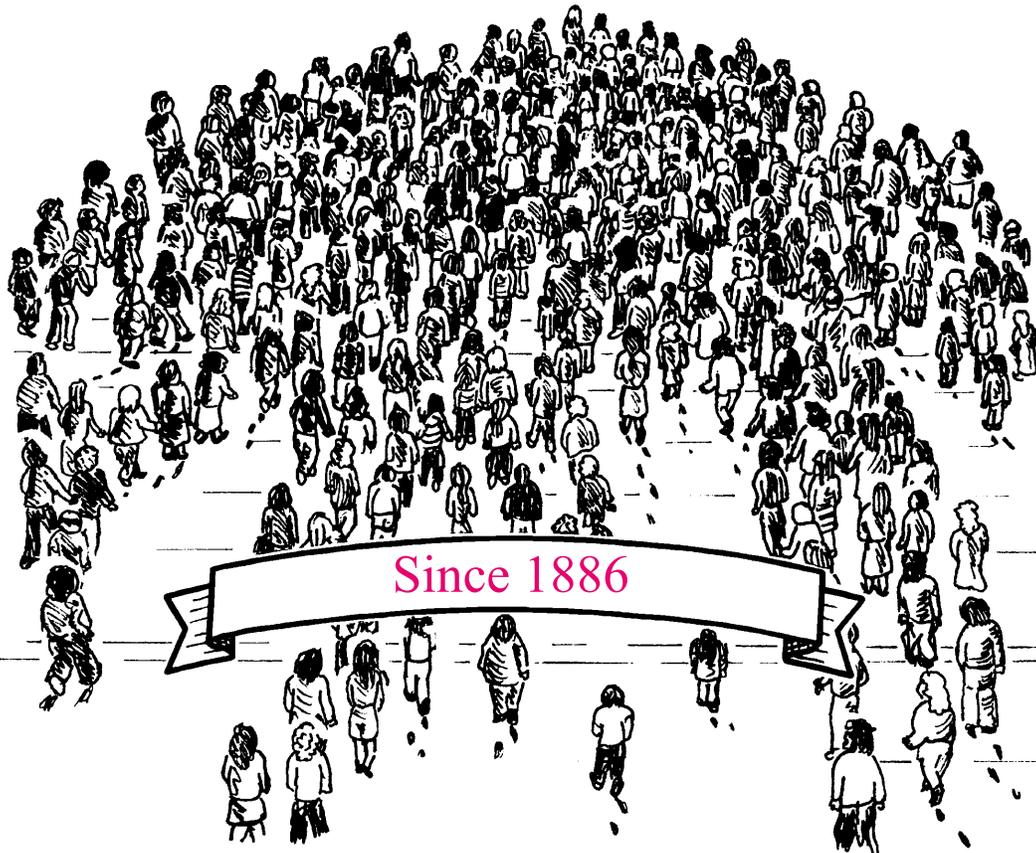


The Community of St. Matthew



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



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

This weekend is Labor Day Weekend and once again with the encouragement of Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese Office for Social Justice we are invited to reflect on our church teaching on the dignity of work and the rights and duties we have a laboring people.

Since 1891 our church has consistently taught a clear and direct message about the dignity of work and the dignity of the worker. The end of the 19th century saw an increasing exploitation of laborers and a struggle to achieve a voice for laboring people.

Archbishop John Ireland of Saint Paul was a strong force encouraging workers of the Twin Cities to organize and to enter into collective bargaining to secure a living wage and job security. He was implementing the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, and he also realized that the backbone of this immigrant church was found in working families.

No one is suggesting that it is easy to find the balance between the rights and responsibilities of capital and the rights and responsibilities of labor; nevertheless the struggle to find a balance that is good for all and

contributes to the common good of a society is a powerful moral challenge that strikes at the very strength of a society.

Neither unbridled free market capitalism, nor collective socialism respects the dignity of the human person. Neither advances the common good. As in most cases, a delicate and careful balance of rights and responsibilities is where the good is found.

This weekend you and I are invited to remember that the struggle goes on. Our own day is different from 1891 or 1931 or 1961 or 1991 – each age and era brings its own challenges. Today we live in a global market and the world is a global village. The balance of right and responsibilities today demands careful and courageous witness to the dignity of the human being and the goodness of human work.

