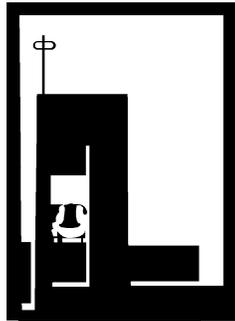


The Community of St. Matthew

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as a visible
expression of
God's love.*



Mass Intentions

Monday 6:45 AM Parishioners
 Tuesday 6:45 AM Tom Strei
 Wednesday 6:45 AM Art and Corinne Roarke
 Thursday 9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of
 the Catholic Aid Society
 Friday 6:45 AM
 Saturday 5:00 PM Bernard Ferber
 Edwin Maus
 John and Irene Pachl
 Sunday 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of
 the Rosary Society
 Arthur Geis
 10:30 AM Parishioners

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
 9:00 AM
 CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW'S**

There is NO 6:45 am Mass on
 Thanksgiving Day.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 26th
 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
 401 Concord Street

This year the annual West Side Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place on TUESDAY. All are welcome, all are invited, and all are included. This annual event allows all the West Side Churches to come together and give thanks as a community. Fellowship is provided by the Community of Our Lady following the service.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULES are available for pick up in the back of church after all Masses. The new schedule begins with the first Sunday of Advent.



Sunday, November 24 *Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46*
 Monday, November 25 *Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4*
 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
 Tuesday, November 26 *Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11*
 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
 7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
 Wednesday, November 27
Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 1:00-6:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic, Parish Center
 3:00 pm Loaves and Fishes, Social Hall
 Thursday, November 28
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
 Parish Offices Closed
 Loaves and Fishes Closed
 9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass
 Friday, November 29
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 Parish Office Closed
 Saturday, November 30 *Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22*
 Parish Office Closed
 Boy Scouts delivering wreaths after 5:00 pm Mass
 Sunday, December 1 *Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37*
 Boy Scouts delivering wreaths after 8:00 and 10:30 am Masses
 12:00 pm Baptism

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30

The Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 28. The office will also be closed on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving so the carpets can be cleaned.

The Stewardship offering for Sunday, November 17th: \$8334.62. The weekly budgeted amount from plate and envelope is \$10,000. We are behind the target amount for this calendar year. **Youth treasure:** \$52.10 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes.

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



EDUCATION AND FORMATION NEWS

ST. MATTHEW'S DAY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St. Matthew's School! It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are already here! We are busy with class field trips (check out photos of our fourth and fifth graders at KMSP-TV last week: www.st-matts.org/fieldtrip/KMSP), and all of their regular school work. Fall sports teams have turned in their gear (check out our soccer team in action: www.st-matts.org/soccer_2002) and our basketball teams have begun organizing and practicing. Thanks again from the school. God Bless? Scott Breimhorst

CHILD CARE NEWS

The Child Care center is excited for the arrival of our first Foster Grandparent. Grandma Donna will be with us 12 hours per week, reading with children and helping to create bonds with the community. St. Matthew's Child Care is a co-location for Head Start (Ramsey Action Programs) which allows qualified students to receive on-site services to help them be fully prepared for Kindergarten. If you, or someone you know, qualifies for Head Start please consider using the Center. The Center Family Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, December 2, 5:30-6:30. Any adult who is interested in participating is welcome. Please call Maureen at 651-224-1450. Child Care during the meeting will be provided at no charge. Finally, we invite everyone to come see the center in action. Please call Maureen or Denise to set up a time.



THE ROSARY SOCIETY needs some help from bakers and cooks. On December 14 and 15 the Rosary Society will sell Christmas cookies, breads, fruitcakes, candy, and snacks. If you have a favorite Christmas recipe, please bake a batch and donate it to our sale or make the dough and we'll bake it. You may bring your donations to the Social Hall on December 10 from 6:30 – 9:00; December 13 from 1:00 to 4:00 or to mass on December 14 and 15.

GIFT GIVING WEEKEND On the weekend of December 14-15 we invite you to make Christmas a joyous occasion for needy families by bringing NEW< unwrapped gifts to place under the Christmas tree in the church. Gifts for all ages are appreciated, don't forget the teenagers and adults! Your sharing will add to the happiness of the recipient's Christmas as well as your own. Thank you.

If you are a parish family who is in need at this time, please call Sister Mary Colleen, Pastoral Minister, (224-9793) with that information. You will be issued a letter which you will need to pick up your gifts. All names will be kept confidential.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Approximately 40,000 men and women religious are now over the age of 70; these religious, who dedicated their lives to God and to helping others, are now in need of your help. Traditionally, many of these people worked in ministries which provided modest stipends or maintenance, but did not include retirement benefits. The weekend of December 7 and 8 a special collection will be taken up at all Masses to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious. Contributions assist communities in greatest need who count on your generosity to help them continue their various ministries while caring for their elderly and infirm members. Thank you for your support.

THE MONKS OF ST. JOHN'S ABBEY in Collegeville invite you to an Advent retreat on Friday, December 6, 2002 from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. Included in the \$50 fee are prayer with the monks, spiritual conferences and discussion, other group and individual prayer time, plus breakfast and lunch. Inquire or register at Spirlife@csbsju.edu or www.saintjohnsabbey.org/slp or 320-363-3929.

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, the second installment of the Harry Potter series is in local theaters and children of all ages hurry to see to see their favorite characters play out the on going saga.

Some people claim these books and movies are inappropriate, they glorify demons and the occult. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Harry Potter series stands in a long line of literature young people can read and enjoy – The Chronicles of Narnia, The Arthurian Legends, The Hobbit, 1001 Arabian Nights, The Lord of the Rings, The Legend of Paul Bunyan, Alice in Wonderland, The Legend of Sleepy Hallow, The Saga of the Firebird, Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight to say nothing of the writings of contemporary authors of young people's literature such as Susan Cooper and Philip Pullman.

These works are fanciful, imaginative and creative. The message of the story is clear – good overcomes evil, truth overcomes lies, courage in the face of evil is not only possible, but is needed. Purity of heart and strength of character, loyalty and fidelity, compassion and justice are the virtues associated with heroes and heroines.

Every age and culture has found ways to tell entertaining stories to young people, stories that encourage honest and virtuous living. Every culture finds ways to engage the imagination of young people, ways to encourage them to be heroic in the defense of truth and justice. The Harry Potter series does just that.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian

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Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

Weekday Worship

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

First Friday: 6:45 am and 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday: 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.