Yours truly



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

LABOR DAY MASS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
9:00 AM

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

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Due to the primary election, this Tuesday, we will NOT have a September meeting. We will meet on October 12. This meeting will be a dinner meeting. Look for details in our newsletter and in future bulletins.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES READY

If you are a Communion Minister, Altar Server, Lector, Usher/Greeter or Gift Bearer please pick up your schedule in from the back of church (it saves us postage). The new schedule runs from September 11 through November 21.

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE – FESTIVAL DATES – SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19

RAFFLE TICKETS—If you will not be purchasing or selling the book of raffle tickets you were sent, please return them either to the SCRIP table in the back of church or to the Parish Center so they may be sold. Also, if you are in need of more tickets see Tim Nowak or stop by the Parish Center to pick up additional tickets.

WANTED—Donations of new or pristine items for the silent auction, the live auction and theme baskets. People with home businesses are encouraged to donate and leave a business card as well. liter bottles of pop or similar shaped bottled beverages for the Ring Toss Game. These can be dropped off in the back of the church or brought to eh Parish Center during the week.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL—Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available the weekend of September 11/12 in the back of church. If you would like to sign up before that date, please call Tim Nowak at 651-687-2850.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Preparation for Confirmation will begin with an informational meeting on Sunday, September 12 at 4:30 PM in the church, with Mass to follow. The evening should be concluded by 5:45 PM. All students tenth grader or older who are interested in being confirmed should attend this meeting with their parents. Regular Confirmation classes will begin the second Sunday of October, classes will run through April. Regular confirmation classes will run from 3:30 PM—7:00 PM, there will be mass at 5:00 PM with a light supper after mass. Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 19, 2004. Please call the parish center at 224-9793 and leave your name with Nicole so we have any idea of how many will be attending and will have the appropriate materials available.

SUMMER SCRIP CHALLENGE—AUGUST WINNERS

Thanks to everyone who participated in this summer's Scrip Challenge, we have sold over \$37,000 in Scrip in 13 weeks!!! Don't forget to pick up your SCRIP this week and every week after Mass or at the school office during normal business hours. Congratulations to our August winners:

- Bernice Shipley—Gift Certificate to Capital View
- Mary Bejblik—One Large Pizza from Carbone's
- Jane Fischer—\$25.00 Gift Certificate to Wal-Mart
- Kim Zweber—Red Cross Gift Package.

LEISURE CLUB

St. Matthew's Leisure Club will resume regular monthly meetings on September 8. Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at 1:00 PM to start the new year. Please make a special effort to attend and bring a friend. Attendance prizes will be drawn and refreshments will be served. Dues will be collected AFTER the meeting.

ST. MATTHEW'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 107 ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

Boy scouts will be available 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after each mass this weekend to collect aluminum cans for recycling. The Boy Scout trailer will be in the Social Hall/School parking lot. The money earned from this fundraiser goes directly to our scouts so they are able to attend scouting events.

1ST ANNUAL SHIRLEY SHEPHERD MEMORIAL CHAPEL BENEFIT

Taco Bar, Entertainment, Silent Auction
 Sunday, September 12, 2:00-6:00 PM
 Joseph's Grill
 140 S. Wabasha St.
 Cost: \$30.00
 All money raised will go to help build a
 Chapel at Maplewood Good Samaritan Center

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	September 5
Monday	September 6
Labor Day	Parish Office Closed
9:00 AM, MC	Labor Day Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Tuesday	September 7
St. Matthew's School Begins	
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, XC	Scout Committee
Wednesday	September 8
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
1:00 PM, CH	Leisure Club Mass
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	September 9
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM,	Adult Choir
Friday	September 10
Saturday	September 11
Sunday	September 12
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 AUGUST 29, 2004

Sunday Envelopes and Plate	\$7,877.40
Youth and Children's Envelopes	\$11.83
School Fund	\$102.00
Holy Day	\$67.00

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.
sj. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 5	8:00 AM Arlene Kammerer Agnes DeFoe, Living and Deceased member of the Rosary Society
Monday, September 6	9:00 AM Parishioners
Tuesday, September 7	World Peace
Wednesday, September 8	Joseph Winter
Thursday, September 9	Parishioners
Friday, September 10	
Saturday, September 11	Sophie Verbance Bernard Ferber Ron & Lu Finnegan, 50th Anniversary
Sunday, September 12	8:00 AM Bernard Bukowski Robert Stickler, Sr. Larry Simmons
	10:30 AM Parishioners Phyllis Exley

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2004

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mic 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator*Debra Lindstedt*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer.....*David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

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